

Weaverham Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at UPA Weaverham on Monday 17th May 2016, 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Peter Wilkinson (Chairman), John Freeman (Vice Chairman), Lynne Baird, Eileen Bland, Gillian Edwards, Roger Moss, Julian Bland, John Taylor, Cyndy Lloyd, Bill Reynolds, Roger Moss, Michelle Budden

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Stockton (Clerk)
Peter Andrewartha
John Wilson, Jane Sharples (both Weaverham Trust)
Cheshire West Cllr Paul Williams later joined by Cllr Charles Fifield
Kenny Lomas (Northwich Guardian)

1. Welcome by the 2015/16 Chairman

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

John Wilson (Weaverham Trust) raised the following matters:-

- i) **Speeding on Wallerscote Road.** Mr Wilson cited 5 accidents in the recent past on the bends on this road including a vehicle which ended up upside down in the brook. Mr Wilson emphasised something needed to be done. Cllr Paul Williams mentioned flashing speed signs were obtainable from the Council for use by local parishes
- ii) **Fly tipping.** Continues to be a problem. Shed dumped in Old Pig Farm. Mr Wilson requested a letter be written to Tata as landowners.
- iii) **Litter pick.** Mr Wilson observed there seemed to be less litter collected at the recent Weaverham Trust litter pick than in previous years
- iv) **Plantation fence.** Mr Wilson remarked that no repairs had been carried out as yet.
- v) **Footpath maintenance.** Mr Wilson noted the footpath through the Plantation still needed attention
- vi) **Owley Wood Road.** Mr Wilson mentioned that some tree stumps require removal

3. Apologies for Absence – As noted above.

Cllr Wilkinson asked John Wilson to count the votes for the election of the 2016/17 Chairman & Vice-Chairman

4. Election of Chairman

Cllrs Wilkinson and Freeman were nominated. Cllr Wilkinson was elected, by a majority vote, as the Chairman and will sign the *Declaration of Acceptance of Office*.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllrs Freeman and Moss were nominated. Cllr Freeman was elected, by a majority vote, as the Vice-Chairman and will sign the *Declaration of Acceptance of Office*.

6. Declarations of Interest-no new declarations were made. The Council, at this point, **agreed** to send a sympathy card to the relatives of Phil Johnson, a stalwart of Weaverham Cricket Club who passed away at the previous week-end.

7. Approval of minutes of meeting of 18th April 2016 – Approved subject to the following corrections:-

- 7.1 Georgina Dutton of Weaverham Trust was present
- 7.2 Public Forum. "Shadywood" should read "Shady Brook".

8. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 18th April 2016 not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda

- 8.1 **New Parish Council Notice Board.** Exact positioning discussed to ensure local shops not obstructed.
- 8.2 **Dry stone wall, Elston High St.** Discussion of current position where CW&C officers had cleared the wall from a safety perspective following an expert structural report commissioned by the owner of the wall. Cllr Paul Williams gave an overview of the report and mentioned it was subject to a structural re-test within 6 months. Clerk was asked to submit a FOI request on behalf of the Parish Council asking for sight of the structural report.

- 8.3 Allotments.** Cllr Taylor reported on his outline survey of land adjacent to the Brownie Hut and suggested room existed for two additional allotments. Clerk confirmed that he had written to CW&C asking for advice as to whether any legal impediment existed which would prevent this land being used for this purpose.
- 8.4 A49 roundabout and Lime Avenue transfers of maintenance responsibility-**Cllr Williams reported he was chasing up progress on both items with the relevant officers within CW&C.
- 9. Review of terms of reference of Committees.** The terms of reference were reviewed and agreed subject to item 19 below.
- 10. Review representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back**
The following representation was agreed:-
- 10.1 Weaverham, Cuddington & Acton Bridge Cemetery Committee**
Cllrs Edwards, Reynolds, Freeman, E Bland and Budden
- 10.2 Barrymore Institute**
Cllrs J Bland and Paula Williams
- 10.3 Weaverham Community Centre**
Cllr Moss
- 10.4 Community Safety Action Working Group**
Cllrs Freeman, E Bland and Edwards
- 10.5 Police Forum**
No appointments
- 10.6 Tree Warden Society**
Cllrs Reynolds & Moss
- 10.7 Public Rights of Way**
Cllr Budden. Contact was requested with Bernard Cook to ascertain his willingness to continue to assist the Council with these matters.
- 11. To set the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council for the year ahead**
The dates were agreed subject to confirmation by the relevant Committee Chairmen and feedback from Cllrs.
- 12. Weaverham Parish Council Matters**
- 12.1 F&PC Business Requiring Urgent Attention**
- 12.1.1 Plantation Fencing.** The quote from MCGM to replace damaged sections of bird mouth fencing- £840 plus VAT-was **approved**.
- 12.2 Environment Committee Business Requiring urgent Attention**
- 12.2.1 2016 RoSPA Report**-report received and recommended repairs to Play Park were approved. **Clerk to arrange a quotation.**
- 12.2.2 2016 Bonfire event**-current situation regarding the obtaining of appropriate insurance cover by volunteers was discussed. **Decision deferred** until appropriate evidence received.
- 12.3 Planning Committee**
- 12.3.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2016 were **approved**. Vehicle parking at 14 Northwich Road was discussed.
- 12.3.2** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2016 were **approved**
- 12.4 Property Committee**
- 12.4.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 were received. One correction was requested-land on which Doctors' Surgery is located belongs to the Surgery.
- 12.5 Youth Committee**
- 12.5.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2016 were received.

Cllrs E Bland and G Edwards left the meeting for this item and Cllr J Freeman declared an interest.

It was agreed the Parish Council would grant £500 towards the cost of providing lunch boxes for children attending the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on 12th June. Any proceeds from the suggested car boot sale would accrue to the Parish Council to offset this cost.

Clrs E Bland and G Edwards re-joined the meeting.

13. Weaverham, Cuddington & Acton Bridge Cemetery Committee

13.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2016 were noted.

14. Community Safety Action Group

14.1 Cllr E Bland gave a verbal update on the meeting held on 10th May 2016

15. Policing Matters

15.1 No report as no Police representative attended. Cllr Moss expressed concern regarding speeding motor cyclists on the A49 on Thursdays in the early evening. Cllr Moss also reported cars parked in dangerous positions on Rowan Road and Lime Avenue junction. Cllr Moss also raised the potential traffic danger to unaccompanied school children using Gorstage Lane where no pavement exists. **Clerk to report to Sgt Davies and copy in Inspector Snasdale.**

15.2 Cllr Wilkinson reported on discussions with CW&C officers regarding additional access point to Northwich Road from St Bede's school to help prevent traffic congestion.

16. Members' Meetings Attended

Various Councillors reported attending the Anti-Fracking meeting held on 9th May and the joint CCTV meeting with Community Centre representatives and Crimewatch Security on 12th May.

17. Any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman

17.1 Queen's 90th Birthday celebration-12th June. Cllr Edwards gave a brief update of organisational progress so far including an indication of estimated costs compared to the budget. When the welcome grant from CWAC is taken into account, the estimated net cost should be broadly in line with the £1,000 budget. **The Council approved the purchase of three banners to advertise the event at a cost of £93 (plus VAT).** A general appeal was made for volunteers to help with event. **It was agreed that no charge should be made for Donkey rides.**

17.2 Length of Committee meetings. A discussion took place regarding the length of Committee meetings and the need for brevity. In response to a point from Cllr Budden, the Clerk requested all Committee chairmen to forward items for agendas as soon as possible and for items to be as precise as possible.

18. Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters

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

CWAC Cllr. Fifield gave an update on Member Budget grants for the Queen's Birthday £400 (to be split between the Community Centre and the Parish Council) and £1,000 for furniture for the Community Centre. He also mentioned consultations were starting regarding recycling centres. Cllr Budden raised the need for a meeting with CWAC officers regarding grass verges and paths within the Parish.

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

John Wilson (Weaverham Trust) raised the following points:-

19.1 Property Committee need to add bus shelter on High St. and seats adjacent to the highway to the list of assets owned.

19.2 Speeding on Wallerscote Road on Sunday evening by those drivers carrying out "time trials".

19.3 Local Access Forum now set up in Tarporley.

19.4 Previous week-end's litter pick went well.

20. Part B-Exclusion of the Public

No items raised.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

