

Minutes of Weeley Parish Council Meeting 16 September 2019 at Weeley Village Hall

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

Clerk; N Baker;

1. Apologies

Cllr Wesley-Smith, ECC Cllr Erskine, TDC Cllr Harris.

2. Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 July 2019 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Botterell, seconded: Cllr Foster.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Matters for report from previous meetings

Repairs to playground equipment, benches and bus shelters are underway. Draft of Reed Pond sign has been done by WRA. Speedwatch is up and running. St Andrew's School have concerns about the potential re-naming of the 'slip road'.

5. Questions from members of the public

Questions on the following topics were received:

Bus shelter visibility panel; school sign (now back up), bollard lights in the carriageway, deliveries to Oakleigh Park.

6. Essex County Council & Tendring District Council liaison reports

No reports received.

7. Weeley Residents' Association report

Still in correspondence with Network Rail about the station forecourt; concerns over the number of sandbags left behind after highway repairs; regular activities continue to be well supported; membership now stands at 456.

Great success in the Anglia in Bloom awards with a Silver Gilt medal awarded (one rung higher than last year's) and also winner of the Best Conservation project award for the Reed Pond and Most Improved Award 2016-2019.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the Essex Wildlife Trust, WEALC, ECC re. fostering and Battersea Dogs and Cats home thanking us for our donation in memory of Anita Bailey.

9. Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

19/01033/FUL WPC has no comment to make on this application	Variation of condition 2 of approved application 15/01597/FUL to change design to roof and rear wall, add utility	3 Barbara Ville Clacton Road Weeley
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	room and side bin store, and extend lobby area.	
19/01080/FUL WPC does not object to this application but would like to request that all necessary measures are taken to protect the continued viability of mature trees on neighbouring land.	Proposed new build four bedroom dwelling	Aldene Wenlock Road Weeley
19/01108/TPO WPC does not object to this application	1 No. Oak - reduce side growth by 2.5 m	35 St Andrews Road Weeley
19/01130/FUL Whilst noting the rationale for this application for a separate dwelling instead of the approved extension to May Villa, WPC is concerned at the restricted nature of the available parking and the inherent dangers of vehicles reversing onto Thorpe Road, which is inevitable. WPC is also concerned at the small garden to the rear.	Erection of a new three bedroom dwelling, demolition of existing garage and amendment to frontage of May Villa.	May Villa Thorpe Road Weeley
19/01173/LUEX WPC is concerned at the accuracy of the red line on the site plan and feels that the erection of these fences and gates has resulted in a restricted access to Weeley Station.	Erection of boundary fences and gates	Land at Old Goods Yard, Weeley Railway Station, Clacton Road, Weeley
The applications above were responded to during the August recess		
19/01316/FUL WPC does not object to the renewal of permission for the proposed three bed bungalow; however, please see comments for the related application 19/01326/FUL	Continued planning permission for new 3 bedroom detached bungalow without complying with previous planning conditions for approval 16/01355/FUL.	1 Barnfields Clacton Road Weeley Heath
19/01326/FUL WPC does not object to the renewal of permission for the proposed three bed bungalow 19/01316FUL; ; however, WPC objects to this application for the following reasons. This conversion is described as an 'annex' to the main house but it is in fact a separate dwelling. Both the garage which is proposed for conversion and the proposed new garage are of significant size and represent over-development of this restricted site.	Conversion of existing garage to annexe and construction of a new garage.	1 Barnfields Clacton Road Weeley Heath
19/01237/FUL WPC does not object to this application as it seems in scale with the existing building	Single storey flat roof front and rear extensions etc	Little Millfields, 21 Mill Lane, Weeley

<p>19/01249/DETAIL WPC has no comment to make on the design of the bungalows but continues to have concerns about the purpose and position of the gate to the field shown on the plans.</p>	<p>Construction of 6 no. dwellings with associated garages and parking</p>	<p>Land adjacent 43 Mill Lane, Weeley</p>
<p>19/01201/OUT WPC objects to this application. Until recently Weeley Heath was a small settlement consisting of 250 or so houses and has been designated a small rural development in the emerging local plan.</p> <p>As part of the local plan consultation, TDC suggested that Weeley Heath could sustain 40 new properties, later doubling this number to 80.</p> <p>In the last couple of years, in excess of 120 residential units have been approved with a significant number more in the pipeline or subject to appeal.</p> <p>Weeley Heath simply cannot cope with more housing. Its character has already been damaged irreparably and this site is unsustainable and is not designated as a development site in the local plan.</p>	<p>Residential development of up to 80 dwellings, retail/pharmacy unit, public open space and associated infrastructure.</p>	<p>Land east of Bentley Road</p>
<p>19/01255/FUL WPC notes that this new application for a bungalow is on an enlarged site but it still constitutes backland development and there remain concerns about access via the long narrow driveway which would now serve two properties.</p>	<p>Detached chalet bungalow</p>	<p>Land adjacent Paddocks, Gutteridge Hall Lane, Weeley</p>
<p>19/01283/OUT The site is outside the settlement boundary; the infrastructure cannot sustain further development; the plans are not in character with the surrounding area and this application represents over-development of the site.</p>	<p>Outline application for six detached houses</p>	<p>Heath Lodge, Clacton Road, Weeley</p>

10. Local Plan

All comments to be with the Inspector by 30 September.

11. Highways & footpaths

11.1 Various footpaths and pavements to be reported to Essex Highways.

11.2 Mill Lane. Lorry damage to the road has already been reported.

12. Street lights

The following are not working: 9001 (repeat failure); 9092 The Street (repeat failure); 9088 Clacton Road.

13. Tree Warden

Some trees on the playing field have succumbed to drought.

14. Playing Field

It is pleasing to note the use of the football goals. The other net will be put up soon.

15. Playground

Minor repairs underway.

16. Grass cutting & maintenance

No problems to report.

17. TDALC

No meeting.

18. Rural policing

32 crimes in July. It was noted that the Special Constable scheme in Little Clacton is working well.

19. Councillor recruitment

A number of expressions of interest have been received and will be considered safter the closing date of 30 September.

20. Emergency plan

A number of minor amendments were noted. The emergency grab bag needs to be updated.

21. Petanque court

An indicative cost for a petanque court had been received. It was agreed to get additional quotes.

22. Special expenses

It was resolved that no changes are required to WPC's Special Expenses arrangements for 2020/2021. Proposed; Cllr Hamilton; seconded; Cllr Spong.

23. Finance

An application from Weeley in Bloom for a grant of £70 was approved. Proposed; Cllr Spong; seconded, Cllr Hamilton.

The external audit report was noted. Proposed; Cllr Botterell; seconded, Cllr Hamilton.

The following accounts for payments were approved. Proposed; Cllr Botterell; seconded; Cllr Hamilton.

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INVOICE DATE	CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	PURPOSE	£ NET	£ VAT	£ GROSS
21/07/2019	102978	ALPINE	KEMPTON PARK REPAIRS	1588.00	317.60	1905.60
The above invoice was paid during the August recess						
16/09/2019	102979	N BAKER	SALARY	875.70		875.70
16/09/2019	102979	N BAKER	MILEAGE	72.00		72.00
	102979	N BAKER	STATIONERY	9.80		9.80
19/08/2019	102979	TDC (N BAKER)	PLAY AREA INSPECTION	54.36		54.36
			TOTAL			1,011.86
16/09/2019	102980	HMRC	NI	17.40		17.40
31/07/2019	102981	A & J LIGHTING	STREET LAMP REPAIRS	418.85	83.69	502.14
01/08/2019	102981	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
01/09/2019	102981	A & J LIGHTING	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	99.98	20.00	119.98
			TOTAL			742.10
24/06/2019	102982 (RE-ISSUE of 102974)	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03
23/07/2019	102952	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03
31/07/2019	102982	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	TREES	160.00	32.00	192.00
23/08/2019	102982	KENDALL FACILITY MGMT	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.86	82.17	493.03
			TOTAL			1671.09
11/09/2019	102983	PKF	AUDIT FEE	300.00	60.00	360.00
01/08/2019	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	385.97	77.19	463.16
01/09/2019	DD	E-ON	STREET LIGHT ELECTRICITY	385.97	77.19	463.16
22/07/2019	DD	BT	TELEPHONE	35.79		35.79
21/08/2019	DD	BT		38.59		38.59

24. Further questions from the public

A further question was received about an overgrown footpath.