

Present: Cllrs C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Botterell, K. Millar, K. Green, L. Fitzpatrick, P. Gould, T. Spong and J. Beady. Also in attendance were 11 members of the public.

04/26.1 Apologies: None received.

04/26.2 Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the June Parish Council meeting held on 15th June 2026 were proposed by Cllr. Botterell, seconded by Cllr. Millar and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June as an accurate record of proceedings.

04/26.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Millar declared an interest in items 7/13/16 and 17. Cllrs. Beady and Fitzpatrick declared an interest in items 7 and 13.

04/26.4 Clerk's Report: The Clerk presented the previously circulated report attached as Appendix A. All Councillors confirmed they had read the report and there were some questions around the Defibrillator that the Clerk answered. **ACTION: Clerk to add Defibrillator back to The Circuit.**

04/26.5 Public Participation: The Chair invited the members of public in attendance to raise any questions/issues.

- A Member of Public (MOP) asked if some of the dead branches at Reed Pond could be removed. **ACTION: Cllr. Green to take a look.**
- A question was asked about putting a fence around the pond but the Council did not want to do this as there have been no accidents ever in the location.
- Deep water sign to be placed on the island possibly.
- A MOP mentioned the issues at Rectory Road which was moved to the end of the meeting.

04/26.6 Tendring District and Essex County Councils:

Neither Cllr. Harris or Bray attended and no report from either so nothing to report.

04/26.7 Correspondence: The Clerk mentioned the following Correspondence:

- Issues with Social Housing at Barleyfields which the Council are now to be copied into by Rose and the Police and Flagship Hosuing.
- Vehicle Speeding in Rectory Road. Clerk had responded to resident as the road is not suitable for Speedwatch and had also passed this message on to St Osyth's council.
- 2 Temporary Event Notices.
- WiB requests to add to the village. Council decided they liked the idea of bikes with flowers and a new lectern at Reed Pond with some history around the Witches Ducking Stool.
- Drains blocked at the Scout Hut. Council agreed to get these cleared as it is causing flooding issues. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange for drains to be cleared**
- Request from East of England Ambulance Charity which Clerk responded to and quoted the Council's Grant Policy.
- Weeley Crematorium has been granted Green Flag status.

04/26.8 Possible Celebration in 2027: Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to have a celebration of the 1100 anniversary of the Unification of England. Council will set up a group to plan this event and they will report back to full Council. They will hold a meeting in August to start planning and set a defined budget. Cllrs. Hamilton/Millar/Botterell and Green will be on this committee.

04/26.9 Bins: The Council voted unanimously to buy 3 new bins. One for the play area, and replacement bins at Church Lane and Reed Pond. The one bin at Reed Pond to be placed nearer the road so it is not forgotten. Council were happy with the bins presented at the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to purchase 3 new bins and arrange for**

them to be installed and the old ones to be relocated. Clerk to claim for S106 money

04/26.10 Retention Policy: Cllr Gould proposed a couple of changes which the Clerk made during the meeting. Cllr. Hamilton proposed and Cllr. Beady seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Data Retention Policy. **ACTION: Clerk to publish policy on website and add to the policy schedule**

04/26.11 Roads / Speeding: The Council discussed the various issues in Weeley with speeding and lack of crossing points and it was decided to look into the possibility of 3 crossings. One at the School, one on Thorpe Road and a 3rd along Colchester Road. **ACTION: Clerk to look into process and to phone the school for support. Also to speak to Dan Land re speed signs. Notice on Facebook**

04/26.12 Fence at Gutteridge Hall Lane: Cllr. Millar explained that this was no longer necessary as WiB had put planters in the location which has stopped the parking and therefore the risk has been removed.

04/26.13 WIB Grant Application: A representative of WIB was asked to speak and then the Cllrs minus Cllrs Millar/Beady and Fitzpatrick voted and it was unanimous to make the grant to WiB. **ACTION: Clerk to pay grant to WiB.**

04/26.14 Benches: The Council decided to get 5 new multi coloured picnic benches (2 of which should be Wheelchair benches) – 4 to go in the park and one at Reed Pond. Also a normal bench to replace the current rotting bench at Reed Pond and to include a plaque/engraving saying Weeley Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk to purchase the benches and to arrange for S106 money to pay for them.**

04/26.15 Playground Reports: This item will be moved to the reports section permanently.

04/26.16 Planning Applications: Council Members considered the applications set out in Appendix B and determined as shown.

04/26.17 Finance and Budget: The list of monthly payments was proposed by Cllr. Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. Gould and it was **RESOLVED:** To approve the list of payments set out in Appendix C.

04/26.18 Weeley Parish Council Reports:

- a) Street Lighting: nothing to report.
- b) Tree Warden: trees are struggling due to extreme conditions.
- c) Playing Field: Kompan coming next week. Bolt Covers replaced. Benches need refixing in playground area.
- d) Highways: Cllr Beady presented a report which is published on the Council's website.
- e) Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- f) Transport: Nothing to report.
- g) TDALC: Next meeting on Weds 22nd July.

04/26.19 Other Reports:

- a) Rural Policing: Cllr Hamilton reported 18 crimes in May.
- b) Speedwatch: Cllr. Beady presented her report which is published on the Council's website.
- c) Weeley Residents Ass: Cllr. Hamilton presented her report which is available on the Council's website.
- d) Weeley in Bloom (WiB): presented their report which is available on the Council's website
- e) Petanque Rink: presented their report which is available on the Council's website.

04/26.20 Public Participation: MOPs raised the following:

- Cars speeding on Bentley Road and motorbikes going to Great Bentley Green. Clerk suggested the residents log and send details to the Police and the Clerk.
- Objections to the Planning Application for 75 houses in Weeley

04/26.21 Items to be added to the next agenda:

- Christmas
- Update on event in 2027
- New Councillor Co-Option
- Cars opposite Pipers parked by Weeley Heath gates

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.43pm

Date of Next Meeting will be: Monday **21st September at 7.30pm** at Weeley Village Hall

Weeley Parish Council
Clerks Report – 20th July 2026

	Topic	Action/issue	Information	Status
1.	Reed Pond	Initiate Management Plan	- Obtain costs to install a chlorine pump - Publish report on website. - Purchase and install Lifebuoy at pond – complete - No progress on dredging	Lifebuoy now moved and flagpole erected. Flag purchased for St George's Day.. Reed Pond to be discussed at July Meeting Speaking to Kevin Green re work on the pond / Getting 3 quotes for next meeting 13/10 – Have second quote now but will move to later agenda as work will not start until next Spring now. Anonymous donation of £5000 received 10/2/26 – On Feb Agenda 23/2/26 – Contractor chosen just waiting for the work to start 6/7/26 – Work scheduled to start on 13th July 15/7/26 – Work complete but pond may be filled at later date. Bin at Reed Pond raised and added as new item.
2.	Investigate new Playground Equipment	Research	Contacted Kompan regarding a larger slide and they will site visit and give us estimates	Will seek further quotes, but, no rush on this item. 16/7 – Possible use of funds for paths and surfacing 29/7 – to get quotes for surfacing 10/9 – One quote for surfacing received but waiting on Playdale visit and ROSPA report 13/10 – Report received deciding on next steps 16/4 – Looking into safer surfacing for the area of uneven turf. One quote received and a further one being researched. 18/5 -Attempting to get one final quote 8/6 – On June Agenda 6/7 – Need to speak to all tenders as misunderstood what we needed
3.	Cloud Storage	Find Cloud Storage for Council documents	Currently the Laptop is backed up to a memory card. As part of our risk assessment we should also back everything up to the cloud. This should enable document sharing.	4/9 – Renewed Microsoft subscription which gives 1gb of storage for each of the 6 available accounts. I will begin to look at uploading most recent docs and making accessible to all. 13/11 – No progress

4.	TPOs	Keep a list of all trees in the area with TPOs	Using TDC and Richard Ransom records collate a list of all trees within Weeley that have current TPOs listed	6/1/26 – process started
5.	9.25/5	Finger Post at Crow Lane	Is this listed or should it be listed. Can we just clean it or replace it. Who owns it	22/1/26 – Clerk emailed highways Essex to clarify who owns the finger post and TDC to see if it is on a Local Heritage List 10/3- Chased Open Spaces for their permission 13/3 – Permission granted to replace – discuss on March agenda 9/4/26 – No progress 6/7/26 – Fingerpost ordered to be delivered in August
6.	9.25/6	Flashing Speed Signs	Possibility of installing some of these in Weeley	22/1/26 – Clerk emailed Cllr D Land to discuss
7.	10/26.8	Plaque request from WIB	Weeley in Bloom would like to place a plaque on the bench by the Fire Station in honour of a member who used to maintain this area	19/1 – Council voted to allow plaque 22/1 – Clerk notified WiB of permission 24/2 – Just awaiting confirmation from WIB of lettering 8/6 – Plaque seen now to arrange install 6/7/26 – Glue passed to WIB to install 21/7/26 – Plaque installed
8.	11.26/8	Barleyfields lighting	Contact Rose and discuss the options for lighting removal	27/2 – Spoken to Rose and sent them a Letter of Authority to speak to UK Power Networks to see what can be done with our lights. 18/5 – No update 8/6 – Chased Rose – no updates
9.	Defibrillator Theft	Defibrillator Stolen and needs to be replaced	Report to police and insurance and then research a new Case and Defibrillator.	20/4 – Reported to the Police 23/4 – reported to Insurance awaiting response 8/6 – Videos sent to Insurance awaiting response 30/6 – Payment received and new defib has been purchased just awaiting install 21/7/26 – Defib installed to be added back to the circuit
10.	Budgens	Issues for residents around 7 Colchester Road	Communicate between residents and TDC regarding ongoing issues at Colchester Road	1/6 – Raised further issues with the Planning dept at TDC 1/7 – Decisions made on lighting.
11.	02.26/11	Goalmouths and Hedge along Old Clacton Road	Previous goal mouths need restoring and the hedge along the road needs cutting back to allow cars to park there	18/5 – Council agreed to Goldacre doing the work 1/6 – Advised Goldacre to do the work but hedge cutting will wait until nesting season over 6/7 – Goal mouths restored.
12.	Dead Deer	Dead animal by St Andrews	Dead deer at St Andrews to be removed as a hazard	30/6 – reported to Environmental Services 1/7 – removed by Environmental services
13.	Barleyfields	Anti Social behaviour on Barleyfields	Rose and Tendring are looking into ASB on the estate and I have requested we are copied in.	29/6 – Contacted Rose builders so as to be kept in the conversation regarding ASB at Barleyfields.
14.	Abandoned Car	Report abandoned car in Hilltop	Resident on FB asked about abandoned car so reported to Tendring	5/7/26 – Reported to TDC

				20/7/26 – TDC reported they know the owner but have reported to DVLA as SORN but still on a public road.
15.	Broken bridge on Footpath	Report to TDC	Resident on FB complained about the bridge on Footpath 17.	6/7/26 – Phoned TDC and reported the issue on Footpath 17 9/7/26 – TDC have added it as one for repair.

APPENDIX B

Planning Applications for month to 20th July 2026

Date of Notification	Application No.	Details	Address	Resolution /Comment
24/6/26	26/00891/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - Two-storey front extension, extension of front and rear dormers and fenestration alterations	Nightingales 23 Mill Lane Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea	No comments if neighbours don't comment
24/6/26	26/00915/FUL	Planning Application - 2 No. self build/custom build dwellings with new vehicular access and parking and amenity areas.	Dale Brow Thorpe Road Weeley Clacton On Sea	As long as doesn't infringe on the listed building – garages or car ports
1/7/26	26/00969/OUT	Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Up to 75 dwellings, open space, landscaping, parking and sustainable urban drainage.	St Osyth Beach Estate Ltd Land East of Bentley Road Weeley Essex	Access / 60 not 75 / all previous objections. Bats protected under EU status
2/7/26	26/00979/NMA	Non Material Amendment to 25/01347/FULHH - Reduction in ground floor size of rear single storey extension.	1 Barnfields Clacton Road Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea	Approved
13/7/26	26/01033/FUL	Planning Application - Conversion of existing barn to one dwelling, including external alterations, associated parking, private amenity space, landscaping, cycle/refuse storage and use of the existing vehicular access	2 Fieldview Clacton Road Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea	No comment other than widths of roads same on both. Visibility splay – not much information
13/7/26	26/01044/LUEX	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development to regularise	Willow House Willow Park The Street Weeley	No comments.

		the use of an existing ancillary building and extension used for assisted living.		
16/7/26	26/01054/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - Single storey side and rear extension and new pitched roof porch to front.	Bridgend Clacton Road Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea	Close to neighbouring boundary line property and as long as no comments we do not object
16/7/26	26/00953/FUL	Planning Application - 1no. self-build dwelling and detached garage (following removal of existing covered swimming pool and outbuildings) with associated parking, landscaping and use of existing access.	2 Fieldview Clacton Road Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea	Visibility splay no measurements

Planning Determinations

26/00631/VOC Approval - Full 26.06.2026 Delegated Decision	Mr N Napier	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of application 24/01855/FUL to enable the proposed store to be repositioned.	Land Site opposite 6 Victoria Road Weeley Essex CO16 9EH
26/00647/ADV Approval - Advertisement Consent 30.06.2026 Delegated Decision as authorised by the officer detailed on the report	Mr Kiritto Sebamalaimuthu - Budgens	Application for Advertising Consent - 1 no. externally illuminated fascia sign and window vinyls.	7 Colchester Road Weeley Clacton On Sea Essex CO16 9JT
26/00717/FULHH Approval - Full 29.06.2026 Delegated Decision as authorised by the officer detailed on the report	Mr and Mrs Foster	Householder Planning Application - Single storey extension.	17 The Street Weeley Clacton On Sea Essex CO16 9JF

26/00761/FULHH Approval - Full 01.07.2026 Delegated Decision as authorised by the officer detailed on the report	<i>Mr S Butcher</i>	<i>Householder Planning Application - Proposed annex to rear of garage.</i>	10 St Andrews Close Weeley Clacton On Sea Essex CO16 9FX
26/00979/NMA Approval Non Material Amendment 08.07.2026 Delegated Decision as authorised by the officer detailed on the report	<i>Mr J Green</i>	<i>Non Material Amendment to 25/01347/FULHH - Reduction in ground floor size of rear single storey extension.</i>	1 Barnfields Clacton Road Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea Essex CO16 9EF

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