

**Minutes of a remote meeting of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 15 June 2020**

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

Clerk; N Baker

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Taylor, who was able to hear and see the meeting but was not able to participate.

**2. Confirmation of minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 March 2020 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Hamilton; seconded: Cllr Foster.

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Casual vacancy**

Someone is interested in the vacancy but it was agreed to wait until after the Covid-19 'lockdown' to meet her.

**5. Actions taken since the previous meeting**

- Petanque rink is under construction
- Old Clacton Road sign soon to be installed
- Work to form new doorway in parish office soon to be completed

**6. Questions from members of the public**

A question was received about speeding on Colchester Road

**7. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports**

No reports

**8. Weeley Residents' Association report**

The AGM is yet to be held because of Covid-19 restrictions. A new treasurer has come forwards. Membership is healthy but many have not yet paid their annual subscription.

**9. Weeley in Bloom**

Litter picks to re-start at the beginning of July. New planting for the summer has been done in troughs, hanging baskets, tyres and sinks. Sadly there have been thefts of planters.

**10. Correspondence**

A letter has been received from the Chair of TDC thanking WPC and WRA for volunteering work during Covid-19.

**11. Planning**

20/00513/FUL WPC objects to this application for the following reasons: The site is outside the village settlement boundary. It is accepted that housing numbers have been met for Weeley Heath, so this development is not needed. Previous planning applications were both refused and associated appeals were both	Proposed construction of 1no. residential dwelling and detached garage with associated access and landscaping works.	Land adjacent Church Lane Weeley
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<p>dismissed. There is nothing to alter the previous objections except the building has been re-sited which may well result in more trees needing to be removed than originally marked. This is an important local ancient woodland which provides a habitat for various species of wildlife, including bats. Trees with TPOs could be destroyed 'by accident' during construction and there is a real threat of damage to tree roots during construction. The entrance to the land has not been used for years and comes out onto Church Lane, a private land which is unsuitable for increased vehicular traffic.</p>		
<p>20/00599/FUL Weeley Parish Council objected to the 2016 application for 6 bungalows on this site. WPC continues to object to development of this site which is outside the village envelope. It is now demonstrably clear that the housing numbers for Tendring have been achieved and there can be no reason to approve this application.</p>	<p>Construction of 7no. three bedroom detached bungalows with associated garages.</p>	<p>Land adjacent 43 Mill Lane Weeley Heath</p>
<p>20/00668/FUL The housing supply numbers for Tendring have been achieved and there can be no reason to support this application for an additional bungalow off Connaught Road.</p>	<p>Proposed erection of 1 bungalow</p>	<p>Land off Connaught Road Little Clacton</p>
<p>20/00669/FUL Weeley Parish Council has no objection to this application.</p>	<p>Proposed single storey rear extension</p>	<p>22 Mill Lane Weeley Heath</p>

20/00710/TPO WPC feels that the amount proposed is too much and particularly objects to the 10 year pruning objective	Prune Trees 1 - 5 by 30% and Tree 6 by 40%, followed by 20% for 10 years	Acorn View Roxburghe Road Weeley
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**12. Local Plan**

Nothing to report

**13. Highways & footpaths**

Kerb in Hilltop Crescent has been repaired.

School crossing sign is down again.

Dangerous sign in St Andrew's Road remains.

**14. Street lights**

Awaiting report

**15. Tree Warden**

Cllr Brown has monitored work to one tree with a TPO.

**16. Anti-social behaviour**

There is an increasing amount of rubbish on the playing field and concerns about an organised football team using the goals and leaving rubbish behind.

**17. Playing Field**

Football nets need repair.

**18. Playground**

The playground is padlocked shut in accordance with government guidelines. However, it is being accessed by climbing over the fence, so Cllr Brown has inspected to ensure safety.

**19. Grass cutting & maintenance**

The ditch in Thorpe Road needs to be strimmed.

**20. TDALC**

No meeting and no news from TDALC.

**21. Rural policing**

Crimes in April – 6 in Weeley and 4 in Weeley Heath.

**22. Policy review**

The following were reviewed: risk assessment; code of conduct; conflict of interests policy; standing orders; financial regulations; grant making policy; press and media policy; publication scheme and publication of photographs policy; playing field conditions of use. No changes were proposed. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded; Cllr Botterell. The assets register is updated as required.

**23. Covid-19**

The WPC/WRA helpline is working effectively. The village shop is serving local residents well.

**24. 24.1 Annual governance statement**

The council approved section one, the Annual Governance Statement.

**24.2 Accounting statement**

The council approved section two, the Annual Governance Statement.

Proposed; Cllr Botterell; seconded; Cllr Hamilton.

**25. Internal audit report**

The internal audit report was noted. A new internal auditor will be required for next year as the current auditor is retiring.

**26. Accounts for payment**

The following payments were approved. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded; Cllr Brown. Payments made since the last meeting in March were also noted.

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
15/06/2020	103034	N BAKER	SALARY	460.35		460.35
15/06/2020	103034	N BAKER	MILEAGE	19.80		19.80
15/06/2020	103034	N BAKER	POSTAGE	18.24		18.24
			TOTAL			498.39
15/06/2020	103041	N BAKER	ZOOM	119.90		119.90
01/06/2020	103035	CVST	AFFILIATION FEE	25.00		25.00
01/6/2020	103036	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
27/05/2020	103037	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	421.13	84.22	505.35
19/05/2020	103038	NANCY POWELL DAVIES	INTERNAL AUDIT	200.00		200.00
15/06/2020		SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP	89.00		89.00
12/06/2020	103040	MAIN STREET SIGNS	STREET NAME	124.00	24.80	148.80
02/06/2020	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	385.12	77.02	462.14
21/05/2020	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	36.16		36.16

**27. Further questions from the public**

Questions were received on the following:

Barleyfield development; WPC website; parking in Bentley Road. It was also reported that the church will re-open for prayers on Fridays and Saturdays by appointment.