

Weekley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Weekley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 on-line via Zoom Meeting

Councilors Present: Rachael Gladstone-Brown, Clare Cuckson, Mark, Hales, Peter Chew and Matt Tartaglia (Chair)

208 **Apologies** - received from Mark Rowley

209 **Declarations of Interests** – Cllr Rachel Gladstone-Brown re Planning Application KET/2020/0121 Weekley Hall Wood.

210 **Public Session** – Representatives from Save Weekley Hall Wood, Siobhan Currie, Katie Bronsan and Steve Esier presented concerns regarding the loss of 40,000 sq ft of woodland, a wildlife meadow, the scale of species loss and several walking, running and cycling routes if the above development was approved. A video by Grace Siddington was also played to councilors.

211 **Borough Councilor Report** – Not presented at this time.

212 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Cuckson stated that a car theft occurred in Geddington but no crimes registered for Weekley.

213 **The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 19th August 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

214 **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting

- a) Village Hall - Cllr Rachael Gladstone-Brown to explore options to better utilise facility.
- b) The hedge on the footpath leading out of Weekley towards Geddington will be cut but requires a traffic light system to be approved to ensure safety during cutting. Cllr Gladstone-Brown to follow up.
- c) The occupiers of the Tea Rooms have yet to repaint the door and fencing in a neutral colour as required by the planning approval.
- d) Purchasing a Defibrillator – this item to be carried forward to next meeting.
- e) Save Weekley Hall Wood – a discussion amongst the councilors took place for views on the development KET/2020/0121 Weekley Hall Wood. No decision was made at this time in support of or opposition to the campaign. It was agreed that that councilors would try to canvass Weekley residents, but this could be problematical due to Covid-19 concerns. It appears that all residents have received leaflets and details of how to support the campaign. Councilors will communicate their views to the Chair in due course.

215 **Vehicle Activated Sign** – approval was given to take out an annual maintenance contract. with the suppliers Swarco

216 **Speed Signs** – approval was given to purchase a number of speed signs to a maximum cost of £80. Cllr Hales to obtain quotes.

217 **Three Parishes** – approval was given to make a request to KBC to conduct a Community Governance Review regarding the possibility of clustering a number of local parishes.

218 **Clerk Replacement** – agreed to hold joint interviews with Grafton Underwood and Warkton Parish Councils of suitable candidates for this role.

219 **NALC** – approval was given to become a member of the Northampton County Association of Local Councils for the year to March 2021.

220 **Community Governance Review** – see above.

221 **Finance -**

- a) The Chairman informed the meeting that there is currently £1,877.40 across both Bank Accounts.
- b) Payments approved: Swarco £201.89.
- c) Bank Mandate changes approved.

222 **Planning** - Chair to make enquires with KBC regarding KET/2020/0121 – Weekley Hall Wood, regarding lack of notification of plans to Weekley Parish Council.

223 **Correspondence** – Remembrance Sunday Wreath to be provided by Boughton Estate for laying by Cllr Chew.

224 **There were no matters raised from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere within the meeting.**

225 **Future agenda item** – Replacement Clerk

226 **Date for next meeting** – Tuesday 12th January 2021