



**Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026,
Weldon Village Hall Annex starting at 18:45**

Councillors Present	Peter Dowsett, John Cooke, Jon Frohmaier, Janet Gibson, Angela Page (Chair), Michael Page, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray and Kane Taylor
Also Present	Claire Ducker (Clerk), Rural Cllr Eddie McDonald, PCSO Ali Wallace, 1 representative from PHPNA and 3 members of the public

26.307 **Apologies were received from Cllrs Clowery and Vickers, these were accepted**

26.308 **To receive the Chair's Report** - Cllr A Page read the Chair's report as follows:

Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their commitment to support this parish of Weldon and the work of our very able clerk, Claire Ducker, who guides us and keeps us organised.

As ever, it has been a busy year. We welcome the new ward councillors, Eddie McDonald and Barry O'Brien. We thank them for their attendance at our meetings, for listening and taking on board some of our issues and those of our residents.

Sadly, we are still championing for a safe crossing on the A43. NNC Highways have attended meetings with us and Persimmions to venture a way forward. Weldon Parish Council (WPC) will continue to work on this on behalf of residents who often raise the issue of traffic and parking and aim for safer roads for all, with road speed reductions and the 20's plenty campaign. We should finally see the implementation of the calming measures that are part of the conditions for the Weldon Park development. More VAS speed signs have been installed and more are approved for PHP. WPC have also been working with Magna Park to stop the HG Vehicals from illegally driving through Weldon, High St. You may have seen the larger signs, so the lorry drivers have no excuse for not knowing the Weight limit on the roads.

In all our endeavours, NNC tell us they do not have the money to pay for such signs, calming measures, etc., but our big question is how the S106 monies are spent? Certainly not in our area, but they have over £75.8 million in the pot from S106 funds, as highlighted by Lee Barron MP. Questions must be asked of the County Councillors to explain to the voters



what the officers are doing with the funds.

There are constant emails to NNC and the Waste recycling depot about the danger of queues to the site on Kettering Rd. I thank all those involved in dealing with this dangerous and unmanaged traffic issue.

The volunteering Gardening Group has brought colour to our village and will continue to work with the clerk and PC on decisions of planting, etc. Let's hope more residents will join the group and more permanent, sustainable plants flourish, which is in line with the eco-friendly ethos of WPC and enhance their hope of gaining a higher award for Britain in Bloom award.

WPC worked with other groups to remember VE Day. Even though the weather wasn't on our side, everyone had an enjoyable evening with music from two bands, various catering and the parade, led by RBL and Scouts to lead us to light the beacon.

The WPC are working to put electrics on the Village Green to support future events. The students from Weldon Village Academy helped with Carol singing and the lighting of our new Christmas tree. The tree replaced the Tank that, sadly, had deteriorated badly. New shoots are evident to show it has settled well and will be a new focal point for our village. It isn't only Christmas when it can be decorated.

It is a shame that we heard the very popular Weldon Village Fete will not happen this year. Our thanks go to the members of the WVF committee for their efforts in bringing an amazing, fun day to the village. WPC has always supported this event through grant funding.

WPC has the pleasure of agreeing grants for many other local groups in the parish, such as:

- *Weldon Pre School*
- *Weldon CofE School*
- *Priors Hall School.*
- *Scouts*
- *St Mary's Church*
- *RBL*
- *Weldon Park Association*
- *Priors Hall Park*
- *Weldon Cricket Club, to name a few.*

We have seen how these groups have flourished from the grant funding.



The Youth Group, funded by WPC, is now run by Youth Inspire, offering a safe place for youngsters to meet, play games and gain new, useful skills.

Our new website is up and running and is a good base to share information for all. WPC has access to the noticeboards in the Old Village.

We hope that Persimmions will provide notice boards on the growing housing development of Weldon Park and WPC can put notices there and in PHP to support our community as a whole.

The school pupils of all the schools in our parish provided artwork that has been displayed on the noticeboards and in the Gander Field, a piece of waste land that WPC has enhanced for all to enjoy after grant funding and donations from BAM Developers of WVA.

We are fortunate to have new members to Co.opt in place of those stepping down. I'm sure they will quickly get to grips with the work of the PC.

All councillors are encouraged to attend training sessions or webinars as legislation and procedures are ever-changing and it is very important that councillors keep up to date. Not have the attitude 'that's how we have always done it or did it like that in the past!'

I will be stepping down as Chair and eventually as a councillor. I have seen a positive change for WPC in my 9 years. I'll admit it has been hard work at times, but as a corporate body, we have worked well to make it a strong PC with many achievements and we have a good clerk to guide us.

Thank you.

Cllr Angela Page

Chair of Weldon Parish Council

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- 26.309 To receive comments from the members of the public on the Chairman's Report** - No comments were received.
- 26.310 Election of Chair for 2026/2027 and Declaration of Acceptance to Office** - Cllr A Page proposed that Cllr J Frohmaier be elected as Chair for 2026/2027, Cllr K Taylor seconded this proposal, all in favour. Cllr J Frohmaier accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office.



Cllr A Page proposed that she remain as a Councillor for a further month to support and oversee the transition of the newly appointed Chair. This was agreed by all Councillors. Cllr J Frohmaier requested that Cllr A Page remain as Chair for the following meeting, Cllr A Page accepted.

- 26.311 Election of Vice Chair for 2026/2027** - Cllr A Page proposed that WPC have 2 Vice chairs to support the newly elected Chair, this was agreed by all Councillors. Cllr C Shepard proposed that Cllr P Dowsett be re-elected as Vice Chair for 2026/2027. Cllr J Frohmaier seconded this proposal, all in favour. Cllr P Dowsett accepted. Cllr J Frohmaier proposed Cllr J Gibson as the second Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr A Page, Cllr J Gibson accepted.
- 26.312 Co-opting of new Councillors** - The Co-option of Harry Merrell was proposed by Cllr A Page and seconded by Cllr J Frohmaier, all in favour.
- 26.313** Councillors were reminded of the requirement to ensure their Register of Interests is up to date at all times
<https://northantscalc.gov.uk/councillor-forms-and-documents>
- 26.314 To review the Councillor Code of Conduct and to acknowledge the seven principles of public life** - Councillors were reminded to reread through the Code of Conduct and to acknowledge the Seven Principles of Public Life in their Standing Orders folder. All in agreement and signed by Cllr J Frohmaier and the Clerk.
- 26.315 To appoint members to the following Committees:**
- **Finance** – Cllrs Cooke, Frohmaier, Gibson and Taylor.
 - **HR** – Cllrs Gibson, Frohmaier, Stray and Taylor.
 - **Traffic Working Group** – Cllr Dowsett accepted to continue running this working group
 - **Planning** - items are to be discussed at Full Council unless they require more discussion, then the Clerk will arrange a meeting via Zoom. Cllr Shepard agreed to be the point of contact for any planning applications received.
 - **NDP working group - to review and complete NDP** - Cllrs Dowsett, Frohmaier, A Page, Merrell and Shepard
 - NDP final edition to be sent to Napiers for review at the cost of £375 + VAT. All in agreement.
 - **Communications Working Group** - meetings as and when required - meetings to include moving forward with Weldon in Wide magazine



The chair will be agreed upon at each of their first meetings and agree to the Terms of Reference.

26.316 All councillors were given the following to sign and complete:

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- Electronic Service of Summons Consent Form
- GDPR Security Compliance Checklist

This being all the business, Cllr A Page closed the meeting at 19:15

Signed <i>JGibson</i>	Date 1st June 2026
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