

**Weedon Bec Parish Council -  
Status Report 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014**



**Weedon Parish Council:**

No status report provided by WSA in June/July as the focus has been on Weedon Weekender organisation. However progress has continued to submit the Planning Application at the earliest opportunity.

**Lease**

No further progress required on lease at this point.

**Neighbourhood Planning Group:**

Very useful and informative meeting with NP group where WSA were able to present the scheme plans for the Community Sports Changing Facility building.

Further work in the future with regard how the NP group can include this project into the NP report may be required.

Consideration for the amount of sports field provision for the village was highlighted as being under provisioned for current state let alone with proposed new build homes %'s that could affect Weedon. Additional land may need to be looked at under the Community Right to Buy scheme.

The WSA have been invited by the Steering Group to have their stand at the Consultancy Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Planning Application preparations**

Soil test results now available and indicate that a soakaway is not suitable – working on the alternative drainage options.

A survey of invert levels to existing drainage where the new connections could be effected has taken place. The WSA have also made the PC aware of a surface water manhole situated on the Jubilee adjacent to the new dwelling garden at Bridge St. The outfall of this drain run is unknown

Rework underway for HVAC now that information has been provided from a new consultant who has offered his time pro-bono (thanks to a contact with Church Roof project)

Noise Consultant is now reworking his reports based on new HVAC report received

WSA / WAA Planning Task list items status - planning meeting to begin to draw up and finalise all matters ready for submission is to be planned for September

Flood Risk Report - based on soil report findings the required changes now need to be incorporated into the FRA.

Final scheme drawings 99% complete for planning submission – awaits outcome of soil drainage assessment as this may change the requirement for drainage versus soak away – work to finalise these are to be scheduled for September 2014

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Planning and Heritage Statement to be prepared - work has commenced by professional volunteer who used to live on the village - WIP and has been chased – awaiting a response

Play equipment report - updates to plans now in place and were reported back to Playing Field Group where general agreement reached. Awaiting feedback from Full Council.

The WSA await information from WBPC regarding the soils content of the large mound

The WSA await information as to the progress of the proposed drainage survey to the Jubilee Field being carried out by WBPC

### **WSA Fundraising**

400 Club continues to bring in a regular income and a few more members have signed up in the last couple of months.

Mystic Crew - A night of Reggae and good fun tunes - November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 - To be held in the village hall. Ticket price TBC and posters will be out soon

At least one or two quizzes are planned for the remainder of 2014 plus an alternative 'comedy improv theatrical evening' – all dependant on village hall availability

**Weedon Weekender** - this WSA organised Community Event has been a resounding success. Huge amounts of positive feedback, no real issues although a couple of noise complaints but the Environmental Health officer was quite happy with everything, Jubilee Field not subject to any damage and the field left very tidy (no one would have known an event taken place and several people have mentioned this !)  
Residents of this village were very proud to be part of this event and have something like this on their doorstep. Already folk are asking for one next year!  
Mop up meeting is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Grants**

#### **Weedon Weekender event was successful in receiving:**

- a grant for £9740 from Awards for All (lottery)
- a donation of £500 from Parish Council towards the event
- a donation of £350 from Advile ( a local company)
- a donation of £250 from Weedon Garrison
- a donation of burgers from a local butcher
- several donations from local Residents who gave money during and after the event (as they enjoyed it so much)
- many hours of Pro-Bono time from volunteers who gave up self-employed work or holidays in order to set-up on

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the Friday and subsequent clearing of the field  
to return it to Community use



For the Community Build project – the monitoring of available grants continues

### **Business Plan:**

A new WSA volunteer has come forward to move this plan forward based on what is known today. No further progress at present

No planning approval = no business plan required = no lease required !

### **Communications:**

- WSA committee members talk regularly with residents of the village to appraise of progress
- WSA website is maintained to provide progress reports when relevant
- WSA volunteers continue to attend WBPC meetings
- WSA will be present at the Village Show
- The WSA have advised the PC that the surface water drainage in Bridge St is completely silted up.
- The WSA have also made the PC aware of a surface water manhole situated on the Jubilee adjacent to the new dwelling garden at Bridge St. The outfall of this drain run is unknown
- Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Cllr Alan Hills, Cllr Kevin Perry, Cllr Ian Duly, Cllr Eddie Reeves are appraised with updates regarding project. Cllr Robin Brown will also be included on this circulation.
- Daventry Express have asked if they could do an article on the Scheme proposals. WSA have suggested this is put on hold until the Planning Application is submitted - to notify them when ready

### **Special Events**

**The Weedon Weekender** event has reinforced the Weedon Sports Association place in the village as a community based group and highlighted to many residents that they are a committed group. It has also demonstrated the prowess of the organising abilities of the Committee as well as the enthusiasm to provide Community focussed vents. Many residents, who are new to the village, got involved in helping at the event. Many more who attended over the weekend, now appreciate how much effort was involved in hosting the Bank Holiday Weekend event, are offering to help and support the WSA at future events.

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The WSA Committee extend their thanks to the Parish Council for making the Jubilee Field available for this event

**Interaction with local Groups**

The WSA met with FOWSA and the School Guvnors prior to them breaking up to discuss several matters including scheme. WSA have provided enduring trophies for sports day which was very well received by both Teachers and the Children.

This is also the start of establishing what will hopefully be a combined working relationship to deliver good things for the school and also for the school to be a part of the scheme.

**Existing temporary Changing Facility**

The WSA have recently expended several hundred pounds on maintenance elements for the existing changing unit

End of Report

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