

Minutes of a remote meeting of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 15 March 2021

Present: Cllrs Beady, Botterell, Brown, Fitzpatrick, Green, Hamilton (Chair), Foster, Spong,

TDC Cllr P Harris

Clerk; N Baker

1. Apologies

None

2. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of 15 February were approved; proposed, Cllr Botterell ; seconded, Cllr Spong.

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Actions taken since the previous meeting

Office has been decorated. Petanque sign erected. Some of the new bins ae in place.

5. Questions from members of the public

Questions were received on the following matters: dog mess; dogs in petanque area; Christmas tree at Weeley Village Hall; noticeboard on playground.

6. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports

Cllr Harris reported on the following: planning; grants scheme - £600 to WRA and £400 to WiB; motion to full council about firework displays; local plan; freeport at Harwich/Felixstowe; the end of TDC's Weeley Council offices; back to business programme; local elections in May; Covid death rates and vaccination rates; proposal to change order of speakers at Planning committee meetings.

7. Weeley Residents' Association report

Grant received from ward councillor; bookings have been made for various events from June onwards.

8. Weeley in Bloom

AGM planned for September; plans being made for station area; litter signage to be considered; rubbish collection has resumed; grant received from ward councillor.

9. Correspondence

Another request was received for use of football pitch.

St Andrews Short Mat Bowling Club have requested a grant of £350 to help re-start the club post-Covid. Cllr Brown declared an interest as a member of the club. It was agreed to support in principle once other grant opportunities have been explored.

10. Planning

<p>21/00086/FUL Weeley Parish Council objects to this application. Further development down Gutteridge Hall Lane should not be supported. It is a designated 'Quiet Lane' and is already overwhelmed with the amount of traffic passing up and down it on a daily basis, causing damage to the verges and distress to local residents.</p> <p>If TDC is minded to approve this application, can we suggest that stringent conditions are applied to</p>	<p>Proposed change of use of land to horse paddocks, and erection of stables and menage for own horses and ponies.</p>	<p>Land adjacent to Bucklands Gutteridge Hall Lane Weeley</p>
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prevent any future change of use application?		
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11. Local Plan

Section 2 examination has taken place and the Inspector’s report is awaited. There have been some minor changes to Weeley/Weeley Heath, including to the development boundary.

12. Highways & footpaths

The following have been reported to Highways: Mill Lane; give way sign by Little Millfields; tree on pavement near Clacton Road bus stop.

A report on misleading signage etc in and around Hilltop Crescent was considered. It was agreed to approach TDC’s street naming officer in the first instance.

13. Street lights

All working.

14. Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

15. Playing Field

Spinney has been cut back.

16. Playground

Springer to be repaired.

17. Grass cutting & maintenance

Nothing to report.

18. TDALC

No meeting.

19. Rural policing

16 crimes in Weeley & Weeley Heath in January.

20. Covid 19

Shopping for an elderly resident still being undertaken. School has now re-opened to all pupils.

21. Benches

It was agreed to seek suggestions for dedicating new benches.

22. Christmas tree

A ‘permanent’ Christmas tree, preferably on Loop Green, was supported. A detailed proposal to be brought to a future meeting.

23. Assets register

The assets register as at the end of March 2021 was noted.

24. Payments

The following payments were approved. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded; Cllr Spong.

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
15/03/2021	103106	N BAKER	SALARY	477.65		477.65
15/03/2021	103105	N BAKER	MILEAGE	46.80		46.80
15/03/2021	103105	N BAKER	STATIONERY	46.70		46.70
15/03/2021	103107	HMRC	TAX	15.20		15.20
01/03/2021	103108	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
26/02/2021	103108	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LIGHT REPAIR	419.00	83.80	502.80

Minutes for the year beginning May 2020

19/02/2021	103108	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LIGHT REPAIR	151.00	30.20	181.20
05/03/2021	103109	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	SPINNEY WORK	1152.00	230.40	1382.40
02/03/2021	103110	SIGNS MADE EASY	SIGN	44.22	8.84	53.06
10/03/2021	103111	CAME & CO	INSURANCE	800.72		800.72
15/03/2021	103112	DEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL	OFFICE FURNITURE	415.50		415.50
02/03/2021	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	346.33	69.27	415.60
21/02/2021	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	40.66		40.66

25. Further questions from the public

A question was received about Weeley Hall Woods.

