

Minutes of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 16 March 2020 at Weeley Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies
Cllr Taylor
2. Confirmation of minutes.
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2020 were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Hamilton; seconded: Cllr Botterell.
3. Declarations of interest
None
4. Casual vacancy
No response so far.
5. Matters for report from previous meetings
New website is up and running.
6. Questions from members of the public
None
7. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports
Cllr Erskine reported on the following: full council meeting has been brought forward to 26 March with a minimum number of attendees in light of Covid-19; updates to LHP programme of work.
Cllr Harris reported on the following: all meetings have been cancelled in the light of Covid-19; new Facebook page has been set up 'Being neighbourly Weeley and Tendring'.
8. Weeley Residents' Association report
Recent activities well supported but immediate future uncertain in the light of Covid-19.
9. Weeley in Bloom
Report on recent activities and future plans received after the meeting.
10. Correspondence
Correspondence was received from RCCE and EALC.
11. Planning
The following applications were considered:

20/00350/TPO Weeley Parish Council objects to this application. The proposed 4m lift is too high and will affect the look of the tree. In addition, if the proposed 4m lift is for the purposes of allowing vehicles to pass underneath, the roots of the tree will inevitably be damaged.	4 No. Oak Trees - Reduce by 30 % and lift to 4m	Acorn View Roxburghe Road Weeley
20/00243/TPO	1 No. Sycamore - Fell	43 Mill Lane Weeley Heath

<p>Weeley Parish Council objects to this application. There is no reason given to support the felling of this tree.</p>		
<p>20/00119/FUL Weeley Parish Council objects to this application. The application would appear to be a repeat of application 18/00410/FUL which was refused in 2018.</p> <p>The site is outside the settlement boundary. Although it is permissible to grant planning permission for holiday use outside the settlement boundary, to allow permanent residential status on a site outside the established settlement boundary runs counter to established policy.</p> <p>This scheme does not provide for an 'affordable' housing element; again, contrary to policy; nor is there any suggestion of an appropriate developer contribution to support facilities in the local area.</p> <p>Finally, it is apparent that the five year housing supply numbers in Tendring are adequate and that, therefore, no additional sites are required.</p>	<p>Proposed change of use to create a retirement park by allowing the residential use of 143 caravans approved under planning permissions APP/P1560/W/17/3183981 and 19/00707/FUL.</p>	<p>Oakleigh Residential Park Clacton Road Weeley</p>

12. Local Plan

A useful update had been received from Gary Guiver.

13. Highways & footpaths

13.1 The slip road has now been formally re-named as 'Old Clacton Road.

13.2 A complaint has been received about school parking. It was agreed that Traffic Regulation Order relating to the Clacton Road clearway needs to be amended to match the existing signage.

14. Street lights

The following are not working: 9093 The Street; 9001 First Avenue; 9026 Clacton Road; 90387 Fields Close. [post meeting note; our contractors have notified us that they are not working during the Covid-19 pandemic]

15. Tree Warden

Newly planted whips are thriving.

16. Playing Field

Nothing to report.

17. Playground

One element of the monkey bars needs to be tightened.

18. Petanque terrain

It was noted that TDC have granted WPC £11,758 for this project from S106 funds.

19. Grass cutting & maintenance

This year's cutting is about to start [post meeting note; our contractors have notified us that they are not working during the Covid-19 pandemic]

20. TDALC

No meeting.

21. Rural policing

21.122 crimes in January.

21.2Speedwatch. The local speedwatch group now has its own equipment. Six speeders have been caught recently on Clacton Road.

22. Covid-19

It was resolved to delegate powers related to planning comments and payments to the Clerk during the Covid-19 pandemic. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded: Cllr Spong. It is likely that future meetings will be cancelled, including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Council's annual meeting.

It was agreed to join forces with Weeley Residents Association to set up a local scheme to support vulnerable members of the community.

23. Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved, proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded, Botterell.

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
16/03/2020	103017	N BAKER	SALARY	451.75		451.75
16/03/2020	103018	N BAKER	MILEAGE	29.70		29.70
16/03/2020	103018	N BAKER	EXPENSES	45.96		45.96
			TOTAL			527.41
16/03/2020	103019	HMRC	NI	28.20		28.20
10/03/2020	103020	CAME & COMPANY	INSURANCE	886.96		886.96
25/02/2020	103021	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LAMP REPAIRS	237.95	47.59	285.54
01/3/2020	103021	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
			TOTAL			405.52
27/02/2020	103022	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03
01/03/2020	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	361.07	72.21	433.28
21/02/2020	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	35.79		35.79

24. Further questions from the public

Questions were received about the following: TDC awards ceremony, tree planting

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