

# Weekley Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Weekley Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held in Weekley Village Hall, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Councillors Present	Rachael Gladstone – Brown, Peter Chew, Clare Cuckson, Mark Hales and Matt Tartaglia (Chair)
Also Present	Borough Councillor Mark Rowley, 3 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

### Minutes from Annual Parish Meeting

110. Cllr Tartaglia gave the **Chairman's Report**: Due to the resignation of Brian Peel, we had a vacation for a Parish Councillor, resulting in Clare Cuckson being co-opted onto the Parish Council on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. We have an update from Andrew Bussey, Chairman of Weekley & Warkton Cricket Club, following completion in early 2017 of the new Cricket Pavilion. There was another Rounders event on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, hosted by the Cricket Club. Weekley, winners in 2017 unfortunately didn't complete the event due to a health issue with a participating resident from Weekley Wood Lane. A new event is being planned. With respect to anti-social behaviour, the area surrounding the church has been effectively resolved by the installation of a gate and fencing on the un-adopted part of the road by Boughton Estate. The issue now appears to have been moved to the end of Weekley Wood Lane. We looked at a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) to effectively close the road except for residents but the cost is prohibitive and there was no guarantee of success. We have installed replica CCTV Cameras, Signs and a Solar Light and I believe this has reduced the volume of traffic. Litter is an ongoing issue. We have made unsuccessful attempts to get funding for additional street lights or the Vehicle Activate Sign (VAS) so any future expenditure would need to be funded by our own council funds. The existing sign stopped operating in early April resulting in a noticeable increase in speeding motorists. We have this issue on our meeting agenda to discuss more fully. Our clerk, Sue confirmed that our new website is now up and running and is a big improvement. Web address is: <https://weekleyparishcouncil.co.uk>. Thanks Sue. We were asked by the Church Warden, Emma Drage, if we could assist in maintaining the church yard and I was able to enlist a couple of residents, Mike Smith and Lee Warren to help. It does require an ongoing commitment which is difficult to get but thanks to Boughton Estates they have offered to use their Parks team for a couple of hours each month. Thanks, Rachael, for your offer. I know Emma is very grateful. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, a road sign was installed for Weekley Wood Lane following a request from a resident. Thanks, Sue, for getting this actioned. My thanks to Sharon Lane for managing the NHW scheme and proactively setting up a mobile app for reporting any issues or disturbances in the village. Sharon will be providing an update and we do need a new coordinator so volunteers please. Finally, thanks Sue, for all their hard work during the course of the year in keeping our council affairs in order and of course to my fellow Councillors for their support and valuable input.

111 Cllr Hales was unable to attend the last **Rural Forum**: Sgt Robert Offord attended and gave a summary of the crime reports over all Queen Eleanor and Buccleuch area were crime is mainly theft was down by 14.6%. There was a section on the Public Sector Reform which since the meeting has changed (see item 111) the Rural Bus Service around the Welland Valley which Wilbarston Parish Council set up is no quite self-sustaining but well supported by other local Parishes. It was noted that a Community Bus Service in Rushton is funded through concessionary fares and operated by volunteers. The next meeting is on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Warkton Village Hall.

112 EKLF: The last meeting of the East Kettering Liaison Forum was on 21st March. House building starts by David Wilson/Barratt are over 320 with 221 completed since starting in 2016. Persimmon expect 1 st completions to be completed by June 2019. Junction work on Cranford Road and Barton Road continues and is expected to complete in August. £3.9 million has been received from David

Wilson/Persimmon for various junction improvements and for the primary school at Hayfield Cross. No update known for the Weekley Warkton Avenue.

113 Sharon Lane reported that there are 20 members in the Neighbourhood Watch, the app is being well used especially for missing pets or if someone is going around the village knocking on doors. Sharon is looking to step down as co-ordinator as soon as a replacement can be found. Cllr Tartaglia offered to help with the leaflet drops.

114 Cricket Club: On the playing front we still have 3 adult sides in the Northants Cricket League playing on Saturdays. The first XI remain in Div. 1 and our goal remains to get in to the Premier League. The twos are in Div. 5 and the captain is Jack Issitt (from Jessica's tea shop) who has been with us all the way from our youth section. The third XI play in Div. 10 and this is a mix of older players and promising youngsters. Many clubs struggle to get a second team on a Saturday and we're doing really well with three sides! The youth section is really buoyant mainly down to Reg Griggs who grew up in Warkton. Reg heads up 8 coaches and we have about 60 kids attending weds' night training. We have league teams at under 11, 13 and 15 and several players at district level and 4 at county standard. We have an Australian overseas player with us for the season. Josh Martin is 19 and living and working at The Lilacs pub in Isham. He's helping with youth coaching and is quite a novelty to the kids! Lovely lad to have around. Financially, we continue to service the ECB loan we took out for the pavilion and the main source is sponsorship and bar sales. The bar is going well from our perspective and I'm not aware of any concerns but if you know of any issues please let me know. We'll be arranging a rounders night as we've done before and more details to follow. We have several grant applications on the go. Main priorities are refurbishing the nets, an artificial playing wicket and monies for materials for the pavilion front extension that we have planning permission for. Hopefully that gives you a flavour of where we are at. There's a good vibe at the moment and we've plenty to be proud of.

115 Church The church was in a period of interregnum for most of the year; from February to December 2018, during which time representatives from the Weekley PCC served on a committee tasked with finding a new priest. The Reverend Gillian Gamble was appointed in October 2018, after serving her notice in Oadby, and formally licensed to become Priest-in-charge in February 2019. As expected, Sunday attendance dropped during interregnum, from 27 in 2017 to 18 in 2018, however since Gillian started numbers have already increased. There were 24 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll in 2018, 16 of whom are not resident within the Parish. Children remain an integral part of the church as they and their families contribute so much to its vibrancy, it was pleasing to note the number of children regularly attending (age 0-17) maintained at 13. Early in the year a damp patch on the south wall next to the front door was noticed, on investigation it was discovered that three lead panels had been stolen from the porch roof. The lead has since been replaced and the damp patch has dried out. This year the quinquennial inspection is due, there are no apparent major issues. With regards to the churchyard, volunteers from the village spent a lot of time cutting the grass, which was very much appreciated, especially as a number of complaints were received about the "state" of the churchyard. This year the estate has kindly offered to help keep on top of the grass cutting. Outreach and fundraising initiatives continued throughout the year, these included the popular Easter Egg hunt, the annual Patronal festival, village jumble sales, a gin and croquet afternoon, a Christmas Fair followed by a candlelight service for the advent season and the Christingle service. Forthcoming events include a jumble sale and gin and croquet afternoon, dates to be confirmed. The bells need some major repair work, estimated costs are in the region of £2,500. Fundraising has begun, grants will also be sought along with match funding. Moving forward, objectives for the rest of 2019 are to continue increasing attendance, reenergise Sunday school and ensure events continue to evolve ensuring success.

116 There were no questions from the public.

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117 Cllr Gladstone-Brown proposed that Cllr Tartaglia be elected as **Chairman**, Cllr Hales seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. Cllr Tartaglia accepted the post and completed the Acceptance to Office.

118 Cllr Chew proposed that Cllr Hales be elected as **Vice Chair**, Cllr Gladstone-Brown seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. Cllr Hales accepted the post.

119 Cllr Hales agreed to carry on as **Rural Forum** representative and Cllr Tartaglia agreed to carry on as **EKLF** representative.

120 Cllr Tartaglia proposed that the Council Adopt of the **Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment, Complaints Procedure, Data Protection Policy, Records Retention Policy, Subject Access Request Procedure, Data Breach and Fixed Asset Register**, Cllr Gladstone-Brown seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. Both Cllr Tartaglia and the Clerk signed the policies.

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

121. **There were no Apologies.**

122. **Cllr Gladstone-Brown Declared an Interests** in item 127 (Planning).

123. There were no **questions from the public**.

124. **Parish Council Meeting** held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were resolved, approved and signed as an accurate record of decisions made.

125. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting

- The 3 CCTV cameras along Weekley Wood Lane did have an impact, Cllr Hales agreed to purchase 2 large ones. The solar lights also seem to be having an impact.
- Cllr Tartaglia has acquired several quotes for a new VAS as Morelock will charge £400 for a site visit and only seem interested in selling the Parish Council a new one which would cost in the region of £3689. Swarco have quoted approximately £3000 with Elancity quoting £1787. Elancity are based in France and not very well known. Cllr Hales proposed that the maximum spend could be £2500 and that Swarco are approached for an improvement on their price, Cllr Cuckson seconded the proposal. The Councillors took a vote on the proposal with 4 votes agreeing and one abstention. Cllr Gladstone-Brown agreed to enquire if there could be a donation from Boughton Estate to help with the funding.
- Weekley Wood Lane road sign covered in item 110.
- Grass Cutting in the Churchyard was covered in item 110.

126. **Finance**

- Cllr Tartaglia proposed that the Council accept the Year end accounts, this was seconded by Cllr Gladstone-Brown with everyone in favour. Both Cllr Tartaglia and the Clerk signed the documents.
- The Clerk informed the meeting that there is currently £3343.75 across both Bank Accounts. It was approved that the Clerk move the £345 that is in the deposit account into the current account.
- Members resolved to pay the following in line with relevant legislations:

Sue Cook	Clerk salary	£210.10	Cheque No 100446
HMRC	PAYE on Clerks salary	£52.40	Cheque No 100447
BHIB	Insurance	£151.20	Cheque No 100448
Sue Cook	ICO Renewal	£40.00	Cheque No 100446
Steve Reed	Internal Audit	£50.00	Cheque No. 100449

127 **Planning**- Planning application number KET/2019/0220 39 The Lane - was discussed with no objections from the Councillors.

128 **Correspondence/Training/Events**- The following items of Correspondence had been circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting

Boughton Estate letter to residents – no further action

North Northamptonshire Local Council Forum – 12 June 2019 – no further action

Gigaclear works – The Lane will be closed and work should have been carried out along Weekley Wood Lane but nothing yet making Gigaclear at least 2 weeks behind schedule. There will be traffic lights along A4300 from Geddington to Weekley to allow for the laying of the cable.

Greenbelt Tickets for 2019 – The Clerk to put a notice in the Noticeboard advertising the allocation details.

Proposed changes to bus route No 8 – The Clerk to put the new timetable in the Noticeboard, it is already on the Web-site.

- 129 **There were no matters was raised from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere within the meeting.**
130. **There were no future agenda items.**
131. **Date for next meeting** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in the Village Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk agreed to book the Village Hall.

With no further business the Meeting closed at 8:10 pm

<b>Approved by Weekley Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:</b>		
<b>Signature of Chairman :</b>		<b>Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b>