

Minutes of a remote meeting of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 21 December 2020

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

Clerk; N Baker

1. Apologies

Cllrs Green and Taylor

2. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of 16 November were approved; proposed, Cllr Botterell; seconded, Cllr Hamilton.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Actions taken since the previous meeting

Clerk has written to Rail Users Association about Sunday trains, to Chris Stathers about the outstanding enforcement action at the station and to Willow Park about parking under the bridge.

5. Questions from members of the public

None

6. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports

No reports.

7. Weeley Residents' Association report

2021 dates have been planned and support for next year's trips is encouraging.

8. Weeley in Bloom

Nothing to report.

9. Petanque rink

It was resolved to commission minor additional works; proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded; Cllr Spong.

10. Correspondence

Letter of thanks for donation received from St Andrews Church. E-mail from a resident of Gutteridge Hall Lane about increasing problems with unauthorised caravans and confusion about addresses.

11. Planning

The following applications were considered:

20/01399/HHPNOT No comment	Rear orangery	Wolvers, Thorpe Road, Weeley
20/01716/FUL No comment	Variation of condition 2 of approved application 20/00599/FUL	Land adjacent 43 Mill Lane, Weeley
20/01578/FUL No objection	Internal alterations and thermal upgrade to loft space	Weeley House, 70 The Street
20/01537/OUT No objection	Demolition of existing barn and erection of one dwelling	Reedlands, Gutteridge Hall Lane
20/01544/FUL No objection	Rear extension and extension over existing garage	Oak Farmhouse, 23A Mill Lane, Weeley Heath

20/01500/DETAIL No comment	Reserved matters application	Land adjacent 2 Barnfields, Clacton Road, Weeley Heath
20/00996/FUL No comment – insufficient information to form an opinion	Use of land for a woodland day nursery	Land west of the Hawk, Hawk Lane, Weeley
20/01514/FUL No objection subject to neighbours' comments	Two storey rear extension	18 Hilltop Rise, Weeley

12. Local Plan

Nothing to report.

13. Highways & footpaths

Parking on the bridge and at the corner of Gutteridge Hall Lane – possible use of planted tyres to deter drivers.

ECC 'bus shelter' project was discussed.

Vegetation obscuring the 30mph sign in Colchester Road has been cut.

14. Street lights

Report to follow

15. Tree Warden

Reed Pond trees have had a light trim of lower branches. Spinney tree line trimming scheduled for January.

16. Playing Field

Being well used at present with no drainage problems.

17. Playground

New gate seems to be functioning satisfactorily.

18. Grass cutting & maintenance

Nothing to report.

19. TDALC

James Ennis from TDC rangers attended the last meeting.

20. Rural policing

19 crimes in October.

21. Covid 19

Two calls to the helpline.

22. Locality Fund

A report on litter and dog waste bins was presented and it was resolved to submit an application for funding for £872.80. Proposed; Cllr Foster, seconded; Cllr Spong.

23. Finance report

The finance reported, detailing the Council's budgetary position at Quarter 3 was agreed.

24. Precept

It was resolved to set the precept for 2021/22 at £46,172, which equates to a Band D equivalent of £59.69, a reduction of 6.4% on this year's figure. Proposed; Cllr Botterell, seconded; Cllr Spong.

25. Payments

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

Minutes for the year beginning May 2020

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
21/12/2020	103088	N BAKER	SALARY	477.65		477.65
21/12/2020	103087	N BAKER	MILEAGE	18.00		18.00
21/12/2020	103087	N BAKER	STATIONERY	10.50		10.50
30/11/2020	103082	HMRC	TAX	19.00		19.00
01/12/2020	103083	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
17/12/2020	103084	CASTLE WATER	REED POND WATER	16.58		16.58
15/12/2020	103085	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	TREE WORKS	210.00	42.00	252.00
30/11/2020	103085	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	421.13	84.23	505.36
			TOTAL			757.36
21/12/2020	103086	LADYWELL	PAYE	57.00		57.00
02/12/2020	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	371.07	74.21	445.28
21/11/2020	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	40.66		40.66

26. Further questions from the public

A question was received about local Covid vaccine arrangements