

Weekley Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Weekly Parish Council held at Boughton Estates Office on Thursday 15th December 2016 at 6.30pm

Present Cllr Toni Wilkins, Peter Chew, Rachael Gladstone-Brown, Matt Tartaglia
KBCllr Mark Rowley
Residents Gareth Fitzpatrick, James Smith, Valerie Peel
Claire Tilley- Clerk

1. **Apologies-** members approved apologies for absence from Brian Peel
2. **Declaration of Interests** –None relevant
3. **Public Session-** Gareth spoke about the
 - a) **Cricket Club** Demolition is causing an issue with neighbouring properties, with regards to wood pile and rats in garden. Also unhappy about outside users not respecting village. James spoke on behalf of cricket club- want to maintain good relations between club and parish council. Spoke about trying to bring it into the modern era, with a larger communal room. With regards to the wood- three skip loads taken away already- taking loads in cars as well- trying to clear it as fast as possible. Discussed having a controlled bonfire to remove the pile.
 - b) **Communication from Parish Council-** Complained about lack of this in general and with planning applications- hadn't seen the one for cricket pavilion. Councillors explained about notices going on Notice Board, and being placed on website. **Resolved that Clerk would produce a flyer and Matt will deliver in village** to inform residents of the website, and to pass these details to Gareth.
 - c) **Mobile phone connection issues-** no signal at Church end of village- has approached various providers- none have records of any coverage. Offcom coverage. Heard on national radio that advised that local councils have a digital roll out officer- and money should be going to rural areas for improving this. Apparently KBC officer is Michael Chester- engineering technician. **Mark Rowley offered to take this forward** as believed it may fall under his remit. Mast in the Chase for EE was turned off. Next closest transmitter is Ise Lodge.
 - d) **Issues with road closures-** wondered if council got notifications, which they don't.

Toni thanked Gareth and James for a productive conversation, and Clerk will endeavour to improve the website for all village users and groups.

4. **Reports-** Police

Email from Sgt Little 1 criminal damage – electric gate at Boughton House being forced by unknown persons. Will be asking for extra attention to the Lane and the Church following issues raised by Councillors at the Rural Forum

Borough Councillor Mark- recent meeting – council tax support capped at 45%- highest in UK. Planning- letter had gone out to parish councillors about stopping paper correspondence- but this has been quashed until gone to consultations

Rural Forum, - Mark went- Truck stops- police can't stop trucks parking in layby- as no -where in borough for them to park. One place has planning- KBC going to look into this

There is also a new rural police inspector

NHW- Update- no new members. Should be police visits up Weekly Wood Lane- Matt emailed Margaret Lawson to check frequency. Alerts about keeping outbuildings locked. Quiet crime wise at present.

Boughton Estates- Christmas Fayre now on

EKLF- meeting 6-10-16 Toni attended. Some issues with new roundabout on Deeble Rd. Barton Rd, Warkton Lane- traffic lights due next summer after planning sorted for houses on entrance road.

Junc 10- ongoing. Wicksteed park, Barton Rd- at a standstill as is Junc 10a. Health provision report delayed

5. **Minutes of last meeting**- Meeting 20th September 2016- agreed and signed.
6. **Action points** arising from Minutes of last meeting-
 - a) Weekly Wood Lane- sign still not up. Council keeping it clean on the whole
7. **Chair update**- nothing to report
8. **BT phone box**- going to be removed- councillors decided not to keep it as is a modern glass one with no significant character to the village- **Clerk to let KBC know**
9. **Finance**- members received a current account of financial situation showing a balance of £2287.35
 - a) Resolve to pay the following

Claire Tilley	Clerk salary	£215.98	Chq 100411	LGA 1972 s112
Claire Tilley	Clerk expenses	£67.50	Chq 100412	LGA 1963 S5
HMRC	Clerk PAYE	£54.20	Chq 100413	LGA 1972 s112
Boughton Estates	Memorial Wreath	£17.00	Chq 100414	LGA 1948 S133

- b) Members considered whether to adopt the SJC pay scale and agreed to do so
- c) Members had received a draft budget for next years' precept. After discussion it was agreed to maintain it at £1500, as this will cover the budget and any surplus could be used for village improvements

10. **Correspondence circulated/available from clerk**

- Letter received from Gareth Fitzpatrick regarding the cricket pavilion- he came in person
- Clerk & Council Direct
- NCALC e update
- Northamptonshire Countryside design guide

11. **Planning**- Cherry Hall Lane KET/2016/0779- members had all looked on line at application and were in support- **Clerk informed KBC**

12. **Dates for next meetings**- 21st March 2017, 9th May 2017

13. **Items for next meeting**- State of repair and location of, Parish Council Notice Board.

Meeting closed 8.30pm