Minutes of the meeting of Weeley Parish Council held on 19th October 2026

Present: Cllrs C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Botterell, K. Millar, K. Green, P. Gould and T. Spong. Also in attendance were 15 members of the public.

06/26.1 **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Beady. It was proposed by Cllr. Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. Millar and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

06/26.2 **Minutes of the previous meetings**: The minutes of the September Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2026 were proposed by Cllr. Botterell, seconded by Cllr. Millar and it was **RESOLVED t**o approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September as an accurate record of proceedings.

06/26.3 **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr. Millar declared an interest in item 16

06/26.4 **Clerk's Report**: the Clerk presented the previously circulated Report. No questions.

06/26.5 **Public Participation**: The Chair invited the members of public in attendance to raise any questions/issues.

- A Member of Public (MOP) explained her plans for a Stumpery at Reed Pond in conjunction with Weeley in Bloom (WiB). This would be located at the back left of Reed Pond where the spoil was put after the pond was dug out. This will be planted this Autumn if the Council were happy to approve. The Council unanimously agreed it was a good use of the space and could go ahead.
- A MOP who is now the owner of the land at Clacton Road Spinney laid out his plans for the site to everyone present. He assured everyone that he will be working within the rules and is currently working on complying with the Enforcement notices before submitting a planning application for 3 homes on the site. The Council suggested that as the area was previously protected woodland that Planning approval would not be forthcoming. It was appreciated that the new owner came along to explain the situation.

06/26.6 **Tendring District and Essex County Councils**:

Neither Cllr. Harris nor Cllr. Bray were in attendance.

06/26.7 **Correspondence:** No correspondence to present.

06/26.8 **Co-Option of Councillor:** Mim Moy presented and Cllr. Botterell proposed and Cllr. Hamilton seconded and it was unanimously agreed to Co-Opt Cllr. Moy onto the Council. Cllr. Moy then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council for the rest of the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to complete Co-Option process and send documents and training to Cllr. Moy.**

06/26.9 **Speed Awareness Items:** Council discussed various options and decided to buy 2 Speed Awareness modules and attach them to our lamp posts. Cllr. Botterell will design a holder so they can move to various locations. Cllr. Spong proposed and Cllr. Hamilton seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase and install these modules. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate and purchase and deliver to Cllr. Botterell for install.**

06/26.10 **Emergency Plan:** Cllr. Hamilton will review the plan and consult Government advice on Grab Bag etc. **ACTION: All Cllrs to review and let Cllr Hamilton know if any of the contacts are out of date.**

06/26.11 **Christmas Tree Lighting Event:** Cllr. Hamilton updated as follows:

- Due to the regrettable passing of Mrs Christmas the Post Lady will now come along and give out sweets to children who send a letter to Santa.
- The Roundabout will be there again.
- The bus company have been contacted.
- The event will be on 29th November

ACTION: Clerk to purchase 2 pop-up gazebos 3m x 3m

06/26.12 Birth of England 1100 Year Celebration: Cllr Millar provided an update. The event is still within budget and there is a meeting on 20th October of the committee. The Clerk advised that once we have a receipt for the Marquee TDC will pay us £500 from the Locality Fund.

06/26.13 Installation of various items: It was agreed that Cllr. Green and the Clerk will meet on the 20th October and discuss and decide positions of all items. **ACTION: Cllr. Green and Clerk to meet and decide on all positions.**

06/26.14 Land at Spinney: Clerk explained the discussions between TDC Planning and himself and also the discussions between himself and On-Point developers.

06/26.15 Planning Applications: Council Members considered the applications set out in Appendix B and determined as shown.

06/26.16 Finance and Budget: The list of monthly payments was proposed by Cllr. Hamilton and seconded by Cllr. Botterill and it was **RESOLVED:** To approve the list of payments set out in Appendix C.

06/26.17 Weeley Parish Council Reports:

a) Street Lighting: Cllr. Green had nothing to report.
b) Tree Warden: Cllr. Green mentioned the tree at Loop Green and asked that it be mentioned to Clive Dawson.
c) Playing Field: Various low level things need attention.
d) Highways: The Clerk presented the report on behalf of Cllr. Beady which is published on the Council's website.
e) Footpaths: Nothing to report. Cllr. Moy will take over this role.
f) Transport: Cllr. Millar had nothing to report.
g) TDALC: Cllr. Botterell was away for the meeting.

06/26.18 Other Reports:

a) Rural Policing: Cllr Hamilton reported 23 crimes in August the same as July.
b) Speedwatch: The Clerk presented the report on behalf of Cllr. Beady 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 websitet.

06/26.19 Public Participation: MOPs raised the following:

- Will we be putting the speed module on Telegraph poles – no only on Parish Council owned Lamp Posts.
- The fence around the Christmas Tree is damaging it. Can it be moved. Agreed to move it approximately a metre further away.
- The location of the bin by Petanque. New bins should be installed closer to paths. The locations are already decided and all closer to paths.
- Parking at the station has improved since the Council began writing to TDC about this.

06/26.20 Items to be added to the next agenda:

- Playground quotes
- Budget
- Extra Camera
- Gates for Bentley Road and Rectory Road
- Speed Cameras
- New Councillor Co-Option

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.35pm

Date of Next Meeting will be: **Monday 16th November at 7.30pm** at Weeley Village Hall

Weeley Parish Council

Clerks Report – 19th October 2026

	Topic	Action/issue	Information	Status
1.	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** **7/9 – New quotes being collected** **19/10 – Final company inspected today – on November Agenda**
2.	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**
3.	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**
4.	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 **18/8 – Fingerpost being delivered to Cllr Green on 20th August** **7/9 – Delivered awaiting install**

5.	9.25/6	Flashing Speed Signs	Possibility of installing some of these in Weeley	**22/1/26 – Clerk emailed Cllr D Land to discuss**
6.	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**
7.	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.**
8.	Abandoned Car	Report abandoned car in Hilltop	Resident on FB asked about abandoned car so reported to Tending	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.
9.	Bin at Reed Pond	Too close to bench	Bin relocated at Reed Pond is now too near to the bench so we need moved again so we will replace it with a new bin and put it nearer the road	18/8 – Awaiting delivery of new bins before moving bins and replacing **7/9 – New bins delivered awaiting install**
10.	Bollards	Bollards to be placed in the grass verges opposite and around the car show rooms	Cars being parked on the grass verges around the car showroom to be sold. Place some sort of bollards to stop this practice.	18/8 – no progress currently **14/10 – Awaiting update from Peter Harris**
11.	Honeypot Lane	Bridleway sign painted over another issues	A resident contacted me about the hedges being ripped out over time. The stream being filled in and the latest issue the bridleway sign has been painted over.	24/7/26 – Sent email to TDC Environmental Services 7/9 – Asked Chris Dyson to look at the hedging to cut back **14/10 – Hedges cut back**
12.	Picnic benches	5 new multi coloured picnic benches to be ordered	5 new picnic benches to be ordered (multi coloured) 2 accessible benches.	13/8/26 – Consulted with TDC and confirmed we can use S106 money 14/8/26 – benches now ordered awaiting delivery. Once received and paid need to contact TDC for the monies 7/9 – Still awaiting delivery **14/1- - Delivered to be installed**
13.	Reed Pond Bench	Bench to replace the one that is starting to rot at Reed Pond	Council agreed to purchase a single recyclable plastic bench inscribed with Weeley Parish Council. Old bench to be passed to Andrew and his guys to see if they can restore or shorten the rotten wood. Plaque to be kept and placed on the new bench	13/8/26 – Consulted with TDC and received confirmation of S106 monies. 14/8/26 – Bench ordered awaiting delivery. Once received contact TDC for monies. 7/9 – Still awaiting delivery **14/10 – Delivered awaiting install**

14.	Bins	3 new bins to be ordered	3 new bins to be ordered to be placed at Church Lane, by the Playground and at Reed Pond	13/8/26 – Consulted with TDC and confirmed we can use S106 monies for the bins. 14/8/26 – Bins ordered awaiting delivery – contact TDC for S106 monies once received. **7/9 – Bins delivered awaiting install**
15.	Caravan on Spinney	Reported that a caravan and cars are back in the Spinney	Working with John Cutting at Little Clacton PC to alert Enforcement to the arrival and clearance of the site once again against the enforcement notice	18/8/26 – Spoken to Piers and this is being handled by Matt Deal. Both myself and John have sent letters to Enforcement with concerns over the activities on this site again. **14/10 – Spoken to the new owner now awaiting plans – should be at the meeting on 19th October**
16.	Public Bridleway Sign	Resident reported an issue with the Public Bridleway sign	Public Bridleway sign at Footpath Little Clacton 12 appears to have either faded or deliberately been darkened.	15/8/26 – Reported to Highways and they will take no action 18/8/26 – Possibly repaint the letters in white? Speaking to WIB about this. 7/9 – TDC taking no action so suggest we paint the letters back in ourselves **14/10 – WiB repainted the letters and resident happy**
17.	Prep for Co-Option	Resignation of Cllr Cauvain / Cllr Fitzpatrick	Cllr Cauvain has resigned and the Co-Option process has been started. Cllr Fitzpatrick is stepping down after the September meeting.	18/8/26 – 3 candidates for Cllr Cauvains role to be reviewed and one to be co-opted at October meeting Cllr Fitzpatrick documents to be prepared in advance of the September meeting so we can get them out within legal requirements despite me being in Portugal. **14/10 – No election called so Co-Opt message to be put out** **15/10 – Co-option notices gone up. Should be complete for next meeting in November**
18.	CCTV	Suggestion of an extra CCTV camera to cover Old Clacton Road	TDC ASB and the Police have said there is no reason not to cover Clacton Road with CCTV so we should look into this as to whether we need another camera or they can be moved to cover more areas	**19/10/26 – Speaking to ICO about this**
19.	Police Advise	Advise from police after incidents	Arrange a visit from Angie Pearson from Essex Police to discuss issues and resolutions	**19/10/26 – Kevin Millar and myself met with Angie and have some possible actions to undertake**

APPENDIX B

Date of Notification	Application No.	Details	Address	Resolution /Comment
2/10/26	26/01508/FULHH	Householder Planning Application - Installation of second vehicular access to highway.	Mr Gary Hogan, Magnolia Cottage 58 Weeley Road Little Clacton Clacton On Sea	No comment
14/10/26	26/00052/REFUSE / 25/01297/FUL	Planning Application - Proposed development for 13 residential dwellings and associated landscaping, parking and access	Nigel and Julia Barrington-Fuller	Already commented

Planning Determinations

26/01086/FULHH -Approval - Full 14.09.2026 Delegated Decision as authorised by the officer detailed on the report	*Mr Carl Olley*	*Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory)*	*Shaldon, Clacton Road, Weeley Heath Clacton On Sea, Essex, CO16 9ED*
26/01044/LUEX - Lawful Use Certificate Granted 13.10.2026	*Mr Mitesh Dhanak - Precious Homes Ltd*	*Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development to regularise the use of an existing ancillary building and extension used for assisted living.*	*Willow House, Willow Park, The Street, Weeley, Clacton On Sea, Essex. CO16 9JE*

APPENDIX C

PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION: OCT 2026

Invoice Dat	Invoice No.	Account	Payee	Service	NET (£)	VAT (£)	GROSS (£	VAT No	Setup Pyt
01/10/2026	MEM260288-1	Unity Current	SLCC	SLCC Membership	£158.00	£0.00	£158.00		Y
31/10/2026		Unity Current	S Gunter	Clerk Wages October	£900.43	£0.00	£900.43		Y
31/10/2026		Unity Current	S Gunter	Clerk Expenses	£16.70	£0.00	£16.70		Y
20/10/2026		Unity Current	Essex Pension Fund	Clerk Pension October	£277.32	£0.00	£277.32		Y
01/10/2026	9552-1	Unity Current	Devil Stick Pete	Performer for 2027 Celebration (deposit)	£101.00	£0.00	£101.00		Y(Paid)
05/10/2026	470	Unity Current	Mark Harper	Performer for 2027 Celebration (deposit)	£135.00	£0.00	£135.00		Y(Paid)
21/10/2026	IV04970854	Barclays (DD)	SSE Energy Solutions	Parish Lighting September	£239.43	£11.97	£251.40	553 7696 03	N(DD)
21/10/2026	10011563738	Barclays (DD)	Castle Water	Reed Pond Water September	£7.79	£0.00	£7.79		N(DD)
09/10/2026	INV-1199	Unity Current	Goldacre Contracting	Verges, Reed Pond and Playing Field 8th Cut	£459.00	£91.80	£550.80	366952259	Y
09/10/2026	INV-1200	Unity Current	Goldacre Contracting	Hedge at Village Hall and Kempton Park	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	366952259	Y
20/10/2026		Unity Current	HMRC	National Insurance Q2	£244.06	£0.00	£244.06		Y
14/10/2026		Barclays (DC)	Land Registry	Multiple Title and Detail Deeds	£63.00	£0.00	£63.00		N(DC)
20/10/2026		Unity Current	Steve Gunter	Canon Ink Subscription (Sept)	£3.32	£0.67	£3.99	398669467	Y
15/10/2026	WVH-4829	Unity Current	Weeley Village Hall	Meetings (July - Sept)	£170.00	£0.00	£170.00		Y
15/10/2026	WVH-4830	Unity Current	Weeley Village Hall	Quarterly Utilities	£103.20	£0.00	£103.20		Y
31/10/2026		Unity Current (DD)	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charge (Sept)	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00		N(DD)
				TOTALS	**£3,365.25**	**£200.44**	**£3,565.69**		
							£3,236.50		

Barclays Bank balances as at 19th October 2026; current account £359.61; deposit account £14,246.85

Unity Bank balances as at 19th October; current account £3720.22, Savings Account £103235.66

Total in Bank	£121,562.34
Less Oct Pyts	£3,565.69
Total	£117,996.65

PreApproved Payments

01/10/2026	£101.00	Devil Stick Pete	Entertainment for 2027 Event
05/10/2026	£135.00	Mark Harper	Entertainment for 2027 Event
14/10/2026	£63.00	Land Registry	Title Deeds for Spinney Clacton Road
	£236.00	**Total**	

Receipts

30/09/2026	£476.19	Barclays	Interest
14/10/2026	£23,067.00	TDC	Precept 2nd Instalment
	£23,543.19	**Total**	