



# Weldon Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on 27th January 2025 via Zoom**

Councillors Present	C. Shepard (Chair), P.Dowsett, J. Clowery, G. Stray, A. Vickers
Also Present	

**PMC 562 Appointment of Secretary for the meeting**

- A) Cllr Peter Dowsett produced the draft minutes. Cllr Colin Shepard to edit and forward to Clerk.

**PMC 563 To receive and accept any apologies**

- A) Angela Page. Mike Page. John Cooke

**PMC 564 Declarations of interest - members to declare any pecuniary or prejudicial interests in relation to items on the agenda**

- A) Anton Vickers for Gandy  
B) Jane Clowery for plant choice for Weldon in Bloom

**PMC 565 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 November 2024**

- A) Approved.  
B) Request that Clerk emails link to minutes posted on Weldon Parish Council website to all Cllrs.

**PMC 566 Report on work carried out over the last month**

- A) Report provided by Cllr Colin Shepard.  
a) War memorial fence and gate repaired and looking much better.  
b) Nigel has carried out low level trimming of the trees on the Village Green and has removed the basal growth from the tree in Church Walk opposite the hairdressers.  
B) Invite to be sent to Nigel for future meetings.  
C) This felt the need for a progress report either from Nigel or the Clerk. This would be solved if Nigel were in attendance.  
D) Peter to ask Nigel for an update on the security installation for unit D. Need to confirm remote access is now working.

**PMC 567 Weldon in Bloom update including possible allocation of buildings at the allotments**

- A) Report provided by Cllr Colin Shepard  
B) Potential for buildings on the allotments to be made available for management by Weldon in Bloom volunteers. Full council needs to consider for approval. Although it would have little impact on expenditure on plants for 25 - 26 it would give reduced costs in future years as the PC would effectively have its own plant nursery enabling the growing of plants from cuttings and seed and the overwintering of half hardy perennials some of which do not currently survive the winter.

**PMC 568 Approval of plant and seed purchases for spring and summer bedding**

- A) Pre-circulated document approved.  
B) Claire has confirmed maintenance plant budget of £335.69 is still available. Overspend approved to £501.90 max. Weldon in Bloom volunteers will plant these although they are provided from the maintenance budget, this reduces the workload of the caretaker, Nigel.  
C) Maintenance budget for 2025/26 currently provides £4,500 for the purchase and stocking of the new



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planter by Londis together with treatment of the base and the purchase of bulbs and plants for the year.

- D) Weldon in Bloom has been allocated a small budget to cover entry to Britain in Bloom and other expenses such as the cost of the brochure, the judges presentation and attendance at RHS meetings.

**PMC 569            Suggestions for Claire to consider for tasks for the Parish Caretaker**

- A) Pre-circulated document approved.
- B) School rebuild wood to be collected for use in the parish.
- C) Noted that it's critical for part 1 of the allotment boundary edging and clearing to be completed before bird nesting season which starts at the end of March.
- D) Gandy Field elderberry needs trimming to ground level. The tree at the bottom needs trimming and the ground around it weed killed in late April and again about 4-6 weeks later to kill the nettles and bramble and enable the area to be planted with bluebells in the autumn. . Anton to send photos to illustrate the issue.
- E) Village Green tree pruning spend approved. This must also be completed before the end of March.

**PMC 570            2025/26 budget update**

- A) Report provided by Cllr Colin Shepard (see item PMC 568 above)
- B) Noted that Weldon in Bloom volunteers plants are from the maintenance actively reducing the time required from Nigel.

**PMC 571            Electric Power to the Village Green update community**

- A) Report provided by Cllr Colin Shepard.
- B) Grant application has failed with Grantscape. Other sources of funds to be investigated.

**PMC 572            Payback Team update and potential future task**

- A) Report provided by Cllr Colin Shepard
- B) Payback team didn't appear this week.
- C) Potential to build a planter near the Roundhouse to be agreed by Kathryn (Payback Team H&S). Graham to contact her to arrange this. Colin would help.

**PMC 573            Report from the Tree Warden**

- A) Report provided by Colin.
- B) Tree related items were covered earlier in the agenda.

**PMC 574            Report from the Footpath Warden**

- A) Nigel to be invited to future meetings (he is the footpath warden).

**PMC 575            Date of next meeting**

- A) 10 March 2025 at 7.00 pm

**This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 20:03**

*Cllr Peter Dowsett*

27th January 2025