

# Weaverham Parish Council

## Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at UPA Weaverham on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Peter Wilkinson (Chairman), John Freeman (Vice-Chairman), Eileen Bland, Julian Bland, John Taylor, Michelle Budden, Cyndy Lloyd, Lynne Baird & Bill Reynolds and Paula Williams

**APOLOGIES:** CW&Cs Cllrs Charles Fifield and Harry Tonge

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Stockton (Clerk)  
John Wilson, (Weaverham Trust)  
Alan Mills, (Weaverham Trust)  
Cheshire West & Chester Cllr Paul Williams

**77. Public Forum (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item)**

John Wilson (Weaverham Trust) reported to the meeting that grants had been obtained from the Lottery Heritage Fund towards 2 Petal Walks-one using the Drover's Route out of the village through to Acton Bridge and back. The other was for one within the village going through Bottom Pitch Meadow (owned by the Trust) and onward alongside the River Weaver through Owley Wood (owned by Cheshire Wildlife Trust) and back. The sum allocated by HLF is £9,650 and £17,875 respectively. The Trust's financial contribution was just over £8,000. Mr Wilson also reminded the Council that, despite previous requests, the footpath through the Plantation had still not been cleaned of leaf debris. **Clerk agreed to chase.** CW&C Cllr. Paul Williams drew attention to the continuing problem of vehicles using Shady Brook Lane as a "rat run" and the consequent risk of accidents. Discussion took place as to whether a one way prohibition would solve the problem.

**78. Apologies for Absence-Cllr. Roger Moss**

**79. Declarations of Interest-no new declarations were made.**

**80. Approval of minutes of meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016** – approved subject to addition of Cllr. Cyndy Lloyd under Apologies for Absence and correction of "Gen" to "Glen" Gidley under Public Forum and "match" to "March" under item 63.2.

**81. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda**

**81.1 Fineswim Ltd**-the Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Fineswim Ltd offering to relinquish the Parish Council contribution from January 2017. It was agreed that the working group of Councillors currently discussing the future managerial arrangements of the pool should meet to discuss this offer. **Clerk to arrange.**

**81.2 2015 Tree survey update. The Clerk was asked to make the files available to Councillor Budden.**

**81.3 Tree problems**-tree at Elm Road and unauthorised pruning tree at Westerly, West Road were discussed. **CW&C Cllr. Paul Williams agreed to look into both these matters.**

**81.4 Clerk was requested to report** installation of unauthorised white stakes in grass verge on Lime Avenue to CW&C

**81.5 Clerk was asked to write to CW&C Portfolio Holder for Highways (Cllr. Brian Clarke) regarding lack of progress on A49 roundabout licence, transfer of land opposite Lime Avenue shops and decommissioning of taxi rank on Northwich Road.**

**82. Finance & Personnel Committee**

**82.1** The minutes of the Finance Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were received.

**82.2 June 2016 Management Accounts-approved**

**82.3 July 2016 Management Accounts-approved**

**82.3 August 2016 Management Accounts-approved**

**82.4 September 2016 Management Accounts-approved**

**82.5 Budget Review 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, YTDs @30.06.16-approved**

**82.6 Budget Review 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, YTDs @30.09.16-approved**

**82.7 Brownie Hut lease to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023-draft lease approved**

**82.8 Replacement defibrillator cabinet-Clerk asked to obtain cost of a metal replacement**

**82.9 Gorstage Lane speed limit**-Parish Council noted potential financial implications of the introduction of a new speed limit on this road

**82.10 Signage-Russet Road Play Park**-Parish Council **approved** the purchase of two “No Dogs Allowed” signs.

**83. Environment Committee**

**83.1** The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September were received.

**83.2 CW&C proposed Tree Surgery works**-Clerk **requested** to write to CW&C to establish what works were scheduled for the winter

**83.3** CW&C Paul Williams drew attention to the problems being experienced by the resident of 138 Northwich Road from overhanging trees on land at Moretons Meade owned by Weaver Vale Housing Trust and the lack of action by the Trust. Clerk confirmed a similar response had been received from a similar complaint made earlier in the year.

**83.4 Parish Council tree survey**-Clerk **requested** to make available the 2015 report from Wilder Things to Cllr. Budden.

**83.5 2016 Bonfire**-special meeting at 6.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> October in the Community Centre to discuss final detailed arrangements-Clerk **to arrange**.

**83.6 Mott MacDonald traffic survey**-Clerk **to establish what stage the CW&C consultation had reached**.

**84. Planning Committee**

**84.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were received

**84.2** Cllr. E. Bland gave a verbal report on the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**85. Youth Committee**

**85.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September were received. It was noted Cllr. Lloyd was elected as Vice-Chairman (not Chairman as inaccurately recorded in the minutes).

**85.2 Weaverham Community Football Club**-Cllr. Taylor updated the Council on the progress of Weaverham u11s football team

**85.3 Help Someone in Need.** Cllr. Taylor suggested “leaf collection” could be added to the list of tasks for “Help Someone in Need”.

**85.4 Installation of one set of goal posts on Lakehouse field**-Clerk **requested** to check previous discussions and report back to Youth Committee.

**85.5 BMX events**-Clerk reported that a lack of staffing resource meant the Police were currently unable to organise more BMX events for the youth of the village.

**86. Property Committee**

**86.1** Has not met-Clerk **to re-arrange postponed meeting**.

**87. Community Pride Committee**

Has not met. Cllr E. Bland updated the Council on the 2016 Community Pride results. Though not placed in the main event, the Parish Council did obtain a creditable second position in the Community Safety category.

**88. Weaverham, Cuddington & Acton Bridge Cemetery Committee**

Cllr. Taylor expressed his surprise that 28 grave spaces could be created by relocating 2 benches and an arbour. The meeting was informed that the JCC would be meeting the following day-i.e.18<sup>th</sup> October where this matter would be raised

**89. Community Safety Action Group**

Has not met-next meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in the Community Centre

**90. Policing Matters**

No Police representative attended but the Clerk circulated a police report of recent activity within the Parish which is appended to these minutes. Comment was made regarding the overgrown hedgerows and field on Wallerscote Road. Potential use of the field for allotments was raised and CW&C Cllr. Paul Williams agreed to initiate enquiries with the Borough Council in this regard. It was suggested reference should be made to the dangers of excessive speeding on Wallerscote Road within the Parish Council section of the next edition of Weaverham News. Cllr. E. Bland briefed the Council on the actions taken by the Police on the recent Weaverham Impact Day. Cllr. Paul Williams requested inclusion on the circulation list of Inspector Snasdell's weekly news letters. **Clerk to arrange**. It was suggested that a similar letter to that sent recently to St Bede's school regarding inconsiderate parking could be sent to others schools, clubs and churches within the village. **Clerk to forward a copy to Cllr. E Bland**.

**91. Members meeting attended**

EB-meeting with PCSO Clare Murgatroyd.

**92. Any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman**

- 92.1 Community Centre staff**-letter of thanks to be sent to the Centre Manager to acknowledge help being rendered with the bonfire and other events. **Clerk to arrange.** It was noted that the manager was very busy with Community centre matters generally.

**93. Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters**

**(Standing Orders may be suspending in order that Cheshire West Cllrs may address the Council)**

**CW&C Cllr. Paul Williams updated the Parish Council as follows:-**

- 93.1** Proposal of ruling group on CW&C Council to introduce single member representation for each ward.  
**93.2** A number of proposed changes from the Boundary Commission affecting local constituencies-see [www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6487](http://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6487)  
**93.3** Cllr. Taylor drew attention to the problem of inconsiderate parking of vehicles blocking dropped kerbs by the island in front of Northwich road shops.

**94. Return to Public Forum (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item)**

No matters raised.

**Part B-Exclusion of the Public**

**It was resolved to exclude the Public under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A PART 1(i)**

**95. Confidential items**

**95.1 Complaint from Joint Cemetery Committee regarding Parish Councillor**

The Chairman reported that a complaint in respect of a Parish Councillor had been received. This was referred to and considered in detail by the Finance & Personnel Committee in line with Parish Council Standing Orders. The Committee had decided to reject each of the component parts of the complaint. **Clerk to inform the JCC accordingly.**

**Meeting ended at 9.10pm**

**KEVIN DAVIES-CHESHIRE POLICE**  
**Parish Council Update.**  
**Parish Council meeting on 17 October 2016**

Firstly, addressing some of the issues that have been raised during previous Parish Council meetings:-

**1. Wallerscote Road - Speeding**

The police have requested maintenance work be carried out along the road, to cut back the hedgerows in order that all the road signage was clearly visible again. This work has been carried out. The road, already meets the criteria for speed enforcement work to be carried out and the first of these sessions has been conducted, with fifteen drivers found to be driving at excessive speeds that will result in prosecution.

**2. Parking/ Traffic Congestion - Lime Avenue School Traffic**

Police have been at the location at both the morning and afternoon times, primarily with the aim of education. One fixed penalty notice has been issued, to a vehicle committing a myriad of offences all at once.

We have also experimented with restricting parking opposite the school bus stops in the afternoon, which seemed to work very effectively, reducing the bottle neck for traffic and improving traffic flow. Although further studies and consultation would be required, the council may wish to explore putting a one hour parking restriction in place 2:30pm-3:30pm opposite the school bus stops.

**3. General Report**

- The last 30 day period has seen the police record 57 occurrences.
- Over a third of these have an element of ASB about them with several incidents of egg throwing being recorded as we move towards the Halloween period. Of concern, there also appears to be a hate element attached to these incidents where the victims are from minority groups. The local stores have been asked to consider refusing the sale of eggs to anyone they think will be using them other than for cooking.
- 11 offences recorded as violent/ harassment or public order, which are all of a minor nature and not something likely to be of a concern to the general community.
- One burglary of a dwelling and one attempted burglary of a dwelling.
- 4 reports of criminal damage, three of which have occurred on Walnut Avenue, all on separate dates.

