

Minutes of a remote meeting of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 18 January 2021

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

ECC Cllr A Erskine; TDC Cllr P Harris

Clerk; N Baker

1. Apologies

None

2. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of 21 December were approved; proposed, Cllr Hamilton; seconded, Cllr Botterell.

3. Declarations of interest

None from Parish Councillors. TDC Cllr Harris wished his role on TDC's planning committee to be noted.

4. Actions taken since the previous meeting

Weeley Station – awaiting outcome of application for certificate of lawfulness. Quotations for refurbishment of parish office being sought.

5. Questions from members of the public

Questions were received on the following: signage in Hilltop Rise and Hilltop Crescent; 30mph sign along Colchester Road; replacement bench on Weeley 'by-pass'.

6. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports

Cllr Harris apologised for his recent absences due to illness and reported on the progress of the Local Plan (see minute 12 for details); Covid situation locally; planning enforcement and appeals.

Cllr Erskine reported on the Local Highways Panel – the three Weeley schemes are expected to be fully funded; Covid update.

7. Weeley Residents' Association report

Awaiting easing of Covid restrictions before plans for the year are finalised.

8. Weeley in Bloom

Litter pick temporarily suspended pending the easing of Covid restrictions. Daffodils are coming through.

9. Oakleigh Park and Gutteridge Hall Lane

Cllr Hamilton gave a verbal update on the planning enforcement action and other related matters.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Planning

This item was taken after item 3. The following application was considered after a presentation by the applicant.

Not yet validated. No objections. WPC feels that this is a good use of this building.	Conversion of residential dwelling to veterinary practice	26, Colchester Road, Weeley
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12. Local Plan

Section 1 of the plan has been approved by the Inspector and is expected to be approved by TDC full council shortly. This includes approval for 9000 homes on the Colchester/Tendring

boundary. The approval means that the 550 per annum housing supply number is now final and that Tendring has a 6.5 year housing supply. The outcome of this is that two appeals have already been dismissed and that further applications for speculative development are less likely. Section 2 of the plan will be examined by the Inspector in February and a decision expected by the end of the year. This section will contain the detailed matters relating to the area.

13. Highways & footpaths

The developers at the Barleyfields extension are preparing for the archaeological dig. The current wet conditions mean that mud is affecting footpath access.

14. Street lights

All working.

15. Tree Warden

A fallen tree in Clacton Road has been reported.

16. Playing Field

Nothing to report.

17. Playground

The new gate needs a slight adjustment. Consultation on the proposed playground extension will be carried out once the school returns after the Covid closure.

18. Grass cutting & maintenance

Nothing to report.

19. TDALC

Meeting due soon.

20. Rural policing

10 crimes in Weeley & Weeley Heath in November.

21. Covid 19

Vaccinations of priority groups are underway. Transport is available if required. Call Tendring Shield on 01255 686700.

22. Locality Fund

WPC has been awarded £872.80 towards the provision of additional and replacement bins from ECC's Locality Fund. First tranche of bins has been ordered from TDC.

23. Finance

It was noted that a new auditor will need to be appointed for the end of the current financial year and also that a new payroll provider will be needed. An additional £4,204 S106 funding for petanque rink has been agreed.

24. Payments

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

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
18/01/2021	103089	N BAKER	SALARY	477.85		477.85
01/01/2021	103090	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
14/01/2021	103090	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LIGHT REPAIRS	135.00	27.00	162.00
			TOTAL			281.98

Minutes for the year beginning May 2020

12/01/2021	103091	ESSEX WILDLIFE TRUST	SUBSCRIPTION	40.00		40.00
18/01/2021	103094	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT(DEC)	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	421.13	84.23	505.36
18/01/2021	103094	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT(JAN)	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	421.13	84.23	505.36
05/01/2021	103092	GCS ALARMS	REPAIRS	65.00	13.00	78.00
02/01/2021	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	383.44	76.69	460.13
21/12/2021	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	40.66		40.66

25. Further questions from the public

A question was received about a recent incident in Second Avenue.

