

Weaverham Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at UPA Weaverham on Monday 19th September 2016, 7pm

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

APOLOGIES: CW&C Cllr Paul Williams

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Stockton (Clerk)

John Wilson, (Weaverham Trust)

Cheshire West & Chester Cllr Charles Fifield

Robert Forbes-Acton Bridge Parish Council, Eddie Oliver, Graham Law, Mike Perris, Glen Gidley & Peter Andrewartha

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

Robert Forbes of Acton Bridge Parish Council drew attention to the problem of speeding vehicles along a section of Station Road/Gorstage Lane within Acton Bridge and outlined surveys carried out by the Council which demonstrated an alarming incidence of vehicles travelling well in excess of the speed limit for the road. He also described measures taken to address the problem i.e. speed detectors and new signage. He requested assistance from Weaverham Parish Council to help address the problem as the road in question straddled both parishes. He was supported in these points by both Graham Law and Gen Gidley. **The Chairman expressed his concern also and requested details of the traffic statistics be sent to the Weaverham Parish Clerk so the matter could be further considered by the Parish Council.**

59. Apologies for Absence-Paula Williams

60. Declarations of Interest-no new declarations were made.

61. Approval of minutes of meeting of 18th July 2016 – approved.

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

62.1 Fineswim Ltd-the Chairman reported back on a meeting held with Fineswim Ltd regarding potential changes in future managerial arrangement for the pool.

62.2 The Clerk reported a payment of £360 made to Nemesis Ltd in respect of VAT due.

63. Finance & Personnel Committee

63.1 2015/16 Annual Report. The reported that the 2015/16 Annual Return had been received following examination by the External Auditors. There were no matters to report. **The Council approved and accepted the 2015/16 Annual Return (including the External Audit certificate).**

63.2 Extension of Mid Cheshire Grounds Maintenance Contract. Following a recommendation from the Environment Committee, **the Council agreed to extend the grounds maintenance contract originally awarded to Mid Cheshire Grounds Maintenance Ltd by a further year i.e. to 31st March 2018 at the same rates and schedules of work as applied at 1st April 2012.**

63.3 Approval of Christmas tree order. The Council approved an order to Nobletts Ltd for the purchase of Christmas trees in the sum of £404 plus delivery and installation of £225 (plus VAT). Clerk to check delivery costs.

63.4 Approval of Christmas tree lighting. The Council approved the purchase of two sets of white LED lights at an estimated sum of £570 each plus VAT) for the main Christmas tree. Further work to be undertaken regarding additional lighting and decorations.

64. Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September were received by the Council. Cllr Edwards gave a summary of the meeting. The Council noted a planned switch on date of Friday 25th November for the Christmas tree lights. The Council noted the proposals for additional signage for the swimming pool and **agreed that two new signs were sufficient-no need for car park signage. The Council approved the submission of a draft**

transfer of land document regarding land at Lime Avenue to Cheshire West & Chester Council. Clerk to action. Clerk was asked to arrange for an update of the Tree Survey following surgery work undertaken in April 2015. The Clerk reported that he had written to the owner of the former Doctor' surgery regarding an overgrown tree at the side of the building on surgery land. **The Clerk confirmed that he will write to the portfolio holder for Highways at CW&C regarding the dangerous speeding currently being experienced along Gorstage Road.**

65. Planning Committee

- 65.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2016 were received
- 65.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2016 were received
- 65.3 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2016 were received
- 65.4 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2016 were received

66. Youth Committee

- 66.1 The Council **approved** the use of Lakehouse Field by Weaverham Community u11s football team subject to no additional work being required.

Cllr J Bland left the meeting

67. Property Committee

Has not met

68. Community Pride Committee

Has not met. An e-mail from Mr D Shingler regarding the poor state of certain planters and footpaths was received. Cllr Edwards confirmed she had been in contact with CW&C regarding the footpaths concerned. Cllr Taylor offered to inspect the planters concerned and take appropriate action. The poor state of the rear of some of the shops on Northwich Road was discussed together with a letter from Weaverham Surgery.

69. Weaverham, Cuddington & Acton Bridge Cemetery Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2016 were received. Discussion took place around the principle of a lawned cemetery and the placing of objects near to graves. The Chairman of the parish Council expressed his surprise that 28 grave spaces could be created by relocating 2 benches and an arbour.

70. Community Safety Action Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were noted.

71. Policing Matters

No Police representative attended but the Clerk has circulated, post meeting, a police report of recent activity within the parish which is appended to these minutes.

72. Members meeting attended

JT-Doctors and u11 football
JF-u11 football x 2, Fineswim Ltd x 2, Sandstone Trail and Memorial Orchard
PW- Fineswim Ltd, Memorial Orchard and Weaverham Trust
GE-Mere Brow, Memorial Orchard and Memorial Stone
LB-Fineswim

73. Any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman

- 73.1 **Walerscote Rd speeding**-the Council reviewed some press cuttings regarding residents actions at the Winnington end of Walerscote Road.
- 73.2 **Updating of Standing Orders**-the Council **approved a change to Standing Orders** (as approved on 18th May 2015) to ensure consistency with Financial Regulations (as approved on 20th June 2011).
Threshold for contracts exceeding £10,000 (as stated in Financial Regulations) should be amended to read £10,000 in Standing Orders (not £60,000 as currently stated).
- 73.3 **Letter from Minerva Arts**-the Council reviewed a letter from Minerva Arts. **It was agreed that this letter be forwarded to Weaverham History Society for their comments and to suggest the use of Lakehouse Field for any appropriate event that results.**

74. Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters

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

CW&C Cllr. Fifield updated the Parish Council as follows:-

- 74.1** Local Plans-Part 1 consultations (general)
- 74.2** Local Plans-Part 2-consultations (more specific)
- 74.3** Speeding on Gorstage Lane-funding required for any changes in speed limit
- 74.4** Tree-Meadowfield Lane now dealt with. Cllr Freeman reported an overhanging tree at 7 Tower Lane
- 74.5** Taxi rank, Northwich Road-Cllr Fifield agreed to chase progress regarding decommissioning
- 74.6** Cllr Freeman reported a problem regarding FP 28 where it crosses the railway line-Cllr Fifield agreed to look into this
- 74.7** Defective tree-Elm Road-Clerk to forward previous CW&C on-line report reference to Cllr Fifield
- 74.8** 20mph speed limit roll out-concerns raised at Scrutiny Committee
- 74.9** Cllr Freeman reported a general problem with verdigee on road signs within the parish

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

John Wilson (Weaverham Trust) again expressed concerns regarding speeding on Wallerscote Road

Part B-Exclusion of the Public

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

76. Confidential items

76.1 Complaint from Parishioner regarding Parish Councillor

Action taken by the Chairman in respect of a complaint from a parishioner in August 2016 was reported.
No dissenting points were made.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

POLICE REPORT TO WEAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
19th SEPTEMBER 2016
FROM SGT DAVIES-CHESHIRE POLICE

In the last 30 days, the police have recorded the following incidents:-

- 6 Reports of Anti-social Behaviour
- 10 Reports involving violence
- 1 Burglary in a dwelling
- 1 Attempted theft from a motor vehicle
- 5 Reports of shoplifting
- 3 Thefts of pushbikes
- 4 Reports of Criminal Damage
- 6 Reports of domestic incidents

A male has been arrested, charged and remanded in custody for Possession with intent to Supply class A drugs. Others have been prosecuted for lesser offences out of the same incident.

Following complaints of speeding along Wallerscote Road, the police have requested highways to carry out maintenance to ensure the speed signage is correctly displayed. The hedgerow was almost completely obscuring the signage. The road is to be surveyed and if necessary, traffic enforcement will be carried out.

There have not been any new reports regarding the issues being caused by some youths at Russet Road playing fields.