# Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 20th January 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillors: M. Lister Vice Chair, T. Murfet, S. O'Donnell, B. Smith, T Childerhouse, C. Drewry, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council There was 3 members of the public at the meeting.

### 1. THE CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs M. Nairn, S. Nairn, M, Burlingham and District Cllr R. Kybird.

# 3. PRESENTATION TO THE PARISH OF WEETING AND BROOMHILL A MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE RESILIENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Mary Rudd, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Norfolk presented the Parish Council with the Memorial Plaque which will be displayed in a prominent place in the Village. Photo of the presentation will be uploaded onto the Councils website.

### 4. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### 5. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public who were at the meeting to speak on behalf of the Pre-School. They had come to inform the Council that the Pre-School was struggling for funds to keep it open and fear that Pre-School will have to close in the very near future. The Council said that there are no funds from the PC precept that is available to help them, The PC suggested various charities and organizations that may be able to help with this matter.

### 7. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

### 7.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, apologised for not attending meetings lately and went on to give his report as follows: -

Flooding at Saxon Place – pumps should hopefully be put in soon and residents do have out of hours flood emergency number.

They will be launching their food bus and it will visit villages on a regular basis, residents will be charged a membership fee of £2.00.

Fly tipping signs are on the way to us for the recycling area.

The New Lodge planning application will be heard at the Planning Committee.

The major development (3PL/2019/0678/O Mill Farm) was refused.

Local plan is being reviewed and he expects that a number of land owners will probably be putting forward further plans.

Council Tax will be increased next year.

There is a hardship support fund of £200 to families that need it – this will be available until middle of February.

Cllr O'Donnell thanked Cllr Chapman-Allen for his support for the grants towards the new play equipment.

Green grants are available for things such as heating in the Village Hall and Bowls Club.

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### 7.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting

### 8. MATTERS ARISING

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

SAM 2 –Cllr Nairn will be attending training at a convenient date but he was not in attendance at this meeting so this will be discussed at the next meeting in February.

Redundant Grit bin in Hockwold Road – following a discussion it was agreed to keep the bin for the time being as it is still full of grit.

Hockwold Junction - to discuss safety issues - Cllr O'Donnell said that as you turn into Hockwold Road from the main road coming from Brandon the kerb is very low and drivers are not slowing down when turning into this road, the kerbs could do with being higher as this will mean that the motorist will have to slow down, it was agreed that the Clerk contacts Highways to come to site to discuss.

### 8.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

New Youth Shelter – the site survey has been carried out and quotes have been received for the three options that were discussed during that survey, following a discussion it was agreed that the Council orders the option priced @ £6, 883 for supply and fit, the suppliers also gave a price @ £2248 for the removal of the old shelter, however, TJM Domestic Groundworks have quoted £200.00 and the Council agreed to go ahead with that quote.

Sweet Chestnut Tree – The Clerk will order the tree and this will be planted on Parrott Piece. Captain Toms Memorial Garden –Receipts have been received by the Clerk from the School for the plants purchased with the donation from the Parish Council.

It was noted that the bins were not collected in December, the Clerk will look in to this. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk enquires if the bin could be collected every other month.

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

It was agreed that our Lollipop man is awarded a WPC lapel pin with certificate.

### 8.4 Lottery Grant for play area – update on Survey Monkey questionnaire

The cost of the questionnaire is £300 and following a discussion it was agreed to go ahead with this. The Questionnaire will go out at the start of March 2022.

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

The Clerk has been informed that these will be with her shortly.

### 8.6 Solar lamp between the Village Hall and All Saints – to discuss if this will need to go onto 22/23 budget cost at £1900 see item 11.2 –

Following a discussion, it was agreed that if this should be installed the cost of it would not come out of the council precept, however, there is a "Green Grant" available from Breckland CC so this could be considered to cover the cost.

### 8.7 Street Light 103 – to discuss if it is needed to be replaced with a new LED lamp

Following advice from the Councils Street light maintenance contractors which is: - "With the directional output of the LED lights this will only be lighting the grassed area and not the road. To light the road, we would need a high-powered light angled at the road and this would cause problems for residents and will dazzle drivers" it was agreed by all that this light would not be replaced.

### 8.8 Request from Norfolk Citizens Advice for a donation

It was agreed that the Parish Council are unable to make a donation.

### 8.9 Request from St Nicholas Hospice Brandon for a donation

It was agreed that the Parish Council are unable to make a donation.

### 8.10 Pre-School- feedback on contact with previous member of staff

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Cllr O'Donnell confirmed that a previous member of staff that had worked at the Pre-School for many years had agreed to have an article written about her in the Weeting Village News.

### 8.11 Litter Pick – to discuss and agree a possible date for a litter pick

It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

### 8.12 Any other matters that need action

None.

### 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 Street Lighting Officers Report

None to report.

#### 9.2 Bowls Club Report

Nothing to report

### 9.3 Village Hall Report

Redecoration of the Village Hall will take place week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> February, they have received a grant of £6,000 to go towards insulation.

### 9.4 Football Club Report

They have confirmed to the Clerk that the outstanding electricity bills will be paid at the end of January.

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

020 201 42

The Council had received a Thankyou card from a resident that had received a Weeting Lapel Pin and certificate for her service to the Pre-School.

### 11. FINANCE

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### 11.1 To agree and sign the payments for December 2021 and January 2022

The following payments for November/December invoices were authorised on Thursday the 16th December 2021 by email

Balance for December 2021		£29,391.42
Minus the follow	wing direct debits	
Street Lights		£537.00
<b>Total Direct Debits</b>		£537.00
Plus, the follow	ring receipts	
Vat refund		£669.49
Scrap payment for roller		£110.00
Total Income		£779.49
Total after Dire	ect Debits and Income	£29,633.91
Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
9028609	Industrial Bin collection	£19.92
9501182	Street light maintenance	£194.08
9501252	Printing WVL	£690.00
9501355	Mole control	£100.00
9501423	Printer inks and cable ties	£98.32
9501482	Clerks salary and office expenses	£568.39
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£1,670.71
Balance in Community Account Jan 2022		£27,963.20
Balance in Savings Account		£10,603.58
Total in Parish Accounts		£38,566.78
Restricted fund		
NCF grant for Slide		£4,360.00
NCF grant for Teen Shelter		£3,439.00

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Total £7,799.00

The following payments for December/January invoices were authorised on Thursday the 20th January the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for December 2021		£27,963.20
Minus the following direct	et debits	
Street Lights		£864.41
Total Direct Debits		<b>£864.</b> 41
Plus, the following receip		
WVL advertising paymen	£50.00	
Total Images		C50 00
Total Income  Total after Direct Debits	£50.00	
Total after Direct Debits	£27,148.79	
Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
10073785	Industrial Bin collection	£19.92
10228028	Street light maintenance	£194.08
10074213	Delivery of Weeting Village Life	£125.00
10228091	Removal of old slide on play area	£360.00
10228244	Football Club electricity	£32.95
10228381	Clerks salary and office expenses	£567.30
10228465	HMRC 3rd quarter payment	£339.60
10228315	Web Maintenance/email domain payment	£305.80
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Total Cheques / BACS p	£1,944.65	
Balance in Community A	£25,204.14	
Balance in Savings Account		£10,603.58
Total in Parish Accounts	£35,807.72	
Restricted funds		
NCF grant for Slide		£4,360.00
NCF grant for Teen Shelter		£3,439.00
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11.2 Budget 2022/2023 – The Clerk has prepared a projection of what the expenditure will be for this financial year ending 31st March 2022 and the figures were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting in preparation for the precept to be agreed.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Precept for next year is set at £41,454, this represents an increase of 5%.

### 12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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 3PL/2021/1401/EU Former Tata Steel Premises Fengate Drove, approved 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 3PL/2019/0678/O Mill Farm Brandon Road Brandon IP27 0PT refused 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 3PL/2021/0715/F Betts of Brandon Fengate Drove Weeting approved 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 3PL/2021/1560/HOU 30 Shadwell Close IP27 0RH approved 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### 3PL/2021/1560/HOU 30 Shadwell Close dated 29th November 2021

Conservatory to side of property (Left Elevation) fronting the highway No objections received from the Parish Council

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### 3PL/2021/1646/F Breckland Garage Lynn Road dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Retrospective application for self-service launderette (Sui generis use) within curtilage of existing business

7 no objections and 1 objection from the PC

### 3PL/2021/1620/F Station House Railway Station Mundford Road dated $13^{\rm th}$ December 2021

New purpose-built bat enclosure adjacent to the existing railway station building and insert gate into existing fencing for access

No objections received from the Parish Council