# Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 18th November 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillors: - M. Nairn Chair, M. Lister Vice Chair, T. Murfet, S. Nairn, S. O'Donnell, B. Smith, M. Burlingham, and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council There was 1 member of the public at the meeting.

### 1. THE CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

The Chair said he had met with a gentleman regarding flooding in Saxon Place, and a company is being brought in to carry out some remedial work.

Cllr Tom Childerhouse carried out the wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday on the PC's behalf. The Parish Council will soon be presented with a Plaque to Commemorate the Resilience of our Community during the Pandemic date will be advised in due course.

#### 2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs C. Drewry and T. Childerhouse.

### 3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting. These will be available to view on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.

#### 4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public said he will help with the hanging of the plaque that the Chair mentioned in his opening remarks. £8,034 was raised for the Hospice.

### 6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

### 6.1 District Councillors Report

Cllrs Sam Chapman-Allen and Robert Kybird were not at the meeting. Cllr Nairn gave the following report: -

Breckland Local Plan review will remain the same in principle. The white paper on planning has been withdrawn from parliament to be reviewed.

Breckland are within budget and they are looking a setting the precept for next year.

Grants will be available of £500 to Parish Councils to help towards the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Elm Road School is being converted to provide up to 30 units for homeless people.

Breckland will be providing accommodation for three Afghan families.

### **6.2** County Councillors Report

Not at meeting

### 7. MATTERS ARISING

### 7.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues and to report any new issues

SAM 2 – Training update- no date has been set yet, it was agreed to take delivery of the sign and have these put in place ready for training asap.

Extension of footpath from Park View to 1 Saxon Place – Jack Griffiths from Highways has provided a quote of £6500 for the extension and the Clerk has put in for a grant of £3250 to the Parish Partnership Scheme, we will know if this is successful in March 2022.

### 7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

New Slide – Installation is still scheduled for January 2022.

New Youth Shelter – Grant has been awarded and Cllr O'Donnell and the Clerk will be meeting with the manufacturer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December for a site survey.

Sweet Chestnut Tree for Parrotts Piece—cost and availability—we can purchase this from the Woodland Trust at £8.95, a guard will need to be purchased to protect it whilst it is growing, area in which this will be planted on Parrotts Piece is to be agreed.

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Roller on the playing field – Cllr Murfet will be taking this away this week.

Captain Toms Memorial Garden – to review the maintenance and upkeep of the garden on Parrotts Piece – Cllr O'Donnell will be speaking to the head teacher to ascertain who is looking after this and to also request receipts for the plants that were purchased as these are needed for auditing purposes. Cross Country Elliptical fault – update on repair – the manufacture had ordered the wrong part so repair has been put back to January 2022.

The Mole man has been called in to deal with moles on Parrotts Piece and the playing field. TTSR have provided the PC with a quote for 2022 to 2024 and it was agreed to go ahead with the 3-year contract.

Litter bins are being emptied once a week and the old bin in the children play area is to be taken out and replaced with a bin with a lid.

### 7.3 Lapel Pins – to agree pins to be awarded (if any)

A resident was recommended to receive a pin for their services to the Parish of Weeting, the Clerk will arrange this.

### 7.4 Queens Platinum Jubilee $2^{nd}$ to $5^{th}$ June 2022 – discussions for ideas for celebrations next year

It was agreed to approach the Bowls Club and Village Hall to see what plans they have in hand. The Saxon Pub will also be asked if they can help with this.

# 7.5 Lottery Grant – update regarding the advice on how to apply for a lottery grant Cllr O'Donnell and the Clerk attended an online meeting to receive advice on the best way to obtain a lottery grant for new equipment for the play area and will be pursuing ways to consult with the local community regarding their ideas for new equipment. Survey Monkey could be used and also something can be put in the magazine for those not on line. A prize such as a £10.00 voucher for fish and chips from Georges could be offered as an incentive to take part on the survey.

### 7.6 Response to our request for a meeting with the new Head Teacher of Weeting School

None so far – Cllr O'Donnell will speak to the Head.

### 7.7 Recycling Area "No Fly Tipping" signs – update from the Clerk regards supply from Breckland Council

The Clerk has chased this up on numerous occasions, she will try again and copy this in to Sam Chapman Allen.

### 7.8 Solar lamp – to discuss installing a solar lamp between the Village Hall and All Saints

We have received a price of £1,900 for a solar powered lamp from Westcotec – it was agreed that the Clerk will look to see if this can be afforded this year and if not put it into next year's budget.

### 7.9 Any other matters that need action

Weeting Village Life delivery – Cllr S. Nairn said that there may be a problem with getting the magazine delivered on time as the usual family that deliver this has other commitments, Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Lister and Cllr Nairn offered to help with this if needed.

### 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Street Lighting Officers Report

Cllr Burlingham said that she called Westcotec to report a street light and was told that this now has to be reported on line.

There are two Sodium lights, one in the entrance to Castle Close and the other at the top end of Park View that are both on all day, it was agreed that the Clerk contacts Westcotec to ask that they turn these off altogether.

### 8.2 Bowls Club Report

Licence renewal – still to be looked at.

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### 8.3 Village Hall Report

The first meeting has just been held with the new committee.

Items discussed was: - insulation in the loft, new oven for the kitchen and the fire extinguishers need to be replaced. Cllr Nairn said that she was told that she could not speak at the meeting as she was not part of the committee, it was agreed that the Clerk will write a letter to the Chairman of the committee pointing out that Parish Councillors are allowed to speak at the meetings.

Their next meeting will be on 21st January 2022

### 8.4 Football Club Report

Nothing received from them

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

None outstanding

#### 10. FINANCE

### 10.1 To agree and sign the payments for November 2021

The following payments for October/November invoices were agreed and authorised on Thursday the 18th November 2021, the payments were signed off by the Chair M. Nairn

Balance for November 2021	£32,279.46
Minus the following direct debits	
E-On Street Lights	£554.89
E-On Street Lights Parrotts Piece	£19.79
<b>Total Direct Debits</b>	£574.68
Plus, the following receipts	
Total Income	£0.00
<b>Total after Direct Debits and Income</b>	£31,704.78

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
8372561	Breckland bin collection	£19.92
8585835	Football club electricity	£81.83
8585895	TTSR grass cutting	£1,369.14
8586016	Hall Hire Oct and Nov	£50.00
8586884	Westcotec Street light maintenance	£194.08
8586944	Clerks salary and office expenses	£568.39
400280	The Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath	£30.00
Total Cheques / BACS paid Balance in Community Account December 2021		£2,313.36 £29,391.42
Balance in Savings Account		£10,603.58
Total in Parish Accounts		£39,995.00

### **Restricted funds**

NCF grant for Slide	£4,360.00
NCF grant for Teen Shelter	£3,439.00

### 10.2 Budget 2022/2023 – to consider any projects for next year that may have an impact on the budget

The Clerk will prepare an estimate on what will be spent this year to help with setting the budget for next year.

### 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To review any new Planning Applications and to note any that have been approved/refused/withdrawn

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3PL/2021/1107/HOU New Lodge Lynn Road, approved 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 3PL/2021/1285/HOU 4 Wentworth Close, approved 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Laundrette at the Petrol Garage – this has been reported to the Planning Enforcement Officer, however, they have a back log and this will be some time before it can be looked at. Cllr O'Donnell requested that a Fire Officer is contacted to take a look at where the de-icer is being stored which is next to the washing machines that are next to the entrance and this could be a fire hazard.

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published None

### 12. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda and date for next meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th December 7.00	) in the Village Hall
With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.25	
Chairman:	Date: