



WEAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting
held at Weaverham Community Centre on
27th January 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Gillian Edwards (GE) Chairman, Jason Endress (JE), Nigel Freestone (NF), Ian Mills (IM), Roger Moss (RM), John Freeman (JF) and Mike Gerrard (MG).

In attendance: 9 members of the public

98. **Public Open Forum.** Members of the public raised the following issues with the council: -

98.1 Lack of gritting on the road during the recent bad weather. This issue will be discussed in more detail at the next Environment Committee meeting. **noted.**

98.2 Parking issues on Keppers Lane. Clerk to follow up with our PCSO. **noted**

98.3 Flooding in the village with gullies not being cleaned. This issue will be discussed in more detail at the next Environment committee meeting. **noted.**

98.4 The brownies have asked for help with issues around their post code. Brownies to meet up with the clerk to see how we can help. **noted**

98.5 Weaverham Trust organised a litter pick collecting 21 bags of rubbish. The council thanked the trust for their work. **noted.**

99. Apologies were received from Keith O'Neil (KO). Iain Lasseter (IL) who will be late were **approved.**

Apologies from CWaC Cllrs Lynn Stocks and Phil Rimmer were **noted.**

100. There was no new declaration of interest given.

101. **Minutes**

101.1 The minutes of meeting held on 9th December 2024 were **approved.**

102. **Finance**

102.1 The minutes of meeting held on 6th January 2025 (Budget Meeting) were **approved.**

102.2 The Environment & Youth Budget for 2025/26 was set at £70,090.00 **approved.**

102.3 The Administration Budget for 2025/26 was set at £64,910.00 **approved.**

102.4 The overall council budget for 2025/26 was set at £135,000.00, making a band D charge of £66.49 an increase of £0.35 (0.5%). **approved.**

102.5 The accounts for December 2024 were signed off and **approved.**

102.6 The accounts for April to December 2024 were **approved.**

102.7 Council discussed the Budget v Expenditure position as at end December 2025. No issues were raised **noted**.

102.8 The minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2025 were **received**.

102.9 The part B minutes of meeting held on 20th January 202 were **received**.

102.10 The Council's internal Co-option process for new councillors was **approved**.

Cllr Ian Lassiter joined the meeting @19.29

102.11 The clerk gave an update on the 2023/24 Internal Audit. The final report has been received and will be discussed at the next meeting of Finance **approved**.

102.12 The proposed 2-year contract with TWM for provision of a contract Sim that operates the SIDS recording system was deferred to Environment Committee for further discussion **approved**.

102.13 The change of committee name from Finance Committee to Policy and Resources Committee was deferred to next council meeting **approved**.

103. **Environment**

103.1 VE day commemorations were discussed with the local churches being invited to attend the working group. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting of Environment Committee **approved**.

103.2 An update on the Toilet/ Kiosk project was given by IL which was **noted**. The clerk advised the council that it has inadvertently placed itself into the position that it will be sharing the building costs with Fine Swim Limited and therefore the council will not own 100% the building. The clerk has been authorised to establish what cost have been incurred by Fine Swim to date. Negotiate a fair outcome where the council will own the building and make recommendations to council on the negotiated outcome. A lease for the new building will need to be agreed. **approved**.

103.3 The council **received** an update on securing the generation tariff payment for the solar panels from JE was **noted**.

103.4 The recent flooding issues in the village were discuss with High Street, Wallerscote Road, Junction of Millington Lane and Keepers Lane being **noted**. This item was deferred to Environment Committee for further discussion. **Approved**.

Council observed a period of silence at 8pm to remember the 80th anniversary of the Holocaust. A candle was lit by the chair of council in remembrance of those who died.

104. **Planning**

104.1 The minutes of meeting held on 13th December 2024 were **approved**.

104.2 The minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2025 were **received**.

105. Cllr Mike Gerrard's appointment to the Planning & Environment Committees was **approved**.

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106. The Council received an update from JE on the GOV.UK domain transfer was **noted**.
107. Council has been made aware of the devolution proposal for a directly elected mayor covering Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Warrington was **noted**.
108. The Meetings of Council from Feb 2025 to May 2025 were **approved**.
109. **Clerks' Update:** The Clerk to updated Council on the following matters: -
- 109.1 Council's electrical safety testing will take place on 12th March 25 **noted**.
- 109.2 It was agreed that Cllr Freeman & the Clerk will attend safety training provided by Knutsford Parish Council at a cost of £150-200 each was **approved**.
- 109.3 Software that is needed to control the light of the MUGA to be given to the Management of the Community centre was **approved**.
- 109.4 The highways volunteer scheme will be deferred to Environment Committee **approved**.
- 109.5 Mr Rob Charnley to be invited to attend Council meeting to discuss Neighbourhood/ local plans **approved**.
- 109.6 Proforma invoice from Defib Store Ltd for £2241.60 inc vat. (Hefferston Rise defib) payment was **approved**.
- 109.7 Go daddy Website security 10-year plan £617.76 in vat was **approved**.
- 109.8 The clerk to obtain advice from CHALC so see if the council can hold meetings via the internet was **approved**.
- 109.9 Quotation from Cheshire Grounds Maintenance for the removal of soil from the swimming pool for £680.00 +VAT was **approved**.
110. The following meetings were attended by councillors; -
- JE** none/ **PW** Police & Crime Commissioner meeting. / **RM** Weaverham Trust, Brownies.
- GE** Weaverham Trust & Police & Crime Commissioner meeting. / **NF** none/ **IM** none
- IL** Brownies
111. PCSO report was circulated to councillors was **noted**.
112. **CWaC matters.**
- 112.1 Cllr G Edwards give a verbal report to council which was **noted**.
- 112.2 The Clerk read out Cllr L Stocks written report both reports were **noted**.
- 112.3 Council noted that it did not receive a report from Cllr Phil Rimmer. The Clerk to contact Cllr Rimmer asking him to provide the Council with an update **approved**.
113. **Public Forum** – The following additional items were raised: -

113.1 Brownies would like the council to take over the building as it needs upgrading-referred to Environment Committee **approved.**

113.2 Further examples of flooding issues in the village were given to council were **noted.**

113.3 Issues with the sleeping policemen on Keppers Lane were raised. The parishioner will have a meeting with the clerk to discuss in more detail was **noted.**

114. To **Confirm** date of next meeting: Monday 24th February 2025 at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed as a true record

Name ... *Gillian Edwards*

Signature ... *G Edwards*

Date ... *24.02.25*