



Weldon Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024

Councillors Present	John Cooke, Nigel Cox, Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett, and Colin Shepard (Chair)
Also Present	(Clerk) Claire Ducker

PMC. 507 Apologies were received from Cllr Vickers.

PMC. 508 No declarations of interest were raised.

PMC. 509 **The following work has been carried out since the last meeting.** The Community Payback Team continues to work around the Village. Further discussions re work carried out was discussed under point PMC. 514.

PMC. 510 **Land registry for the triangle and village green** - nothing to report, this can now be removed from further agendas.

PMC. 511 **Weldon in Bloom Update including sponsorship** - the final will be held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 @ 2pm in Melton Mowbray £10 per ticket. Clerk Ducker confirmed that £500 sponsorship monies had been received from Simon Green. Simon to present prizes at the Village Fate to be held on Monday 26th August 2024.

PMC. 512 **Electric Supply to Village Green** - both Cllr Cooke and Cllr Shepard have applied for a grant, still awaiting an update.

PMC. 513 **Hills & Hollows** - Proposed footbridge over the brook from the Leys to the Hills & Hollows is still ongoing (has been now for over 2 years) We have been let down by a number of companies regarding this. Suggestions that if nothing is received from the latest company then we should ask the PC to pay.



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PMC. 514 Tasks for the Caretaker - Nigel Cox

- Carry on mowing and strimming in the Pocket Park and the Leys paying particular attention to cutting down all the Russian Comfrey to try to prevent it seeding
- Shred the growth removed and other twigs and branches already cut and piled up in the Pocket Park. Wood chips to be spread along grassed path to pond. Some also need to be spread in the bed under trees at the Stamford Road end of the Village Green to help retain moisture and suppress weed growth.
- Cut back the basal growth on one of the trees on the piece of land opposite the hairdressers.
- Cut down the new growth from the elderberry stump by the bench in Church Walk at the entrance to The Leys.
- Re-install the Stamford Road bench. - This is planned for wc 29th July along with HGV signs on School Lane.
- Monitor the state of the Gandy Field to keep it tidy.
- Empty the litter bins in the Pocket Park and at Larratt Road.
- Install new posts and gate at the War Memorial once these have been ordered by the British Legion. Nigel to make contact with Des Wallington.
- Lay replacement paving slabs on The Leys side of the footbridge into the Pocket Park.
- Repair wooden footbridge across the pond outlet stream in the Pocket Park. The sleepers having been lost due to flooding. (Cost to replace the missing sleepers approx. £32 + Vat each. If concreted into position to prevent recurrence total cost will be double). Clerk Ducker to make contact with Darren Melville regarding Health & Safety inspection. (07990 916695)
- Water all flower beds on a weekly basis and top up the black planters as required.
- Refurbish the bench on Water Lane.
- Erect the no HGV's sign on School Lane. - to be completed w/c 29th July.
- Cut back /trim the vegetation along the Kettering Rd footpath that is beginning to intrude and litter pick from the supermarket to the Woodland Park entrance.
- Bollards at the school entrance - Nigel and Cllr Clowery to liaise dates for this to be completed.

Other possible tasks

- Repair pond dam in Pocket park once the area is dry enough to transporting puddling clay to the dam - Cllr Shepard informed that grant funding is in place for this

Tasks in conjunction with Weldon in Bloom volunteers

- Weed all planters & flower beds
- Plant wallflower seed for next year
- Help with litter picking
- Help to reconstitute the pond dam once puddling clay delivered
- Cost the new flower bed for the old bus shelter site in the High Street - a letter has been received from the owner of Londis giving permission to add planter
- Next Weldon In Bloom Meeting - Tuesday 3rd September 2024



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Tasks for community Payback Team

- Help tidy up the Pocket Park including digging up Russian Comfrey

Other requests

- Help for removal of stones fallen onto Parish land from the wall owned by Mr Wilson on Deene End - suggestions were made that maybe Tresham College could help with the repair of the wall, Clerk Ducker to make contact with Tresham College in September.
- Knee railings on the land opposite the hairdressers - Cllr Shepard to put together costs for this and to be put on the next agenda

PMC. 515 Report from Tree Warden – Cllr Shepard reported that Pete Hubbard had approval for the removal of a willow tree.

PMC. 516 Report from footpath warden - Kettering Road is on fix my street and the responsibilities of NNC Highways.
Debris is coming through the woods on Oundle Road onto the footpaths, something is needed to hold this back to stop it falling onto the paths

PMC. 517 Removal of D-Day poppies - Cllr A Page has requested volunteers from WIB to help the removal of the poppies from around the War Memorial and Village Green as they were asked to be kept up for WIB competition, Cllr Shepard suggested that Cllr Page arrange a date as this is not the responsibility of Weldon In Bloom to remove. Cllr Cooke volunteered his help.

AOB Cllr Shepard proposed the purchase of Spring bulbs for the sum of £557.75, all were in agreement of this but confirmation for the go ahead to be purchased is to come from the Finance Committee. Clerk Ducker to contact the Finance Committee via email as there is not another meeting until September and the bulbs are needed asap. Cllr Shepard to wait until approval is received.

Cllr Shepard requested cash for Weldon In Bloom prizes, this was not agreed and suggestions were made for the purchase of garden centre vouchers to the sum of £250.00. £75 each to the winners, then the remaining £100 allocated to the runners up @ £25 each. This also needs to go to the Finance Committee for approval, Clerk Ducker to email the Finance Committee. Again, Cllr Shepard to wait until approval is received.

PMC. 518 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 10th September 2024 @ 18:30 via zoom

This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 20.10