Minutes of the Weldon Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Village Hall Annex, Bridge Street, Weldon on Tuesday 5th February 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: - Councillors: Lawerance Gardner (Chair)
                      Dick Priem (Vice Chair)
                      Bridget Watts
                      Rod Pearce
                      Anton Vickers
                      John Walker
                      David Pope
                      David Groom
                      Kane Taylor

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor: Kevin Watt
                      Clerk: Juliet Lewis

18.020  Apologies for Absence
        None

18.021  Members declarations of interest
        Cllr Priem confirmed he was a member of the British Legion (18.026) and Cllr Pope advised that his daughter attends the pre-school (18.031).

18.022  Members request for dispensation
        None received.

18.023  To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 2nd January 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

18.024  To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only. Cllr Groom expressed concern regarding the village green. Cllr Gardner explained that this had been addressed previously and it will be re-instated once the building has finished. If this is done then the Parish Council will have legal redress.
Cllr Priem confirmed that the clerks / chairmans board has been updated and is back in place.

18.025 **Speeding Update:** Sarah Barnwell gave the following update:

- They are awaiting confirmation of the costs of the current plan, these should be available before the next meeting;
- They are working within the budget given by us
- Draft copies of the plan, still to be finalised, were handed out
- Consultation is being prepared
- The fee for the consultation exercise is approximately £3,000, any funds left over will be allocated to the project

Cllr Vickers asked that as NCC are planning no additional expenditure has the money we were promised been impacted? Sarah confirmed that the ‘top up’ we spoke of previously would no longer be available as it is not a statutory requirement.

Cllr Watts commented that, as they were working to budget, we shouldn’t need a top up.

18.026 **British Legion – upcoming events (Des Wallington):** Mr Wallington asked the Parish Council if they had any plans to mark the 100yr ‘Battles End’ celebrations. Cllr Gardner stated that it had not yet been considered by the Parish Council.

11/11 the British Legion has the village hall booked. They are planning a tea party to include children’s activities. Other suggestions are t-lights on the village green as well as being involved with the Beacon lighting which is happening nationally / Bugle playing.

It was suggested that it would be useful to contact other groups such as the Military Vehicle association, schools etc

Cllr Gardner suggested that the Parish Council form a working party. Cllrs Vickers, Priem, Walker and Taylor volunteered to form the working party.

Cllr Groom suggested that they approach the WREN to ascertain if landfill tax could provide some funding. Deadline is 14th March for the next round of funding.
Mr Wallington requested that the Parish Council organise the beacon lighting and possibly provide some live entertainment.

Clerk to send grant application forms to Cllr Priem to apply for Parish Council funding and register to confirm participation in the beacon lighting.

18.027 **Public Time (15 mins):** Re traffic calming one member of the public stated that he was unhappy with the positioning of one of the build outs and the inclusion of a raised table due to noise pollution. He also stated that it will prevent the village green gate being used.

Sarah replied, advising that the public consultation would allow residents to give their opinion. Also stating that they had tracked vehicles, including those which would be likely to enter as part of a village fair and they are able to use the village green gate, although she understood this to be infrequently used.

A short debate between the member of the public and Sarah took place in which he stated that he felt the siting of the build out was personal as it was he who had been campaigning all this time and that outside number 29 was a better place for it and that it would devalue his house. Sarah agreed to speak to the engineer to assess if this was possible but stated they were trying to keep the scheme balanced and work with current data.

Cllr Gardner suggested that the final design be displayed at an open meeting with the engineer in attendance, before we go out to consultation.

Sarah will speak to the engineer re current suggestions and report back at the next meeting.

18.028 **Police / Neighbourhood warden**

**(a) Police update and monthly statistics:** No stats available past December 2017 at time of meeting / minutes. No update given.

**(b) Neighbourhood warden update:** Not present, no update provided.

18.029 **Borough / County councillor update:** (NCC) investigators report will be available on the 16th March. Cllr Watts advised that there
is now a noise app that can be downloaded if residents are having issues with noisy neighbours.

**18.030 Planning: To discuss the following planning applications:**

- **17/00694/DPA** | Single storey extension to front / side and internal alterations to residential dwelling | 1 Dash Farm Close Weldon
  - **No Objection.**
- **17/00665/CON** | Discharge of condition 11 (Noise Assessment) and Condition 18A (Highways) of Planning Permission
  - 09/00083/OUT | Land At Weldon Park Oundle Road Weldon.
  - **Awaiting a meeting with planning and persimmon homes.**

**18.031 Finance: To approve monthly Receipts & Payments:**

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**£8,773.86**

**It was Resolved that** the payments be made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and subsequent amendments.

The cheque which had been prepared to send to NCC for the preparation of the consultation exercise has been put on hold until the financial situation at NCC is clearer.

**(b) Grant applications:** Village Hall, Weldon Preschool & Weldon Congregational Church: All grant applications were approved as follows:

- Weldon Village Hall - £2,752.20
- Weldon Preschool - £2,000.00
• Weldon Congregational Church - £850.00

Cllr Vickers asked if Priors Hall Park was equally represented in the allocation of grants. Cllr Gardner and Cllr Taylor confirmed that majority of the previous grants this financial year related to Priors Hall Park.

18.032 Neighbourhood Development Plan: All surveys have now been entered onto survey monkey and the data is ready to extract and review. The group will reconvene when the data analysis is complete.

18.033 Grit bins: All grit bins have now been emptied and refilled. Cllr Watts confirmed that Weldon Parish Council will fill any grit bins placed on Priors Hall Park by Urban & Civic.

18.034 Parish Councillor Vacancy: Clerk to contact interested party and arrange an interview.

18.035 Trees in the pocket park: Planning permission application has been submitted, awaiting decision. Cllr Watts that the current tree warden is coming to view on Wednesday.

Cllr Priem stated that there are two trees in Spinney Road which have fallen down and the third one is dead and at risk of falling. The owner advises that they cannot be felled as there is a TPO on them. Cllr Walker to request that the Tree Warden view these trees while visiting the pocket park.

18.036 Village Planters: Raised beds will be will be done once the traffic calming has been complete.
- Hayrack planters above the seating around the war memorial
- Repaint fencing and install 3 new planters opposite The George
- Replant 3 concrete planters in the village centre.
- Approximate costs £10,000
- Funding is being sought, clerk to contact WREN
- The triangle of land in the centre of the village will be addressed later.

18.037 Community Garden: Planned activities:
• First clean up to take place on 10\textsuperscript{th} February
• Skip has been ordered
• Food / refreshments will be available
• Gazebo will be supplied by Cllr Taylor
• Flyers have been delivered
• Planned to take place the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Saturday of the month for the next few months.

18.038 **Woodlands Park – Outdoor Gym:** Cllr Walker has spoken to the planning the planning officer involved in the Play Area project for advice.
- Kompan sales will be drawing a plan to take to planning
- Market research activities to commence shortly
- Cllr Walker will be looking at the plan / location
- Cllr Vickers will be looking at feedback / engagement
- Visits to recently completed installations will take place over the next few weeks, Irthlingborough, Mawsley, Kettering.
- Fundraising will commence after the consultation exercise is complete.

18.039 **Big clean up – litter pick:** The litter pick will take place on Saturday 3\textsuperscript{rd} March at 10am, meet in the village hall car park. Cllr Pope will inform preschool, Cllr Taylor will inform Church members and will advise residents of Priors Hall Park via their Facebook page. Clerk to post on village and Parish Council Facebook page.

18.040 **Village issues:**
- **Pavements:** Oundle Road Will not be addressed until Mulberry Homes have finished. Cllr Vickers advised that the pavement near the garage is being damaged by turning lorries.
- **Lighting:** Approach to East Cresent / Oundle Road – lights have now been fixed.
- **Litter bins:** Problems with the dog bins, do we need more? Maybe litter bins as dog waste can now be used for dog waste. Cllr Vickers suggested that two additional bins were required, one near the garage and one near the luggage shop. Cllr Gardner asked who will empty them if we put them in. Clerk to confirm.
• **Village caretaker:** It was agreed that it would be a good idea but we require further information regarding our legal responsibilities. Cllr Watt suggested that a ‘friends pf Weldon’ group could do the basic duties. To be discussed at the next meeting.

• **Noticeboard:** Cllr Walker circulated a design which was approved by the council and confirmed by the village hall representative. One quote was selected and approved at the cost of £1798.00. All approved the purchase of the noticeboard.

18.041 **Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Thanks have been received from Priors Hall School for the Grant received and from retired Cllr Reed for the leaving gift.

**Next Meeting to be confirmed.**

**Meeting closed at 21:00**

**Next Meeting** – Monday 5th March 2018 7pm