#### PRESENT:

Councillors M. Nairn Chairman, M Lister Vice Chairman, M Buxton, M Burlingham, T Childerhouse, C. Drewry, County Cllr I. Monson, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council

There were 10 members of the public and Mr J Reay Handyman

#### 1. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### 2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs Smith, Walmsley and Prosser

## 3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 having been previously circulated were approved. This was proposed by Cllr Burlingham, Seconded by Cllr Drewry and all agreed. The Chair signed the minutes.

## 4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 5. MEETING SUSPENDED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised a concern about the planning application for 44 St Edmund Road, in particular the windows in the roof, following a discussion the Chair advised that the Parish Council can make comments about the planning but they will not make any difference to the final decision. Another member of the public complained about the state of the new surface on the paths and roads, the Chair explained that all works had been stopped because of the poor quality and he will be meeting with the Highways engineer regarding this problem. Another member of the public raised the subject of the 64 houses that are being built 43 coming under Forest Heath and the remaining in Norfolk (Weeting side of the Railway crossing) he asked if Norfolk could look at improving the safety measures on the roads coming from and too this new estate, the Chair said that the Parish Council have tried to get the 30 mph speed limit extended but this has been turned down by Highways, the Chair said he will bring this concern up when he meets with Highways. The same member of the public asked when the work will be complete on the lamp post at the end of Peppers Close, the chair said that the work is in progress and will be completed very soon. The same member of the public then went on to say that the girls of Weeting (one of them being Cllr Drewry) took part in a fund raising event recently and he congratulated them in raising the best of part of £250,000 for St Nicholas Hospice. A member of the public who is the owner of the radio mast that is believed to be causing interference to a nearby garden centre was at the meeting and following discussion the Chair explained that it was not just one person that was complaining about the interference and that BT need to investigate the problem, the mast owner said he was not aware of anyone else that was complaining about this. A member of the public asked if the Harvest Centre which is a place of worship can be used as a dwelling, the Chair explained that that it can be used for other functions such as a dwelling.

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING

#### 6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues

Post on corner of Saxon Place – it was agreed that this is probably not going to get straightened. New painted slow signs on the road into the village – still outstanding. Sam 2 Speed signs - the Chair and the Clerk met with the lighting contractor to discuss the best place to put these, the Chair explained that there is going to be one as you come into the village from Brandon, the second will be on the Hockwold Road facing the island that will be a two facing sign and the next one will be in Park View this will also be a two facing sign. These signs cannot be placed in a 40mph area. Recent new Surfacing on the footpaths in Weeting - the chair asked Cllr Monson if he knew anything about any remedial work that is in the pipe line, Cllr Monson said he will find out for the Council. Pot Hole in Grimes Graves - this has been filled in. Peppers High Hill/ Mundford Road—bushes obstructing vision to motorist – the Chair said he had complained about the bushes on the highways website, Cllr Monson will speak to the Highways officers.

#### 6.2 Street Lighting –Street Lighting Officers report

Cllr Burlingham said she has reported 5 lights that were not working.

#### 6.3 Playing Field/Open Spaces

Cllr Lister said that there is still a problem with dog waste not being cleared away. A lot of trimming is going on around the village. Cllr Drewry said that the hedge at number 7 Rectory Lane is obstructing the foot path – the Clerk will send a letter. Cllr Lister said that around Peppers Close on the main road there is a lot of brambles coming out on to the road- the Clerk will report this to Highways department. The Chair said that the four plates had been put back on the village sign. Cllr Childerhouse said that are lots of lovely trees in the village and following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk enquire what trees in the village has TPO's. Cllr Lister said that bushes/trees have still not been trimmed back in the right of way between Lynn Road and Angerstein Close opposite Green Lane, the Clerk will chase this up with Highways.

## 6.4 Trod – update on the progress

The trod is complete and it is being used. The Clerk said that there is still a chance that the Norfolk Partnership Scheme may still give the Parish Council some money towards this.

#### 6.5 Speed Watch Scheme – update on progress

There are now 7 volunteers for this and the organizer said that this should be up and running very soon.

#### 6.6 Bus Shelter

The School has been offered the disused bus shelter in Peppers Close, they are still to confirm if they want this or not.

#### 6.7 Dog Fouling Posters drawn by the School Children - update

The posters that have been drawn by some of the school children have been put up around the village and pencils, erasers and bookmarks will be awarded to the children concerned. Everyone agreed that the posters were absolutely super.

## 6.8 Radio interference at Fengate Drove

This was discussed earlier in the meeting during public participation.

#### 6.9 Bowls Club – Lease Hold Agreement

Copies have been circulated to the Cllrs. The AGM is in October.

#### 7. REPORTS

## 7.1 Chairman's Report

The chair said that the local plan has been produced and is out for consultation. Weeting is not proposed for any new housing development.

## 7.2 Clerks Report

The Clerk read out the following report

- Contacted Mrs Sheward regarding tree cutting
- Contacted Revd Horan regarding the Churchyard maintenance
- Informed Norfolk Highways partnership scheme that we are going ahead with the trod before
  the Winter so we will not qualify for the scheme, however they may award it to us
  retrospectively as they did with Cromer
- Confirmed details to the Pensions Regulator regarding Weeting Employees (it will not affect the Parishes employees)
- Arranged for Norse to spray the edge of the playing field with weed killer and the dog walk
- Made more signs for the dog walk and who's who for notice boards
- Wrote to various residents regarding trees/bushes overhanging the footpaths
- Informed the school regarding the donation for the Nature Garden
- Met with Westcotec and Cllr Nairn regards Sam speed signs
- Took remaining new bank forms to Cllrs that were not at the meeting in August

- Took more photos of ropes at the play area for replacements as what I had sent was not enough info.
- Contacted the garden centre regards the interference from radio ham and they have sent me around 8 e-mails regarding what they have done so far to try and sort this out.
- Contacted the school offering them the old bus shelter.
- Dropped planning applications off to Cllr Lister.
- Sent street light inventory to UK Power networks to obtain certificate to send to E-on for reduced lighting bills.
- Arranged for a notices page to be added to the web site
- Still waiting to hear about the grant for the play area
- The budget will be prepared for the October budget meeting.

The Clerks holiday is from the 20th October to 14th November – the Agenda for the November meeting will be prepared before the holiday and cheques will also be raised and sent out.

## 7.3 Village Handyman Report

The Handyman read out the following report

Spent a lot of time splitting up the bags of clothes to put in to the cloths bank, trimmed back bushes that were overhanging in various locations, fitted post at L/Park by gulley (spoke to Serco) and painted it yellow and also painted the bollard by village hall to All St path, made and fitted two more dog signs for the playing field, swept and trimmed back mud at edge of L/Park so that the water runs away. Mr Reay pointed out that the litter bins are very well used at the playing field, took the top windows out of the telephone box.

## 7.4 Bowls Club Report

There was not too much to report, they held a karaoke. They are struggling to pay their bills.

## 7.5 Village Hall Report

Nothing to report

#### 7.6 District Councillors Report

Cllr Sam Chapman – Allen mentioned the Breckland Local Planning documents and Weeting has no allocation for housing– he urged that the Parish Council and residents support that there is no growth for Weeting. The new Hotel and Cinema on the Riverside development should be completed by the end of November. With regard to devolution Breckland have voted against this.

#### 7.7 County Councillors Report

Cllr Monson said that they had the consultation results last month for devolution plans and they were rather negative and this is not something that he wants to see happening in Norfolk, also Breckland voted against this. He pointed out the Post Office is being refurbished. Cllr Monson said that he had been working very hard to try and sort out the parking outside the garage to see if this can be restricted.

# 8. CORRESPONDENCE – To report on any outstanding correspondence received by the Council

None

## 9. FINANCE

#### To Agree and Sign the Payments for August/September 2016 Invoices

The payments for August/September invoices were agreed, this was proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Drewry and all agreed.

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> September2016. The cheques were signed by Cllr T Childerhouse and Cllr M Burlingham

Balance for August 2016		£22,161.30	
Minus the following direct debits			
		£385.07	
		£9.68	
Viridor Waste Collection		£47.52	
Mr J Reay Salary Paid by SO		£200.00	
Total Direct Debits/SO		£642.27	
Plus the follow	ring receipts		
Weeting Bowls		£18.75	
WVL (D.A.W)		£12.50	
Total Income		£31.25	
Total after Direct Debits and Income		£21,550.28	
Cheques	Description	Total	
103222	Mr J Reay - Salary/Del WVL/Mileage	£730.32	
103223	Mrs P Angus Salary/Office Allowance/Phone	£498.64	
103224	Post Office - HMRC	£889.64	
103225	Norse Grounds Maintenance	£796.07	
103226	Breckland Brass Band - Village Fayre	£250.00	
103227	Weeting Primary School - Donation for Garden	£1,000.00	
103228	Mrs M Lister - Book Marks/Pencils/Grass Seed	£53.70	
103229	Chase Timber	£15.42	
103230	Westcotec Ltd - Street Light Maintenance	£194.08	
103231	TJM Groundworks - Trod	£3,680.00	
103232	Birchall Limited T/A Postprint - WVL Printing	£892.00	
103233	Community Action Norfolk - Subscription	£20.00	
103234	Viking Stationary - 100 Stamps and Stationary	£94.55	
103235	Terry Hawkins - July/August/Sept Web Maintenanc	te £120.00	
103236	E-ON - Football Club Electricity	£17.14	
103237	Viking stationary - Black Sacks for Bins	£39.56	
103238	Weeting Village Hall	£18.75	
Total Cheques Balance in Cor Balance in Sav	£9,309.87 £12,240.41 £21,737.64		

## Change of Bank – update from the Clerk

(£3757.70 Ring Fenced for Community Use)

The Clerk said that she now has all the forms ready to send to the CO-OP Bank and once the account is opened she will then proceed to send over the necessary documents needed to have all monies and direct debits etc. transferred over to the new account, this will mean that all Councillors will be able to sign cheques.

#### 9.3 2015/2016 Audit

Mazars (Auditors) have returned the Audit as all correct for the year 2015/2016, notices have been placed on the notice board and have gone on to the website.

#### 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

## 3PL/2016/07 30 Fengate Farm IP27 0QF

Proposed storage lagoon for liquid organic waste dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 **No objections** 

## 3PL/2016/0994//HOU 44 St Edmund Road

Single storey extension and conversion of loft space dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 Cllr Smith has received several complaints regarding this planning application. See Public Participation comments

## 11. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda

Cllr Burlingham said that Cllr Lister and herself attended Julie Walters funeral last week to represent the Parish Council and Cllr Childerhouse also attended. Cllr Burlingham reported that in Jubilee Close a brand new 4X4 vehicle was scratched and she checked with the owner of the vehicle that it had been reported to the police – the owner confirmed that she had reported it. Cllr Burlingham said that she is having a coffee morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> October in aid of the Macmillan charity. Cllr Drewry said that the sign that is used for the Steam Rally has been used to advertise a local home improvement company, this will be removed as this sign is owned by Weeting History Group.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm	
Chairman: Date:	