

Weaverham Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at Weaverham Community Centre on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Freeman (Chair), Peter Wilkinson (Vice-Chair), Eileen Bland, G Edwards, John Taylor, John Oates, Roger Moss and Iain Lasseter.

IN ATTENDANCE: CWaC Cllr C Fifield, 3 residents

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

Comments were made about the state of the grass between Walnut Avenue and Lime Avenue

65. **Apologies for absence** – Clerk and Cllr P Williams.

66. **Declarations of New Interests** – None.

67. Minutes of meeting of 18th June 2018 were **approved**.

68. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2018 not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda.

68.1 Re the tree felled on High Street – Highways inspected the tree and requested it felled. It was subsequently removed by Cheshire West. The Parish Council were not consulted as it was done on Health and Safety grounds. Cllr Wilkinson has requested new planting to be done in the area where trees were felled.

69. **Finance and Personnel Committee**

69.1 June 2018 Financial Accounts were **received**.

70. **Youth Committee**

70.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2018 were **received**.

70.2 It was **agreed** that the Clerk could get quotes and spend up to £500 to get the graffiti removed from the children's play equipment on Russet Road.

70.3 It was **agreed** to donate £150 to Forest Primary School out of the Parish Council budget.

70.4 It was **agreed** to waive the fee for the use of Lakehouse House field for the forthcoming car boot event. It was **agreed** to discuss the booking procedure for Lakehouse Field, including the waiving of fees for Charitable Organisations, at the next Finance Committee meeting.

71. **Planning Committee**

71.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2018 were **accepted**.

71.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2018 were **accepted**.

72. **Grants Committee**

72.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2018 were **received**.

72.2 Cllr Oates **agreed** to present a proposal of areas for development, including new play equipment, for Russet Road play area.

72.3 Cllr Taylor was **approved** to join the Grants Committee.

73. Agreement for use of Lakehouse Field for a car boot sale on the 29th July 2018 from 6am until 1pm at a cost of £30 was covered in item 70.4.

74. A procedure for booking the use of Lakehouse Field was covered in item 70.4.

75. It was **agreed** to write to the Community Centre for clarification on the involvement of Parish Councillors on the Community Centre Committee.

76. **Joint Cemetery Committee** meeting.

76.1 It was **noted** that the Cemetery Clerk has received a quote for a repair to a damaged gatepost and is awaiting approval from Suez to go ahead with the repair.

76.2 It was **noted** that there will be flags and additional graves in the space where the arbour used to be.

77. **Policing Matters** – Police report as follow:

There have been numerous incidents reporting of criminal damage at Thorn Wood – The Memorial Orchard. PCSO Nichola Devey and PC Hood have attended the area and extra passing attention will be given especially with the summer holidays around the corner.

There have been several shoplifting offences at the Co-op store - enquiries are still on-going .

In the last month there has been an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour within the village, around Weaverham High school and Weaverham Forest Pre-school.

Enquiries have been made and the persons involved have been spoken to.

Speed enforcement has been carried out on Wallerscote Road and I am happy to report that no offences were recorded. There is still a big drive on speed enforcement and various locations within the village have been identified i.e. Wallerscote road, Farm road, Northwich road and High street.

I am pleased to say that funding has been approved by Cheshire West for us to hold a fun day on Lakehouse Field. I am still waiting to confirm a date with Active Cheshire who are going to supply the equipment. The young people that attend the youth club on a Monday/Thursday night have offered to volunteer to help me run the event.

During the summer holidays I am also hoping to get involved with the play scheme being run by the Community Centre Manager as I see this as a great opportunity to engage and also break down the barriers between the police and local youths.

I have a PCSO surgery organised at Weaverham Library on Friday 20th July between 5-7pm. I advertise the Surgery dates on the Cheshire police website and also the Weaver and Cuddington facebook and Twitter account.

Comments were made about the speeding on Farm Road and that the PCSO surgeries should be advertised on the Parish Council noticeboards as well.

78. **Members' Meetings Attended**

78.1 It was **noted** that Cllr Taylor attended a planning meeting with Cheshire West and Chester regarding work to be done on Hefferston Rise.

79. **Discuss** any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman.

79.1 It was **agreed** that the village show committee could use the Parish Council office for the event.

79.2 Cllr Taylor **commented** that trays of flowers, supplied by CWaC, had still not been planted. It was agreed that CWaC be contacted to find out when the plants were scheduled to be delivered, so arrangements could be put in place for these to be planted when they did arrive. It was **agreed** that further discussions on this matter will take place at the next Environment Committee meeting.

79.3 It was **noted** that some work had taken place behind the shops to improve the area.

80. **Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters** - Standing Orders were suspended in order that Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs may address the Council.
- 80.1 It was **reported** that CWaC visits to the Churchyard, to cut the grass, are to be every 6 weeks and the next visit is scheduled to be early September.
- 80.2 It was **noted** that there is a 15 working day rotation on grass cutting in Weaverham.
- 80.3 It was noted that grass cutting on embankment in Farm Road requires a 'remote mower' and visits are scheduled every month.
- 80.4 Discussions took place regarding signage on the A49 roundabout. It was **agreed** that Cllr Moss contact CWaC network steward to see if these had been approved.
- 80.5 CWaC have sent a thank you regarding the fault reporting issued raised.
- 80.6 It was **noted** that the drain grid on Wallerscote Road has been reported.
- 80.7 Cllr Fifield suggested that Acton Bridge Parish Council work with Weaverham Parish Council re the war memorial request.
- Update:** WPC Clerk spoke to the Chairman of Acton Bridge Parish Council. The Chairman suggested that ideas had been raised but nothing concrete and that it would need to be further discussed at both Parish Council meetings in September.
81. **Return to Public Forum (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item).**
- 81.1 Comments were made about the state of the service road to the shops. It was **suggested** that they write to the landowners.
82. **Date of next meeting** – 17th September 2018 at 7pm.

Part B

Confidential item

83. **Clerk's Salary**
- 83.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th June 2018 were **approved**.

Meeting closed 8.30 pm