

Weaverham Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Environment Committee Meeting**

held at Weaverham Community Centre, Russet Road, Weaverham on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 7:15pm.

Present Peter Wilkinson (PW) John Freeman (JF), Iain Lasseter (IL), Mike Gerrard (MG). Ian Mills.

1 member of the public.

The Clerk stated that we need to appoint a chairman for the meeting. Through a vote Cllr Peter Wilkinson chaired the meeting. **approved.**

E33. Public Open Forum. The following item was raised: -

Flooding on Keepers Lane. The Clerk has written to the chief executive of CWaC raising the Council's concerns regarding the flooding. It was decided that we will wait to receive a response to the letter before deciding how the Council may be able to help. **noted.**

- E34. Apologies for absence were received from. Cllrs Roger Moss (RM) (Chairman), Jason Endress (JE), which were **approved.**
- E35. No new declarations of interest were received.
- E36. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2024 were approved.
- E37. **Lack of Gritting in the village.** The committee did not support paying for additional road gritting in the village as this is the responsibility of Cheshire West. **noted**
 - E37.1 Council will be asked to support the provision of additional salt bins & salt in the village. **approved.**
 - E37.2 Council will be asked to authorise the Clerk to hold discussions with our maintenance contractor to see how they can help with the distribution of salt from the bins. **approved**
 - E37.3 The Clerk is asked to make a comment in the Weaverham News regarding the use of the salt bins. **approved**
 - E37.4 CWaC is to be approached to see if they can help provide the additional bins. approved
- E38. Flooding in the Village. The committee was concerned about the flooding in the village and came up with the following recommendations to Council: -
 - E38.1 The Clerk to obtain quotation for the hire of a gully sweeper and drain unblocker that can be used on an ad hoc basis. approved
 - E38.2 The Clerk to ask for CWaC highway's cleaning schedule approved.
 - E38.3 A list will be drawn up of hot spot problem areas due to flooding that needs attention, approved
 - E38.4 The Clerk to obtain quotation for the hire of a ride on sweeper for street cleaning leaves etc. approved.

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E38.5 Council will be asked to authorise the Clerk to hold discussions with our maintenance contractor see how they can help with gully cleaning and drain emptying with possible changes to our contact. **approved**

- E39. **VE Day 80th celebrations on 8th May 2025**. Preparations are underway. Community Centre & band have been booked. The Clerk is requested to write to local Fish & Chip shops to order 50 potions of fish & chips (100 in total) confirming the order formally. A beacon will be lit at 9.30pm to coincided with the national celebrations **approved**.
- E40. **VJ celebrations on 15th August 2025**. Discussions with the local churches will take place to provide a religious service of remembrance. A party in the park to take place on Lake House field in the evening. Clerk to obtain quotations for a stage & music for the event. **approved.**
- E41. This was deferred to the next committee meeting approved.
- E42. This was deferred to the next committee meeting approved.
- E43. This was deferred to the next committee meeting approved.

The committee made the following observations for consideration at its next meeting: -

- E43.1 To investigate the provision of a skateboard /BMX track at the back of the old Youth club.
- E43.2 To knock down the old building to provide additional car parking for the village with disabled parking spaces and EV charging points.
- E43.3 To provide disabled parking spaces and mark out the old doctor's surgery
- E43.4 To redevelop the Brownie Hut to provide a parish office, storage, youth facilities, Brownie activities. Put a Business Plan in place.
- E43.5 Secret Garden and landscaping to be incorporated on the brownie site.
- E43.6 Councillors are asked to visit Comberbach, Barnton & Northwich to consider their designs for a skateboard / BMX area.

E44. To **confirm** date of next meeting – Wednesday, 12th February 7:15pm

Signed as a true record.

Name Regard MOSS

Signature Regard Moss

Date 12/25