



**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 13th January 2025 in Weldon Village Hall Annex
starting at 19:00**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, John Cooke, Peter Dowsett, Jan Gibson, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Anton Vickers
Also Present	Claire Ducker (Clerk) 2 representative from PHPNA and Rural Cllr Kevin Watt (left meeting at 19:24)

- 25.001 Apologies** PCSO Alison Wallace (on duty) and Cllr Graham Stray (personal reasons), apologies were accepted.
- 25.002 Interest of Declarations** Cllr J Clowery, grant application from Weldon Park Residents Association and Cllr K Taylor, grant application from St Mary's Church, Weldon.
- 25.003 Crime Report** - PCSO Wallace apologised for not attending this meeting, but did forward a crime report (December 2024)
- 9 crimes reported, 3 in Weldon and 6 in Priors Hall
 - 3 anti social behaviour incidents, 2 in Weldon and 1 in Priors Hall
- 25.004 Public Session** - no public in attendance
- 25.005 Rural Councillor Kevin Watt reported the following**
- Following a Full Council meeting NNC will be in talks with Bedford, Luton, Milton Keynes and West Northamptonshire Councils for a new combined Mayoral Authority
 - Priors Hall cycle lanes are advisory not mandatory cycle lanes
 - Double yellow lines at Priors Hall, the closing date for consultation has closed and is now with Highways Authority
- 25.006 PHPNA Representatives** were unable to attend the incinerator meeting held on Saturday 11th January, Cllr M Page did attend and will be writing a report that will be shared.
- 25.007 The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting**, held on Monday 3rd December 2024, request to amend the word 'legal' to 'financial regulation' in point 24.246 was accepted by all, amended and signed by Cllr A Page. Once amended the minutes were approved by Cllrs Shepard & Gibson and signed by Cllr A Page.
- 25.008 Finance**
- A. Cllr Taylor gave the following Finance Committee Report: As of this morning, 13th January 2025, this is currently £187,935.74 in the bank accounts. As per the finance report circulated £4,948.87 has been paid out in between December's meeting and this one. The current value of outstanding payments to be approved this evening is £4,554.68, this will leave £183,724.77. including a VAT claim of £343.71 which will be applied for after tonight's meeting.



Allotment rent payments received to date are £936.00, Cllr Gibson is currently chasing the remaining few rents still to be received. On 9th January, £2,844.00 was received in respect of a grant applied for by the Rock Solid group.

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The following payments were approved in line with current legislation.

Payee	Payments - Reason	Amount	Power
Staff costs	December salary & expenses	£1,289.75	LGA 1972, s.112
HMRC	PAYE	£101.95	LGA 1972, s.112
Angela Page	Christmas tree lights & Rock Solid group selection boxes	£226.38	OPA 1906, s.10 & LGA 1972, s111
NP Cox	Grass cutting & fuel	£460.00	OPA 1906, s.10
NP Cox	Maintenance	£800.00	OPA 1906, s.10
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall hire for November	£90.00	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid/Creative club hall hire for November	£126.00	LGA 1972, s111
Eddisons	UNit D1 rent 01.01.25-31.03.25	£1,200.00	OSA 1906 s9
Graham Stray	Defib replacement batteries	£190.80	LGA 1972, s111
Baker Ross	Presentation board for Rock Solid group	£23.90	LGA 1972, s111
Citation	HR & Health and Safety online support	£222.21	LGA 1972, s111
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£8.40	LGA 1972, s111
Unity Warehouse	September electricity supply for Unit D1	£43.47	LGA 1972, s111
Baker Ross	Craft items for Rock Solid group - part of grant received from Asda	£166.01	LGA 1972, s111
Claire Ducker	Wordpress.co.uk domain	£19.20	LGA 1972, s111
Claire Ducker	Batteries for Christmas lights	£13.55	OPA 1906, s.10



Peterborough Diocese	Youth worker - December salary	£1,719.93	LGA 1972, s.112
LGPS - NNC	1 of 5 payments - £5k pension shortfall for previous Clerk	£1,000.00	LGA 1972, s.112
LGPS - NNC	2 of 5 payments - £5k pension shortfall for previous Clerk	£1,000.00	LGA 1972, s.112
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall hire for December	£67.00	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid/Creative club hall hire for December	£94.50	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall hire for January	£90.00	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid Board games night - 11.01.25	£27.00	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid/Creative club hall hire for January	£94.50	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid SEN Group	£31.50	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid Critical bleed training - 25.01.25	£36.00	LGA 1972, s111
Ignite	Hall Hire for Rock Solid event 19.02.25	£27.00	LGA 1972, s111
NAYC	Emerging leaders course x 3 participants	£300.00	LGA 1972, s111
Weldon Village Hall	Room hire for November & December	£34.00	LGA 1972, s111
	TOTAL COSTS	£9,503.55	

B. Grants received:

- Weldon Park residential Association - £480
 - The application was signed with the incorrect year, the Clerk to contact and requested it signed and dated correctly
 - This was proposed by Cllr Taylor and approved by Cllr M Page
- Weldon St Mary's Parish Church - £3,390
 - Dates were queried on the application form, these need to be amended to 2025, Clerk to contact and request changes
 - This was proposed by Cllr Dowsett and approved by Cllr Gibson



25.009

Review proposed budget for 2025/26 was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and agree the precept figure

- Previous precept was awarded on Weldon Parish with NNC having used a percentage figure of 2,950 homes within the parish. In reality it is nearer 3,500, going on the number of Weldon in Wide magazines distributed. Cllr A Page to request from NNC, under the Freedom of Information Act, number of homes which the precept will be collected and calculated.
- Cllr Dowsett proposed raising the precept to £160,000, Cllr Shepard proposed raising it to £170,000
 - This was put to vote, 4 voted for £170,000, 5 voted for £160,000
- Cllr A Page to report on the precept percentage used by NNC to the Finance Committee meeting being held on Wednesday 22nd January and an email will be sent to all Councillors where a vote will be put to all.
- Cllr A Page reiterated we need to prioritise projects that we need to spend funds on. Look at funding opportunities, grants and sponsorships
 - Cllr Dowsett suggested contingency funds of £35,000 are ring fenced for for the A43 crossing

25.010

HR & Health and Safety Citation update - Cllr M Page and Clerk Ducker are now set up as administrators. Both have received training on how to use the platform. Clerk has had a meeting regarding the H&S review, a report to follow. Clerk to give all Councillors access to their accounts.

25.011

Review of Weldon In Bloom

- The next WIB meeting is being held on Monday 20th January 2025 @ 18:30 at the Cricket Club
- Questions were raised at how we see Weldon in Bloom
 - Group of volunteers, improving the appearance of the Parish, community engagement
 - Look at how it should be funded, the budget has increased due to needing more bulbs
 - There is a need to investigate the possibility of potential sponsorship

25.012

Maintenance feedback

- A. Community Pay Back Team Update - Cllr C Shepard, presently no report
- B. Tree warden report - work on the village green trees, awaiting report from NNC to carry out this work. Work to cut back trees and hedges at the allotment, the go ahead for this was agreed. Obtain risk assessment from Lloyd Greenwood before he carries out the work.
- C. Footpath warden report, the footpaths are continuing to be cleared.



- 25.013 Hallie's tree on the Village Green** - All in agreement to the letter being sent. In future, have a policy in place.
- 25.014 Update on the consultation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan**
Cllr Vickers reported that feedback is to be looked at. A Zoom meeting is to be organised for the consultation summary. Once with NNC (point 7) will take 6 months for completion.
- 25.015 Update on the supply of electricity to the Village Green**, grant application has been submitted and should hear back by May. Need to look at other grants
as this is looking unlikely to be successful.
- 25.016 Planning Applications** - No new updates, next planning meeting 28th January 2025 @ 16:00 via Zoom
- 25.017 Larratt Road Update** - Letter from the Solicitor is to be issued to all residents of Larratt Road, copy of this letter to go onto WPC website and in the notice board of the allotments.
- 25.018 Rock Solid Group** - maternity leave of Youth Development Coordinator, HR committee are considering ways forwards
- 25.019 Training Courses**
- Moving council domain to gov.uk
 - 13th January 2025 12:15 - 13:15, attended by Cllrs Gibson, Dowsett & M Page and Clerk
 - Planning Workshop for Town and Parish Councils
 - 28th January 2025 18:30 - 21:20
- 25.020 To Consider the following Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated all for information only**
- A. Updates from NCALC
 - B. Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
 - C. Weekly Planning Applications and Decisions
 - D. NALC Newsletters and courses
 - E. Weekly Road Works Programmes and Gully Cleaning
 - F. Planning Matters Training Programme
- 25.021 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk**
- A. Litter Bin outside 52 Corby Road - Reported on Fix my Street, this has been recorded since November with further reports recorded, still nothing has been done
 - B. Collapsed wall on Deene End - Reported on Fix my Street
Light out on Oundle Road (bottom of hill) - reported on Fix my Street
- 25.022 Reports from**
- A. Traffic Working Party meeting update - minutes and action log on website, next meeting Wednesday 15th January 2025
 - B. Parish Maintenance Working Party - minutes to follow, next



maintenance meeting 27th January 2025

C. Weldon in Bloom Committee Working Party - minutes on the website,
next meeting 20th January 2025 at Weldon Cricket Club

25.023 Flood Wardens - Cllr Dowsett volunteered to be a Flood Warden

25.024 Annual Parish meeting - date and format to be confirmed

25.025 Communications meeting - VE Day discussions - date and time of next
meeting to be confirmed

**25.026 Future agenda items/business for future meetings. The nature of future
agenda items can be discussed at this point however no decision can be
made until the next meeting**

- Weldon Fete committee wish to hold a meeting with Weldon Parish Council, date to be arranged, still waiting on Weldon Fete to get in contact.
- Weldon Lodge - suggestions to what this building could be used for
- Nominations for re election by 3rd April 2025, due to election year

Date of next meeting - Monday 3rd February 2025 @ 19:00 at Weldon Village Hall

Public were asked to leave for the council to continue with a closed meeting

This being all the business the meeting Cllr A Page closed the meeting at 20:52

Signed <i>A Page</i>	Date 3rd February 2025
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