

Weaverham Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at Weaverham Community Centre on Monday 18th June 2018 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Freeman (Chair), Peter Wilkinson (Vice-Chair), Eileen Bland, M Budden, G Edwards, Bill Reynolds, John Taylor, John Oates and Iain Lasseter.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Kim Harding, CWaC Cllr C Fifield, 3 residents

45. **Public Forum (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item)** – None
46. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs R Moss and J Bland.
47. **Declarations of New Interests** – None.
48. Minutes of meeting of 16th April 2018, 21st May 2018 and 7th June 2018 were **approved** subject to Cllr G Edwards name being added to the Finance Committee in the minutes of 21st May 2018.
49. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2018, 7th June 2018 and Annual Assembly minutes 16th April 2018 not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda - **None**.
50. **Finance and Personnel Committee**
- 50.1 April 2018 Financial Accounts were **approved**.
- 50.2 May 2018 Financial Accounts were **approved**.
- 50.3 Invoice for £192 re urgent repair work on Lakehouse field was **approved**.
- 50.4 Invoice for £115.06 re 1&1 website services was **approved**.
- 50.5 Any other business requiring urgent attention - **None**.
51. **Environment Committee**
- 51.1 Minutes of meeting held on 13th June 2018 were **received**:
- subject to including ‘**on High Street**’ against point 15.3,
 - Cllr P Wilkinson **advised** the Council that he had asked why a tree had been felled near the entrance to the development on High Street. Who was given permission to fell the tree, why wasn’t the Parish Council notified and what are the proposals for the replacement of the tree?
 - Re point E14, the Clerk was to **send** Cllr Oates’s letter out to all Councillors and, with the agreement of 6 Councillors, would then forward to the relevant person in Environmental Health.
- 51.2 Any other business requiring urgent attention - **None**.
52. **Youth Committee**
- 52.1 Any other business requiring urgent attention - **None**.
53. **Planning Committee**
- 53.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2018 were **accepted**.
- 53.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2018 were **accepted**.
- 53.3 Any other business requiring urgent attention - **None**.
54. **Property and Assets Committee**
- 54.1 Any other business requiring urgent attention - **None**.
55. **Joint Cemetery Committee** meeting was on the 19th June 2018.

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

- We have had report of suspicious males knocking door to door claiming to be from The Money Expert - On this occasion they were all in order however I would ask that whenever anybody knocked on anyone's door that they should always check for ID and if there are any concerns please ring 101.
- Anti-Social behaviour – We have had several reports of large groups of youths congregating on Northwich road and also Wood lane. Nothing too concerning at this time but I will be giving these areas some extra attention in the evenings to monitor the situation.
- Drugs – A drugs warrant was executed at an address near to Lime avenue. An arrest was made and further enquires are on-going.
- Criminal Damage – We have had 1 report of criminal damage to the Memorial Orchard on Northwich road. Due to this, extra attention will be given to this area to ensure there are no further incidents.
- Speed Enforcement – PCSO Nichola Devey and the beat managers are still carrying out speed enforcement within the village. This will continue at several locations at least once a week. I have been made aware that there is a particular issue on Wallerscote road and also Farm road. Please advise any members of the public that should they have any concerns with speeding in the village to please contact 101 or email myself at Nichola.Devey@cheshire.pnn.police.uk , or to make a complaint via the Cheshire highways website.
- PCSO Nichola Devey asked the Parish council for permission to hold a fun day event on Lakehouse Field during the summer holidays. This would be involving the youth club, as the teenagers have offered to volunteer to help me run it and are also being involved in creating promotional posters to advertise the event. At this moment in time a date is yet to be confirmed by Active Cheshire as to when the large inflatables will be available as they are kindly loaning the equipment. It was **agreed** that the field could be used for this event however the Council needed to make sure that adequate insurance was in place to indemnify the Council if any incident occurred.

57. **Members' Meetings Attended**

- 57.1 It was **noted** that Cllrs Oates and Lasseter attended the Chairmanship training course.
- 57.2 It was **noted** that Cllr E Bland attended an event where Friends of Owley Wood presented the Parish Council with a framed map, which is to be displayed in the Community Centre.
- 57.3 It was **noted** that Cllrs Edwards and E Bland attended a Community Pride meeting.
- 57.4 It was **noted** that Cllr Freeman attended a Transport Strategy 2040 meeting.

58. **Training for Clerks and Councillors**

- 58.1 It was **agreed** that all Councillors should let the Clerk know of any training requirements they need.

59. **Discuss** any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman:

- 59.1 It was **agreed** to pay the subscription fee of £8 to Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society for the year 2018/2019.
- 59.2 An **update** was given about the state of the Churchyard.

60. **Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters** - Standing Orders were suspended in order that Cheshire West and Chester Cllrs could address the Council.

The issue re the state of the grass at the Churchyard was raised and it was **noted** that Cllr Williams was asking for volunteers to come together to clear the grass. It was **agreed** that this was a short-term solution and other options were being looked into. It was **noted** that Cllr Fifield was to ask CWaC for the Ground Maintenance schedule for Weaverham. A point was made about the starting time of the CWaC Planning Committees and that 4pm is not convenient for people that work. It was **noted** that new plans had been revealed about the Weaver Square development and that a link to the plans could be found on the village website. It was **noted** that there is an event in Wyburn House to discuss the future of the Archives. A **reminder** was given about the deadline for application for member budgets, which is November 2018 with all monies to be distributed by December 2018.

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

61.1 A resident **commented** on the clearing of the grids in front of the Northwich Road shops and on Wallerscote Road and that they had reported this months ago and should have been cleared by now. Cllr Fifield **agreed** to chase this up with CWaC. A suggestion was made to check the gullies when the Councillor's did their Ward Walks. It was **noted** that CWaC systems send out 'job done' emails when in fact it meant the job had been passed on.

62. **Date of next meeting** – 16th July 2018 at 7pm

Resolved to exclude the Public under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 12A PART 19(i)

Part B

Confidential item

63. **Clerk's Salary**

63.1 It was **agreed** to give the Clerk a cost of living increase as per 1st April 2018.