Held remotely by Zoom on Thursday 20th August 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Nairn Chairman, M. Lister Vice Chair, S. O'Donnell, S. Nairn, J. Prosser, S. Walmsley, T. Childerhouse, and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council. There was 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs M. Burlingham, C. Drewry and District Cllr R. Kybird.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held remotely on the 16th July 2020 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public in attendance and he first of all thanked the Parish Council for awarding him a certificate for his services as a volunteer during the shutdown and he congratulated the rest of the volunteer group for their outstanding services given during this time. He also organizes the speed watch and asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to provide one body camera that could be shared as they have been receiving some verbal abuse, it was agreed that the clerk would organize the paper work to be sent over for this request and this will go on the agenda for the September meeting. The same member of the public pointed out that there was overhanging bushes on the bend coming into the village, there is also an overhanging bush on the junction of Peppers Close coming out on the main stretch, the Chair asked the member of public to report this on line with Highways.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Not at meeting - apologies received

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- 6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters to discuss any outstanding issues and to report any new issues
 - Sam 2 the Parish Council has been awarded the grant for the Sam 2, The Chair said that this will be placed around various locations in the village and will need to be moved every two weeks. The Chair would like to see the different models that are available from Westcotec.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- Grass verges possibility of replacing some cuts with wild flowers map will be sent to TTSR showing the areas and approximate size of the areas – no progress on this at the moment.
- 50 trees update from Cllr Walmsley no progress on this at the moment.
- Spring bulb planting it was agreed to set the date for this at the next meeting.
- Rospa report points raised by the inspector and actions required. There are certain things that need replacing and repairing immediately and it was agreed that the Clerk obtains a price from Fenland for these items. Some of the work can wait until spring such as painting etc.
- The new benches have arrived for Parrotts Piece and the handyman will be putting these out soon
- Overhanging hedge at the entrance to the Village Hall Cllr Lister has spoken to the resident
 and he is too ill to cut this himself, it was agreed to get a price from a local contractor and
 discuss this when the price comes through.
- Christmas Tree Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Westcotec to see if they can suggest some heavy duty LED lights to decorate an existing tree on Parrotts

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Piece and the lights would stay on the tree throughout the year thus saving money on buying a new tree every year and having to call out Westcotec with the cherry picker. There are also two smaller fir trees on the green that can be decorated. White lights are preferable.

Cllr Lister said she had noticed that Exit and Enter signs had been removed from the play area
and she spoke to the handyman who said they were being ignored so he removed them. She
pointed out that the Parish Council must comply with government guide lines – he has now
put these back.

6.3 Weeting awards –To discuss and agree (if any) new Lapel Pin awards

All volunteers have received a certificate and lapel pin. The Chair asked the Cllrs to come forward if they know of anyone else that helped others during the shut down that are not on the list.

6.4 Parish Partnership scheme 2021

It was suggested that the path by the sign to Village Hall is extended. The Chair said he will contact David Jacklin – Highways to discuss the area.

6.5 Notice board

Following a discussion, it was agreed by the a majority to purchase a new noticeboard from Greenbarnes Ltd at the price of £1558.34 including VAT. It was agreed to find a contractor to fit the notice board.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman has received a complaint from a resident regarding a footpath that has been blocked by a person that has purchased some land, the Chair contacted Highways and they will be writing to the owner of the land to confirm what he can and cannot do regarding footpaths etc.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Ordered 2 benches for Parrotts Piece
- Found some maps for the areas for wild flower planting
- Notice board manufacturer agreed to hold prices quoted back in March for the new noticeboard
- Sam -2 partnership grant agreed and Westcotec have agreed to hold the prices quoted for this last year
- Ordered new Lapel pins
- Uploaded comments on all planning applications on the planning website
- Printed certificates for all volunteers and will be delivering these along with lapel pins to all volunteers with help from Cllr Lister
- Sent lapel pin and letter to a resident's partner as thank for services given to the Parish (Posthumously awarded)
- Checked off findings of the ROSPA report with Cllr Lister and am organizing Fenland
 Leisure to come out to the main play area and Outdoor Fitness to the outdoor gym equipment
 to rectify the points raised by ROSPA

7.3 Handyman Report

- Disinfected all play and exercise equipment daily from the 4th July until 7th August.
- Fitted covid-19 banners and signs at various locations on the equipment on the playing field and play area.
- Made and fitted permanent warning sign on the teen shelter decking fence.
- Following a phone call from Cllr O'Donnell cleared broken glass at the bottle bank and made more room in the bottle bank as it was full.
- Telephoned bottle bank company 3 days running to get the bank emptied, (first time they have had to be called more than once)
- Trimmed hedge and cut overhanging branches on the dog walk.
- Rospa report read the report and designed and made 3 action sheets plus 3 copies for Cllr Lister. Met Cllr Nairn and Cllr Lister at the play area and went through the action's sheets.

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- Rospa work to date play area changed 6 metal caps for plastic ones on top of posts, fitted rubber pipe on plywood edge, jet washed picnic bench and scraped away alky and moss, cut off bolt thread and smoothed over the surface.
- Fitted cable ties on 2 bays of loose matting.
- Split up bags of clothing and put into clothing bank. (regular fly tipping on various days)
- Replaced broken pale board and refitted loose one.

7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

None out to report.

7.5 Bowls Club Report

They are open and having friendly matches.

7.6 Village Hall Report

Some clubs may start back in the middle of September. A volunteer has sanded and recoated the floor and Cllr O'Donnell said it looks very good.

7.7 Football Club Report

No formal report received but the Chair said he is very happy how things are progressing.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received an email from a tenant asking if we can help with housing in Weeting – this was referred to the District and County Councillor and Breckland Housing department.

9. FINANCE

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9.1 To agree and sign the payments for July/August 2020

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 20th August at the PC meeting held virtually by Zoom the payments were signed off by the Chair M. Nairn

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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3DM/2019/0003/DEM Brandon Rail Station dated 8/4/19

Main building demolition

No prior approval 5 objections and 2 No objections from the Parish Council

Various groups are still trying to stop the demolition. The Chair said that it was reported incorrectly in the press that the demolition had been stopped.

3PL/2019/0678 Mill Farm IP27 0PT Amendment received 16/7/2020

Up to 125 Houses (was 450)

Objections sent by the Parish Council

3PL/2020/0332/A Breckland Garage, Lynn Road dated 2/4/2020 Retrospective Planning Application

2 x Hoarding Boards (Externally Illuminated)

No objections but PC made the following comments.

- Why does this business need Two signs? Could this encourage other businesses in this area to erect two or more signs each in which the whole verge would be taken up with signs.
- Sign B is far too big it obstructs the sign that has the price of the petrol behind it and also drivers' line of vision is obstructed when pulling out of Hereward Way.

3PL/2020/0503/HOU 10 Park View IP27 0QD dated 23/6/2020

Dropped Kerb.

Approved 31st July 2020

3PL/2020/0792/HOU 8 Castle Close IP27 0RQ dated 22/7/2020

Single storey side extension to create a larger kitchen dining room and bigger bedrooms. No objections from the PC

3PL/2020/0597/HOU 20 Glebe Road Weeting IP27 OPU 20/7/2020

Single Storey Side Extension to existing bungalow

No objections from the PC

3PL/2020/0743/F Land East of Lynn Road, Lynn Road 27/7/2020

Erection of 76 Dwelling houses together with associated public open space, highways infrastructure and diversion of public right of way (Weeting with Broomhill FP18) No objections but concerns from the PC regarding the public right of way, speed limit and the increased number of dwellings

(was originally 54) have been put forward to Planning.

11. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 8.04pm

Cllr Walmsley and Cllr Prosser took this opportunity to inform the PC that they will be moving away soon once their house is sold and sadly will be leaving the Parish Council once they have a moving date

Cllr S. Nairn suggested that a litter pick is organised for some time in September.

Chairman:	Date:	