Minutes of the Weldon Parish Council Monthly Meeting held in
Weldon Village Hall, Bridge Street, Weldon on
Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: - Councillors: Cllr Lawerance Gardner (Chairman)
Dick Priem (Vice Chair)
Kane Taylor
Angela Page
Mark Williams
Joannie Perkins

Also in attendance: Juliet Lewis (Clerk)
Kevin Watt (Borough Councillor)
Sandra Naden – Horley

19.166 To receive Apologies of Absence: Bridget Watts and Simon Taylor sent apologies ahead of the meeting. Accepted by all. Concern was expressed by the lack of attendance, without apologies, by Cllr Groom.

19.167 To receive Members’ Declarations of Interest: Cllr Page declared an interest in the co-option of new councillors. Cllr K Taylor declared an interest in the grant application for the Youth Worker Project.

19.168 To receive Members’ requests for Dispensations: None.

19.169 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 2nd September 2019: It was resolved to accept the minutes of 2nd September 2019 as a true and accurate record.

19.170 To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only Cllr Page asked if the anti social diary sheets had been put on the website. The clerk confirmed that they were there, Cllr Taylor confirmed that it was as he had seen it when looking for the grant application form. He commented that it would be useful to have the Grant form as a word document. Clerk to action.

19.171 Co-option of new councillors: Cllr Williams proposed the co-option of Michael Page, Cllr Page proposed the co-option of Simon Green. No objections were raised and all voted in favour of co-opting both candidates as there are 2 vacant seats.

19.172 Village maintenance: Nigel Cox will report.

- Verges: Paths identified as being overgrown have been cleared and the more significant hedge rows have been cut back by Bob Rutt. Further work on Oundle Road will be carried out next week. Next month will see the last cut of the season (assuming it stops raining).
- Pocket Park: Nigel will concentrate on this next month and construct a plan with the help of local residents who have shown an interest. Special thanks to Colin Sheppard who has done some clearing already. Nigel will approach John Walker with a view to having a handover and request return of Parish Council equipment.
- Other issues: All bins have now been installed and are on the empty route. They will be monitored for the next month as we have had some complaints that they had been missed. 4 single bins have been ordered and will be installed once delivered. The tank will be temporarily repaired and be
decorated with poppies prior to 11th November. It will be dismantled and removed after this event. Cllr Perkins will address the lettering and Cllr Priem will request poppies from the British Legion. Cllr Page offered to provide some poppies also.

19.173 Public Time: Reports of lights out in Church Walk and School Lane, including the long standing issue of the disconnected cable which was reported on a number of occasions. Clerk to report / chase.

A resident referred to a comment in the previous minutes regarding CCTV to protect the are from travellers. It was thought that this would also be useful to prevent fly tipping. It was suggested that we follow up with Environmental Services suggestion. We have not done this to date as we are currently trying to compile a suitable amount of evidence of the problem.

There is concern regarding the number of HGV’s ignoring the weight limit in the village and cutting through. It was suggested that residents record incidents and forward to the clerk to correlate. Date / time/ place/ company (and VRM if possible). Cllr Naden-Horley advised that she has a meeting with NCC to discuss traffic issues in Weldon next week. Encourages reporting as the more evidence the better. Looking at increasing the area covered by the weight limit but obviously this will not be effective if lorry drivers are ignoring them anyway.

19.174 Speeding:
- Stamford Road: Project still moving forward albeit slowly.
- Persimmon Homes update: Cllr S Taylor will update at the next meeting.
- Speed signs: Cllr S Taylor did not collect the TVAS sign as promised in the last meeting. Clerk to speak to Cllr S Taylor to see if this is still an option for repair.

19.175 Borough / County councillor update: Cllr Naden-Horley confirmed that planning permission had been granted for the Shelton Road plant despite local concern. She reassured the Council that this will not be an immediate project as they still need to obtain a licence and funding. Sadly some residents of Priors Hall have put their house on the market as a result of the decision. Cllr Page asked if the planning working party work with PHPNA to understand the next stages. Cllr Naden-Horley commented that the fact that we are showing concern should help. Cllr Watt stated that NCC had no option but to accept as there were no material grounds to reject. Further discussion took place as to the pros and cons of the project. It was resolved to arrange a planning working party meeting in order to consider this further.

19.176 Neighbourhood Warden update: The clerk read out the following update from the Neighbourhood warden team: “During the Month of September there were no reports of fly tipping or Anti-Social behaviour on Old Stamford road. Laura Shaw Assistant Safer Corby Manager attended Septembers’ meeting and listened to concerns of Weldon residents about Anti-Social behaviour. Laura sent out Diary sheets on 12th September to Juliet, Clerk of Weldon Parish Council to show what detail of evidence would be required for investigation. No diary sheets have been returned as yet.

Corby Borough Council, in partnership with local communities, businesses and other agencies, are ran their second yearly anti-litter campaign ‘Big PIC – Pride in Corby’ during the week of 23-27 September. This programme of community clean-ups, public awareness events and litter education activities was delivered during the week. The Safer Corby team and Corby/Kettering shared services went out to educate local communities and schools on the importance of keeping Corby borough cleaner and greener.
Other events that have taken place are, early morning Dog fouling patrols have taken place around the Borough and stencilling no dog fouling on the paths to educate and identify those who do not pick up after their dogs.

Park and stride for local schools, encouraging parents to walk their children to School to reduce congestion and parking problems around Schools at peak times.

Knife crime awareness week - the Safer Corby team were working in Partnership with the Police to deliver the importance of Knife crime.

Coming up in October is Hate crime awareness week, this is a national week of action to raise awareness. If you would like to be involved in any of the activities please contact Suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Next Weldon Community walkabout is 8th October meeting at the village hall at 10.00am

19.177  Planning: (a) To discuss the following planning applications:

19/00410/SC | Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for means of access, for the development of a mixed use urban extension to include; residential development of up to 3,500 dwellings (C3), up to 1,000m2 of A1-A5, D1 and D2 uses within two local centres, two primary schools (D1)……. Priors Hall Development Site Stamford Road Weldon Northamptonshire: No Objection: Cllr Page commented that it was important that car avoidance is planned in to the design and that Urban & Civic should be spoken to regarding their plans in that respect.

(b) Planning committee update: Not met this month. Cllr Michael Page will join the committee. Meeting to be arranged to discuss as above.

19.178  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.

The clerk reported half yearly budget figures.

(b) Moving to automated payments & transfer of funds: Not all councillors have completed the online access required.

(c) Finance Committee meeting date: Tuesday 5th November 11am – Cllr K Taylor to host.
Communication working party update: Articles have been submitted and Park News is going to print again. A request for volunteers to deliver in the village was made. Cllr Priem and Cllr Perkins were happy to help and a resident, Janet, also offered to cover Church Street and Kettering Road.

Cllr K Taylor suggested that a piece on the Cricket Club would be a good idea for the next copy. Andy Warren would happily talk about the history of the cricket club.

Cllr Perkins requested consideration for a plaque on the Roundhouse giving information on the history. Item for the next agenda.

HR Committee update: Committee met on the 3rd September without the clerk. Communication between the clerk and councillors was discussed and plans to move the situation forward and make the process slicker. The clerk commented that she had spoken to a company at the SLCC conference who offer a service which may be a solution. She will forward details to Cllr K Taylor. Next meeting TBA.

CCTV on the village hall: Clarity was sought on what was being proposed and who would be responsible. Discussion took place as to if this is still required. Cllr K Taylor proposed that the project is shelved for the time being and revisited if the need arose again. A vote too place in which all were in favour with the exception of Cllr Williams.

Youth worker engagement: A grant application has been prepared and submitted for £24,000 to cover the cost of recruitment, training and salary of the youth worker. Cllr K Taylor suggested that Cllr Williams would be the ideal candidate to be Parish Council liaison for the project. Cllr Williams was happy to take up the opportunity and all agreed that he was the best person. The grant application was discussed in detail and the budget reviewed. £24,000 had been budgeted and ring fenced and the grant was approved by all. Cllr K Taylor did not take part in the vote as he had declared an interest at the start of the meeting.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Groups for the 3 strands were formed and met for the first time in September. These groups will input into the first draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and then come back together to finish the document ready for review. Update at the next meeting.

Full Council training: It was resolved to move the training to January 2020 to allow the 2 new councillors time to settle in.

Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above: The clerk confirmed that she had attended the SLCC conference and had picked up some useful and relevant information. In particular a data security company and planter supplier which offered ‘rental’ of filled planters. To discuss with the Caretaker when relevant.

The doctors surgery will be re-opening in the village as the repairs are coming to an end.

Cllr Priem will arrange the supply of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Meeting closed at 20:35

Next Meeting: Monday 4th November 2019 @ 7:00pm