Held at Weeting Village Hall, Weeting on Thursday 20th February 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Nairn Chairman, S. O'Donnell, S. Nairn, M. Burlingham, T. Childerhouse, J. Prosser, M. Lister, C. Drewry, District Councillor R. Kybird and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council. Mr J. Reay Handyman. There were 16 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs F. Eagle, S. Chapman-Allen, S. Walmsley

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020 having been previously circulated to the Councillors were accepted by all that were present as a true record of that meeting. All agreed and the

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This part of the agenda was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting and the time extended to 30 minutes from 15 minutes.

There were two representatives from Rory J Holbrook transport at the meeting - Mr David Huckstep and Mr Rory Holbrook (Mr Holbrook arrived 20 minutes into the meeting as he was held up in traffic) they had asked to attend in order to listen to and answer concerns from residents who live nearby to the transport yard based at Brandon Railway Sidings.

The Chair said that if the representatives from Holbrook's are unable to answer the questions tonight then they will come back with their answers and comments to the Clerk which will be passed on to the residents of Redbrick Cottages. The Chair also pointed out that Weeting Parish Council and Brandon Council are not Statutory Consultees and the only authority that has the authority to stop the development is Norfolk County Council and at the moment they are conducting an enquiry that may lead to that happening. This meeting is to give the public the opportunity to speak directly to Holbrook's.

Briefly - concerns raised by residents/ public were

- Debris such as rocks falling from the lorries on to cars and in one case into a window screen
- Noise
- Stress
- Dust
- Environmental impact
- Future health implications

The Chair asked that in relation to the debris coming off the vehicles are the vehicles covered? – Mr Huckstep said that that is a legal requirement and that all lorries are covered. The Chair also asked that with regard to the dust that is being tracked out from the yard and through Brandon are they going to install a wheel wash and other measures? Mr Huckstep said they have a vacuum brush / vacuum road sweeper which operates between the site at Eriswell and Brandon, and they are going to install another weigh bridge and wheel wash, ideally this will happen in the new financial year.

The following written response has been received from Holbrook's regarding concerns raised at this meeting: -

We have taken cognisance of the points raised at your meeting and for clarity summarise our proposed actions accordingly:

- The water cannon will be used with every rail delivery, which will mist spray every rail waggon as it is being unloaded to suppress any air borne dust.
- Stockpiling of material adjacent to the rear gardens of Redbrick Cottages will cease forthwith.
- Limestone supplies to British Sugar have now ceased and the supply contract with Cemex has yet to be confirmed for the 2021 campaign.
- The current supply program to the Lakenheath F35 Contract will be completed in the next few weeks. We will then close Brandon for a period of two weeks and install a fully automated wheel wash.
- All vehicles leaving the site will be sheeted. No conveyance note will be issued to the driver by the weigh bridge clerk until this is adhered to, any driver that fails to comply for whatever reason

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will be instantly dismissed. We would welcome any feedback from residents to ensure compliance with company directive.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

District Councillor R. Kybird gave the Council an update on matters concerning the District Council Agenda items.

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting – apologies sent.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues

- New gated signs The Chair and the Clerk met with David Jacklin to discuss the possibility
 of new signs to replace the rotting gated signs coming in from Brandon, the gate on one side
 of the road could be installed by the Council however the other side would need to be installed
 by the Highways department this item has not been included in the budget for 2020/2021,
 however it is something to consider for the future.
- New Gated signs installed by Highways coming in from Methwold The Chair said that the
 Weeting signage on these signs cause confusion as the entrance to Weeting is further down the
 road towards Methwold. There is a possibility that the Weeting signage could be removed at a
 later date and these could be put on new signs further out by the entrance to the proposed
 development on the New Lodge Farm Site and these would be paid for by the developers of
 that site.
- Fallen trees various trees that have fallen during the recent storms have been reported and are gradually being cleared away.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- Grass verges possibility of replacing some cuts with wild flowers The Clerk has contacted TTSR grass contractors to arrange a meeting to discuss initially two possible areas that would be suitable for planting the wild flowers a date has yet to be confirmed.
- 100 trees to discuss the possibility of planting 100 trees in the village Cllr Prosser said that Cllr Walmsley had identified some suitable areas for planting in the Village, however it was agreed that the number of trees would be reduced to 50 for the first year. The Chair has also spoken to the rector regarding some areas near the Church.
- Longhurst Group –to discuss location of new play equipment should planning be granted for housing on land East of New Lodge Farm under the S107 agreement the play equipment should be put in an area that is available to all the community, and it was agreed that should this development go ahead the new equipment would be installed on the existing play area.
- Overhanging bushes Village hall area Cllr Lister said she will speak to the resident concerned to ask that they cut back these bushes that are now causing an obstruction.
 - **6.3 Bowls Club update on renewal of licence** no movement on this.
 - **6.4 Litter/dog bin for Fengate Drove -** all installed and being used.
 - **6.5** Weeting awards update on latest Lapel Pin awards and to discuss if there are any outstanding awards to be made. It was announced that lapel pins had been awarded to four more residents. Following a discussion, it was agreed that all future likely recipients should be discussed and agreed at Parish Council Meetings before they are sent out.
 - **Afternoon Tea event with the Chairman of Breckland Council 24**th **April** It was agreed that the there is one resident that should be nominated to attend this event, the Clerk will contact Breckland with the name and address of this person.

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6.7 VE Day arrangements – update

Cllr O'Donnell said that a street party will be held out the front of The Saxon pub on the Friday afternoon (8th May) and the owner of the Saxon has also agreed to pay for the food, bouncy castle and DJ.

The Parish Council agreed to pay £50.00 towards the cost of bunting and decorations for the event.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

The litter pick that was carried out 2 weeks ago produced over 30 bags of rubbish. There was fly tipping at Mill Farm and the land owners cleared this away very quickly.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Sent lapel pins and certificates out to volunteers in the village.
- Sent grant application form over to the play school and they have now returned it filled out with details.
- Ordered stickers for wheelie bins, these have now been given to Cllr O'Donnell for distribution.
- Ordered new dog/litter bin for Fengate Drove and this has now been installed and I have informed Breckland so that they can now arrange for this to be emptied.
- Claimed vat for Oct to Dec invoices total of £2,078.38.
- Reported pot hole between Hockwold Road and Jubilee Road.
- Contacted Stanta for a date for 2020 tour we have not been able to secure a date this year we have asked to go on next year's list.
- Arranged meeting and met with Highways along with the Chair to discuss more gates further out towards Methwold and coming into the Village from Brandon.
- Contacted grass contractors to arrange a meeting to discuss the verges for wild flower meadows to be planted, date not confirmed at time of report
- Reported various trees that came down during the storms.
- Contacted Westcotec for an updated itinerary for street lighting to show where new LED's are situated so that we can start reducing the street light bill for Weeting.
- Uploaded drone policy onto the web site.
- Updated asset register to include new dog bin in Fengate Drove

7.3 Handyman Report

- Dog Walk cut down the tree that had fallen on the fence.
- Village hall car park spread mix of road chippings and quick mix cement on green matting where it was lifting
- Play area mother and baby swing nuts and bolts are loose that hold the chain to the swing seat and Allen keys supplied by the manufacturer do not fit at this point the Clerk informed Mr Reay that a new Torque key was on its way from Wickstead that would do the job.
- Dog Walk Fence cut to size and fitted tin sheet on top of seven posts to stop them rotting.
- Fengate Drove fitted new dog waste/litter bin.
- Dog Walk cut up two trees and left to rot in the hedgerow.
- Play Area fitted new wood rail along side of rotten rails and screwed pale boards to the rail and fitted new boards.

7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

None reported.

7.5 Bowls Club Report

All still going ok and they have joined 3 bowls leagues and are holding a coffee morning.

7.6 Village Hall Report

No meeting in February the next meeting will be 11th March.

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7.7 Football Club Report

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Lister would contact them to see what exactly is happening with the club.

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

None outstanding.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To Agree and Sign the Payments for the January/February invoices

The following payments were agreed and authorised on Thursday the 20th February The cheques / payments were signed by Cllrs M. Nairn and M. Burlingham.

Balance for January 202 Minus the following dire		£4,309.33
E-On Street Lights		£664.33
E-On Street Lights Parrot	s Piece	£17.55
Viridor Waste Collection		£54.05
Total Direct Debits		£735.93
Plus the following receip	ots	
Bowls Club		£18.75
Vat refund		£2,078.38
WVL Advert payment		£100.00
Total Income		£2,097.13
Total after Direct Debits and Income £5,670.53		
Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
59246753	Smart Wheelie - speeding stickers	£73.10
59553201	E-On Football Club electricity	£16.74
59741751	Clerks Salary/mileage/phone/postage	£602.11
59741797	Handyman Salary/mileage	£434.98
59741838	Rosemary Godfrey - New web host charge	£57.46
59741916	Westcotec - two new street lamps/ o/s 30/31	
	Castle Close and Cromwell Road/Cromwell	
	Close junction	£516.00
59741948	Westcotec - Street light maintenance	£194.08
59742002	Fengate Fasteners - Village maintenance supplies	£26.20
59742046	Richard Oughton - Mole control football field	£50.00
59742072	Chase Timber - Village maintenance supplies	£9.17
59742134	Viking stationers - black sacks for dog/litter bins	£34.67
59742224	Village Hall - Hall Hire	£25.00
59742879	Glasdon - New litter/dog bin - Fengate Drove	£209.31
59742944	Breckland Council - Election charges	£1,550.25
Total Cheques / BACS paid Balance in Community Account Feb 2020 Balance in Savings Account Total in Parish Accounts		£3,799.07 £1,971.46 £14,053.37 £15,924.83

9.2 Grant application from Little Saints Pre- School

The Pre-School has applied for a sum of £2,000 for a new shed for storage for toys and following a discussion it was agreed that this will be granted, receipts will need to be given as proof of purchase.

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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2019/0189 Land at Brandon Road dated 18/3/19

Crematorium with Memorial Gardens and Car Park
Parish Council Object-comments on Planning website raised by Parish Council/
Deferred from the 28th October for further consultation.

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.

3PL/2019/0678 Mill Farm IP27 0PT dated 10/6/19

Up to 450 dwellings

Decision by 31/3/20 Parish Council object comments on planning website

3PL/2019/1467/HOU Keepers Cottage Weeting dated 25/11/19

Construction of 2No stables, tack room, garage/ workshop Permission granted 16/1/20

3PL/2019/1517/HOU Sixpenny Tithe Park View Weeting dated 16/12/19

Construction of southern boundary wall, Approved 12/2/20

3PL/2019/1508/LU Railway Station Mundford Road Weeting dated 7/1/2020

Lawful development certificate for upgrading/increasing parking facilities, additional lighting and CCTV and drainage installed, new anti-vandal shelters installed on both platforms & new bat roost Planning not seeking views at this time – for info only

3PL/2020/0079/F Blackcurrant Cottage Fengate Drove Weeting dated 4/2/20

Reinstatement and extension of building to form dwelling and erection of cart lodge No objections

3PL/2020/0111/D New Beeches Weeting Access Road from Lynn Road to Angerstein Close dated 6/2/20

Reserved matters for submission for Erection of Single storey dwelling and garage following outline permission 3PL/2017/1433/O No objections

11. MEMBERS MATTERS - ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 8.46pm	
Chairman	Data

None