

Minutes of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 21 October 2019 at Weeley Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brown (from item 6), Botterell, Green, Hamilton (Chair), Foster, Spong, Wesley-Smith.

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

1. Apologies

None

2. Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 September 2019 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Green, seconded: Cllr Botterell

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Matters for report from previous meetings

Various items of village maintenance have been completed.

5. Questions from members of the public

Questions were received relating to the following matters:

Rubbish collections; pavement repairs; Mill Lane junction with Bentley Road; Barleyfields hedge and ditch; planning application for land east of Bentley Road; Millers Green streetlights.

6. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports

Cllr Erskine reported on the consequences of the frequent A120 diversion routes, pavement repair prioritisation, potholes.

Cllr Harris reported on rubbish collections and recycling rates and a planning application.

7. Weeley Residents' Association report

The main items to report are a meeting with the Chief Executive of TDC about Weeley Station Forecourt, ongoing discussions about the poplars along the by-pas and the provision of allotment land.

8. Barrack Field/ St Andrews Way

This land is not owned by WPC. It was decided not to proceed with any changes.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Planning

The following applications were considered: proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded: Cllr Spong

19/01488/FUL No objection	Proposed ramped access	8 Rectory Road Weeley Heath
19/01278/FUL No comment	Proposed two storey side extension	Cotswold Clacton Road Weeley Heath
19/01419/FUL No comment	Variation of condition 2 of application 04/00763/FUL to reduce the closure period from 16th January - 1st March to 1st February - 1st March per annum	Homestead Lake Country Park Thorpe Road Weeley
19/01420/FUL No comment	Variation of condition 7 of application 14/01339/FUL to reduce the closure period from 16th January -	Homestead Lake Country Park Thorpe Road Weeley

	1st March to 1st February - 1st March per annum.	
19/01413/DETAIL No comment	Proposed dwelling.	Site adjacent The Little Chapel Clacton Road Weeley Heath
19/01401/FUL WPC objects to this application. The design as shown is not suitable for this location as it will clearly compromise the privacy of neighbouring properties. WPC is also concerned at the apparent loss of trees on the front boundary which we understand to be protected by TPOs.	New dwelling with garage.	Land R/O 55 Mill Lane Roxburghe Road Weeley

11. Local Plan

News from the inspector is expected in the spring.

12. Highways & footpaths

The hedge backing on to Loop Green needs attention. Excess growth at Spencer Way needs to be cut back.

There is a query over the extent of the Clearway stretching from the Crematorium roundabout along Clacton Road.

13. Street lights

The flowing lights are not working: 9092 The Street and 9089 The Street.

14. Tree Warden

A couple of whips on the playing field need to be replaced.

15. Playing Field

The football nets are now in place for both goals and the 'pitch' is being well used.

16. Playground

Nothing to report.

17. Grass cutting & maintenance

Nothing to report

18. TDALC

The recent meeting was addressed by Cath Bicknell from TDC Planning.

19. Rural policing

49 crimes were recorded in August.

20. Councillor recruitment

Two local residents have expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.

21. Website

In light of ECC's decision to stop supporting essexinfo.net it is necessary to find an alternative website provider. It was agreed to consider a shortlist of possible providers at the next meeting.

22. Grants

It was resolved to provide a grant of £750 to St Andrew's Church for the purposes of churchyard maintenance. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded: Cllr Green.

23. Finance

23.1 The Q2 finance report was noted.

23.2 The following accounts for payment were approved; proposed; Cllr Hamilton, seconded: Cllr Botterell.

INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
21/10/2019	102984	N BAKER	SALARY	437.85		437.85
16/09/2019	102984	N BAKER	MILEAGE	28.80		28.80
	102984	N BAKER	STATIONERY	36.00		36.00
			TOTAL			502.65
20/09/2019	102985	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LAMP REPAIRS	117.90	23.58	141.48
01/10/2019	102985	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
			TOTAL			261.46
11/10/2019	102986	TDC	ELECTION EXPENSES	230.52		230.52
23/09/2019	102987	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03
01/10/2019	102988	BRUCE LANDSCAPES	VARIOUS REPAIRS	1020.00	204.00	1224.00
01/10/2019	102989	WEELEY VILLAGE HALL	HALL BOOKING & PLAY AREA ELECTRICITY	78.43		78.43
21/10/2019	102900	WEELEY IN BLOOM	DONATION	70.00		70.00
02/10/2019	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	373.51	74.70	448.21
21/09/2019	DD	BT		38.59		38.59

24. Further questions from the public

Questions were received on the following; the continued failure of the bollard lights in Clacton Road; the possible judicial review of the planning inspectorate decision on the proposed 200 new homes in Thorpe Road.

25. Exclusion of press and public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following agenda items contain items of a commercially sensitive nature. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded: Cllr Wesley-Smith.

26. Boules court

It was agreed in principle to carry out this work but that a further quotation is necessary.

27. Reed Pond

Further quotations are awaited.