Minutes of the Weldon Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in the Priors Hall Community Centre, Priors Halls Park, Village Hall Annex, Weldon on

Monday 26th March 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: - Councillors: Lawerence Gardner (Chair)
Dick Priem (Vice Chair)
Bridget Watts
Anton Vickers
David Groom
Kane Taylor
Joannie Perkins

Also in attendance: Clerk: Juliet Lewis

18.062 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Walker and Cllr Pearce sent apologies ahead of the meeting, accepted by all.

18.063 Members declarations of interest: None.

18.064 Members request for dispensation: None received.

18.065 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 5th March 2018. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting which took place on 5th March 2018.

18.066 To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only: Tree update, new tree warden has been out to inspect the trees. He had placed a temporary TPO on all the trees involved. He has requested a new, more specific, application be submitted to CBC. Lloyd (Weldon Tree and Landscapes) will submit the application on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Groom stated that he had checked and he should be able to receive minutes in printed form. Cllr Gardner apologised that he had been ill and unable to deliver them as promised.

18.067 Speeding Update: Residents meeting took place and agreement reached on the preferred solution. We then met with the developers. They are new to the scheme as it has changed hands from one area of persimmon homes to another. They have stated that they need 4-5 weeks to understand their obligations, we will then feed in our intensions and it will take an additional 4-5 weeks for the new design then plans will be submitted followed by a public consultation. Cllr Watts asked who will quote for the work or will we go back to Highways? Cllr Vickers replied that we will get three quotes, highways, outsourced, developers. Getting 3 quotes is good practice. Cllr Groom asked if highways were aware of the timescales? Cllr Gardner replied that highways will not be involved until we go back to them, although he is aware that one of the residents talks to the design engineer involved.

18.068 Public Time (15 mins): The following items were raised by the public:

- Weldon village and bypass footpath is almost unpassable, the Kettering Road by the recycling centre is particularly bad, the mud on the pavement is an inch deep. Cllr Groom volunteered to approach the Land Fill owners directly as they have been good in the past. Cllr Watts stated that it should be escalated, Cllr Vickers suggested that we should also speak to the Nursery along the road about the impact it has on them.
Has any progress been made regarding a pedestrian link between Priors Hall Park and Weldon village. A A43 crossing, what is the view of the Parish Council? Clr Groom stated that the Priors Hall Park developers have previously promised to install a bridge. Clr Watts suggested that this was no longer a realistic possibility. She stated that £4m had been allocated to adrenaline alley roundabout, some of which may be used for a crossing. Weldon Park developers may also get involved. Public opinion is quite strong especially on Priors Hall Park, the parish is physically split. Were CBC planning department thinking of how the split would impact the parish as a whole when they gave the initial planning permission. Clr Watts said that a bridge would take millions of pounds where as a zebra crossing is much more feasible. Clr Vickers asked if we should write to our local MP and highlight the split in the community which is being caused.

18.069 Neighbourhood warden update: No update available.

18.070 Borough / County councillor update: Clr Groom commented that the salt bin in East Crescent has been removed and it has not been replaced. Clr Watts stated that it no longer meets the criteria. Clr Vickers asked what the requirements are. Clr Groom advised that the reference number he had raised to chase it was 929106 (21st March) and he spoke to Tracey.

Clr Priem agreed to review the level of all the salt bins in the village after the cold snap while we were on the subject.

18.071 Planning: (a) To discuss the following planning applications: 18/00120/CON | Land At Weldon Park Oundle Road Weldon Northamptonshire: No objection.

18.072 Finance: To approve monthly Receipts & Payments:

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

18.073 Neighbourhood Development Plan: The group have met twice since the last Parish Council meeting. A template document has been selected and sections have been allocated to the team. We are using the strengths of each member of the team. Other help would be appreciated. Two members of the public also offered to assist. Clr Priem suggested that if we were looking for historic photographs we should try and locate the box left behind by Ron Sismey. Clr Priem thinks it is in the village hall, he will investigate further. Next update will be in the June meeting.

18.074 Parish Councillor Vacancy: Six candidates. Interviews to be arranged 23rd April 7:00 - 8:30p. Clerk to organise.

18.075 HR Committee: Unable to meet due to prior commitments of one of the councillors. Date of clerk review to be confirmed.

18.076 Village Planters: Project continuing well, full update next meeting. We are trying to support local events too. Public stated that there seems to be some clashing in events between Priors Hall Park and Weldon village. Clerk to include a PHP tab on the website including events.

18.077 Community Garden: Planned activities: Dig took place, less well attended than the ‘kick off’ but the required activities were completed. Going forward there will be a ‘dig’ on the 2nd Saturday of each month, planting will begin in earnest in April.

Residents do not have to wait for ‘Dig days’ they can help out whenever they have some spare time. We may require a new shed at some point. Clr Groom suggested asking Persimmon Homes for an old port-a-cabin. Clr Vickers suggested an old shipping container may be more appropriate.
18.078 Woodlands Park – Outdoor Gym: Cllr Vickers and Cllr Walker met with a designer to establish what could be achieved and to produce some plans which could be used to enable us to gain public opinion which is required for funding applications going forward. Essentially there are two types of gym equipment, broadly ‘full body’ equipment such as cross trainers and exercise bikes and body weight toning equipment and then calisthenics equipment. We will produce an initial design, go out in the village newsletter to gain opinion and then finalise the design before applying for funding. We have a good case for funding. Cllr Watts suggested that we should approach CBC for funding asap as the future is uncertain.

18.080 Litter Bins: We have established 3 locations where additional bins are required. Cllr Watts reminded everyone that the new budget cycle starts in April so we may be able to get funding for them. Cllr Groom suggested that the footpath over the bridge towards the Church where the teens meet may benefit from a bin. There was a general consensus that it would be unlikely that they would use it.

18.081 Noticeboard: One discussed in the previous meeting is on order. The current one will be used at the allotment by the Community Garden project. Whilst we have had an email from a resident suggesting a more cost effective option we would like to confirm that the one chosen is more in keeping with the surrounding than the suggestion made.

18.083 Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above

Meeting closed at 21:00

Next Meeting – Monday 7th May 2018 7pm