

**Minutes of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 16 December 2019 at Weeley Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Brown, Botterell, Green, Hamilton (Chair), Foster, Spong, Wesley-Smith.

Clerk; N Baker; ECC Cllr Erskine; TDC Cllr Harris

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Green and TDC Councillor Harris

**2. Confirmation of minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2019 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Botterell; seconded: Cllr Hamilton

**3. Declarations of interest**

None

**4. Resignation**

The resignation of Cllr Wesley-Smith was noted, thereby creating a casual vacancy. The Chair thanked Cllr Wesley-Smith for her years of service.

**5. Matters for report from previous meetings**

Reed Pond sign is being produced. Reed Pond excess growth has been dealt with.

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

None

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

Cllr Erskine reported on a current planning application and on changes to the ECC Cabinet following the recent general election.

**8. Weeley Residents' Association report**

A number of positions will be vacant at the forthcoming March AGM. There was a separate report from Weeley in Bloom.

**9. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received on the following; street naming, fostering in Essex, letter of thanks from St Andrew's Church.

**10. Planning**

The following application were considered:

19/01829/FUL No comment	Proposed single storey front and rear extension to existing kitchen, living room and bedrooms. Side extension to form replacement garage (revision to design approved 19/00460/FUL)	12 Mill Lane, Weeley Heath
19/01870/FUL WPC objects to this application. This proposal constitutes backland development and effectively forms a new dwelling unit with no discernible link to the existing house.	Proposed side extension to form an annexe etc	Lyndon Glen, Gutteridge Hall Lane, Weeley
19/01413/DETAIL No comment	Proposed dwelling (amended)	Site adjacent to the Little Chapel, Clacton Road, Weeley Heath

**11. Local Plan**

Nothing to report.

**12. Highways & footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**13. Street lights**

Two lights have been reported as out, numbers to follow.

**14. Tree Warden**

It has been too wet for tree planting.

**15. Playing Field**

Nothing to report

**16. Playground**

No reported defects. An extension to the playground will be considered next year.

**17. Grass cutting & maintenance**

Additional maintenance in the area of the Spencer Way pond has been completed.

**18. TDALC**

The recent meeting considered climate change and heard about TDC's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

**19. Rural policing**

30 crimes recorded in October.

**20. Finance**

The Council's current budgetary position was noted.

**21. Precept**

It was resolved to set a precept for 2020/2021 of £46,172. This represents a 'Band D equivalent' Council Tax household amount of £63.75, an increase of ninety one pence or 1.4% on the current year's figure of £62.84. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded; Cllr Botterell.

**22. Accounts for payment**

The following were passed for payment, proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded; Cllr Botterell

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
16/12/2019	102997	N BAKER	SALARY	451.75		451.75
16/12/2019	102997	N BAKER	MILEAGE	72.00		72.00
16/12/2019	102997	N BAKER	SOFTWARE	58.32	11.67	69.99
16/12/2019	102997	N BAKER	STAMPS	8.40		8.40
			TOTAL			602.14
16/12/2019	102998	HMRC	NI	42.00		42.00
02/12/2019	102999	LADYWELL	PAYROLL	54.00		54.00
02/12/2019	103000	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LAMP REPAIRS	91.45	18.29	109.74
01/12/2019	103000	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
			TOTAL			229.72
11/12/2019	103001	CLEARVIEW PONDS (J P OWENS)	REED POND	4,100.00		4,100.00
25/11/2019	103002	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUND MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03

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21/11/2019	103002	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	CLEARANCE WORK COLCHESTER ROAD	52.00	10.40	62.40
21/11/2019	103002	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	TREE WORK, SPINNEY	260.00	52.00	312.00
			TOTAL			867.43
16/12/2019	103003	GCS ALARMS	CCTV REPAIRS& REPLACEMENTS	420.00	84.00	504.00
25/11/2019	103005	TDC	STREET NAMING FEE	400.00		400.00
03/12/2019	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	373.51	74.70	448.21
21/12/2019	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	35.79		35.79

**23. Further questions from the public**

Questions were received on the following: Reed Pond work thanks; Weeley Station breakers' yard; Local Heritage Strategy.