

Weekley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Weekley Parish Council meeting held at Boughton Estates Office, Weekley on Tuesday 4th August 2015 at 6.30pm

Present Parish Councillors- Rachael Gladstone-Brown, Brian Peel (Chair) Matt Tartaglia, Toni Wilkins (Vice Chair)
Kettering Borough Councillor - Mark Rowley
Clerk- Claire Tilley

Aug 2015-1. Apologies

Received from Peter Chew

Aug 2015-2. Minutes of last meeting - Monday 1st June 2015

Had been circulated and were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

Aug 2015-3. Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting

2015 May 06 (i) Rachael stated the VAS data software has been mislaid-and was looking into getting it replaced. All agreed the system does have some benefits.

2015 May 10 Finance - Matt queried the insurance- high due to bus shelter and sign. Question as to whether they needed to be insured. Bus shelter insured for £11,000. **Clerk** to look into excess. Mark advised on what other parish councils do- they are not insured for bus shelter- but self insure

Resolution- to further investigate prior to next years' renewal.

Aug 2015-4. Questions from members of the public

No members of the public were present but had voiced concerns to councillors.

a) Upkeep of greens and verges- not in good state. County council- Highways are responsible but Borough Council do it on their behalf. **Mark** will email Head of Roads- Brendan (KBC) to ask him to come and look. Now ecological reasons for only doing once a year

b) Path at end of Washwell Lane- very overgrown- **Rachael** declared Boughton Estates responsible and will look into it.

Aug 2015-5. Reports

a) Rachael- Boughton Estate- Green Belt-August Bank Holiday, will not be so big this year- and not in Weekly Park so public access as normal. Enclosed stage, facing different direction to reduce noise. Only 8000 attending this year

b) East Kettering- Nothing to report

c) Rural Forum- Meeting in June- questions raised regarding validity of Rural Forum as to whether it should merge with town were dismissed. Overwhelming feeling that Officers not listening to rural Parish Councils. Meeting in Ashley -September to discuss future. **RGB to attend- clerk** to forward details. Special meeting at a later date at Geddington to discuss outcome

Aug 2015-6. Finance

a) Balance sheet circulated.

Current account- £2545.05 (uncleared chqs of £140)

Bus Saver- 283- £210.10

Bus Saver -413- £132.23

Clerk to produce an income/expenditure statement to allow councillors to readily see how finances are going.

b) Clerk salary discussed- some confusion over salary- other councils use a payscale from NCALC decided to use same

Resolution

Salary agreed at £1007.96 per annum for 9 hours per month and to rise in line with the annual increase decided at national level.

Brian proposed, Matt seconded

c) Cheques signed at meeting Clerk salary- June to Aug £201.54
HMRC (clerk PAYE) £50.37

Aug 2015-7. Bus Shelter (maintenance/upkeep)

Parishioner asked issue to be raised- as to who maintains it and keeps it tidy- lots of rubbish around.

Agreed that it is PC responsibility. Rubbish ongoing in village anyway. Village tidy successful but rubbish growing again. KBC should empty bin there. Probably needs some paint- **all to take a look** and report back to next meeting. **Clerk** to look back through previous minutes to see about previous maintenance.

Clerk to look into Enhancement gangs to help.

Rachael mentioned the need for a bin to be installed at end of Weekley Wood Lane, on left hand side near gate. **Clerk to email Mark**- he will pass on request

Aug 2015-8. Additional Speed Indicator

a) Discussed in relation to previous minutes above.

Possibly add to budget for next year, quote for another one on other side coming from Geddington c£2000. Matt showed design of sign telling people to slow down- more expensive. General consensus that it would be a good idea. **Clerk** to see how previous one was funded, and look out the invoice 5-6 yrs ago and who gave quote.

Mark mentioned a budget for Parish Council- where KBC match funding. This may be an option.

Aug 2015-9. Any other business

a) Neighbourhood Watch scheme- Matt circulated an update – In brief there is limited uptake in village. Toni asked how to encourage more to join. Rachael could add letter to welcome pack given to new tenants. One of the signs at entrance to Weekly needs moving round.

Matt gave a summary of crime statistics- within 1 mile- this included Weekly Glebe Road /Grange Estate- no crimes actually in Weekley itself. Local police officer living in village may help as a deterrent.

b) New Police Commissioner had asked to do village walkabout- but has cancelled three times. Next date set for Fri 30th October.

c) Planning- KBC/2015/0566

NFU offices in Weekley- want to expand into the next house. Rachael declared interest as applicant for Boughton Estates and explained plans. Toni had no objections. Other councillors to look online. **Any comments needed by 17th August**

d) Mark Rowley came along to introduce himself – any questions or requests of him can be sent via clerk. Spoke of Jim Hakewill, who has money that is available to parish councils. He himself will also have some grant monies when trained in the procedures.

e) Toni gave vote of thanks to new clerk

f) BDO audit carried out but paperwork not sent back to council yet. Clerk will check whether there is time limit for meeting to discuss findings and report back.

Date for next meeting- Tuesday Nov 3rd 6.30pm at Boughton Estate Offices, Weekley

There being no further matters the meeting was closed at 8.05pm.