

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting
Held remotely by Zoom
on Thursday 19th November 2020**

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Nairn Chairman, M. Lister Vice Chair, S. Nairn, J. Prosser, S. Walmsley, T. Childerhouse, S. O'Donnell, M. Burlingham, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.
There was one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

C. Drewry had technical trouble trying to connect remotely so was unable to join the meeting.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES – of the meeting held on 15th October 2020

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held remotely on the 15th October 2020 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

M. Burlingham memorial bench.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public thanked the PC for cutting back the hedge on the Weeting bend (*the Chair at this point thanked Cllr Lister and her husband and Cllr S. Nairn for carrying out this work*). The member of the public also said that he part way through becoming a Norfolk befriender.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen – There has been an appeal lodged for the planning application for the Crematorium, however no date has been set for this. Brandon Station - they have not had any formal communication from Greater Anglia with regard to the buildings themselves or the work on the carpark to make it wider, they do have a meeting planned with them as a council to talk about their wider network improvements and he hopes that there will be news on what they intend to do with that capital build out programme. Covid shut down – we are now 14 days until the current lock down will end but it is not known how things will look once the restrictions are lifted at the end of this period. The infections across the district is some of the lowest in the County. If there are any residents in need of support during this time then Norfolk County Council have received financial support to help the extremely vulnerable. There is also a Support Grant available for those businesses that have been forced to close, this is up to the value of £3,000, there is also a discretionary grant scheme available for those smaller businesses that for example work from home and this can be applied for on-line. It is budget time for Breckland and he reported that there will be no cuts to frontline services next year. Breckland Climate and Sustainability strategy – Officers have been meeting with key partners across the County to develop that plan and he is pleased to say that a draft of that will be heard in the public session on the 3rd December and any members can observe that and you can feed any questions in advance or on the day to Cllr Kybird or to him and they can raise these during that session. He thanked the Councillors and the community for reporting vacant properties in the Parish.
Cllr Kybird said that the consultations on the Norfolk County divisions closes on the 20th November

5.2 County Councillors Report

Cllr F. Eagle – said that with regard to Holbrook's, this is with the NCC legal team, however they have had problems with communicating with Network Rail, most of the complaints that he has received needs to be discussed with the local Environmental Health Department. Consultations for the NCC budget is now open and there is a proposed increase of 1.99% on council tax and 2% on the social care, this will give NCC just over an extra 16 million, unfortunately Covid 19 has put additional financial pressures on the council. There was an A.I.P – Avian Influenza Protection Zone declared on Wednesday 11th November across the whole of the UK except for Northern Ireland, this does not affect human public health.

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6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- Sam 2 –Westcotec will be arranging training as soon as possible.
- Willow tree – Rectory Lane – The Clerk has sent an email with photos to Highways to see if they can write to the residents that the tree belongs to.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- Grass verges – wild flowers -price received from TTSR @ £750 a year to cut and clear the areas where the wild flowers will be planted.
- Planting Trees – Cllr Walmsley has come up with various places around the village to plant 30 trees and a map of these has been circulated to the Cllrs. The Clerk has obtained a price from TTSR to plant the trees at £6.50 per tree which includes a rubber tie and steak, this does not include the price of the tree, Cllr Walmsley has looked at getting the trees from the Woodland Trust but that is proving difficult and the Parish Council may have to buy the trees. Cllr Lister said she was concerned that some of the areas that are on that map may belong to Breckland.
- Christmas trees and gazebo lighting – it was agreed that these will be decorated and lit up over the weekend of 5th and 6th December.
- Replacement Nest Swing — Cllr O'Donnell had circulated photos and details of the new swing that she has suggested would be a very suitable replacement for the current wooden framed version that is in need of repair – it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- Vandalized Gate – following a discussion it was agreed to remove the gate that was vandalized on the dog walk.
- Teen Shelter wooden barrier - following a discussion it was agreed to take the wooden screen down as this can encourage vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- Memorial Bench – The Chair said that the benches on Parrotts Piece are in place and looking good.
- Old notice board outside the shop - It was agreed to give this to the Bowls Club.
- Old Notice board on playing field – it was agreed to give this to the Village Hall.

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

It was agreed to award a Lapel Pin to one of the volunteers that helps out on the speed watch program.

6.4 Parish Partnership scheme 2021

The Chair has been in contact with David Jacklin from Highways who will provide the PC with a cost to extend the footpath near the Village Hall.

6.5 Notice Board

This has now been delivered to the Clerk and a price has been quoted by T. Murfet of £100 to install this, it was agreed to go ahead with this quote.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

A resident has been in touch with a couple of people in respect of the Brandon Railway Station, currently we have not heard from Greater Anglia or Network Rail with regards to what they are going to do now that the building is listed, however this will not stop them from applying for permission to demolish the building. He does not think that the station can be registered as a community asset. The Chair thanked all residents, Cllr Lister and her husband, Cllr S. Nairn, the Clerk and her husband for helping with the planting of the spring bulbs.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Claimed Vat for April to September.
- Wrote to Highways regarding the Willow Tree in Rectory Lane.
- Took delivery of the new Notice Board.
- Started to look at what we will spend for the rest of the financial year in order to set the budget for next year.

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7.3 Handyman Report

- Dog Walk chain link fence – repaired hole.
- Gate by Teen Shelter vandalised reported this to Chairman and made safe.
- Village Hall Road – replaced 3 posts and 4 reflectors.
- WPC Store – Back door – repaired loose door frame and fitted board to bottom of door, finished work to down pipe.
- Play Area – wooden pale fence – screwed in loose boards.
- Village Hall car park – filled holes and covered up green plastic road that had lifted with road chippings and quick dry cement.
- Fly tipping at bottle bank – cleared away but not as bad as some previous months.
- Unjammed clothing bank and split up large bags of clothes and put into clothing bank on several occasions.

7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

4 reported out since September.

7.5 Bowls Club Report

They have received another small grant.

7.6 Village Hall Report

They have received another grant.

7.7 Football Club Report

The flood lights are now up and running.

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 October/November 2020

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 19th November at the PC meeting held virtually by Zoom the payments were signed off by the Chair M. Nairn

Balance for November 2020	£14,878.52
Minus the following direct debits	
E-On Street Lights	£663.29
E-On Street Lights Parrots Piece	£13.20
Viridor Waste	£89.20
Total Direct Debits	£765.69
Plus the following receipts	
WVL	£25.00
VAT refund	£2,382.11
Football electric	£58.85
Total Income	£2,465.96
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£16,578.79

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
400279	Poppy Wreath	£30.00
1761583	Football Club Electricity Oct	£58.85
2223563	Football Club Electricity Nov	£23.74
2223609	Clerks Salary/Office exp/Zoom/Football club Batteries	£987.39
2223643	Handyman salary/mileage	£446.39
2223679	Richard Oughton - Mole Control Playing Field	£50.00
2223679	Westcotec - Street Light Maintenance	£194.08
2223752	TTSR - Grass cutting	£1,342.30
2223752	Chase Timber - Village Maintenance	£24.01

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2223789	Fengate Fasteners - Village Maintenance	£34.32
2223789	Greenbarnes - New Notice Board	£1,558.34
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£4,749.42
Balance in Community Account December 2020		£11,829.37
Balance in Savings Account		£10,600.60
Total in Parish Accounts		£22,429.97

9.2 Covid Grant from Norfolk Community Foundation

As before we are unable to obtain any further grants at the moment from this charity.

9.3 Poppy Wreath Donation

It was agreed to donate £30.00 to the Royal British Legion.

9.4 Website - New Mobile Usability

Issues have been detected with the website to comply with website accessibility guidelines and it is compulsory that these issues are addressed – It was agreed to go ahead with the price of £80.00 that our website administrator had given to fix these issues.

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.

This has now received a listed building status.

3PL/2019/0678 Mill Farm IP27 OPT 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/2020/0792/HOU 8 Castle Close IP27 ORQ dated 22/7/2020

Single storey side extension to create a larger kitchen dining room and bigger bedrooms.

No objections from the PC

3PL/2020/0743/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.

Right of way has been amended

3PL/2020/1275/LB 1 The Row IP27 OQG dated 11/11/2020

Removal of a modern partition stud wall to bring the layout of the living room area in line with the neighbouring houses in The Row.

Dove Barn Licencing Application in Northwold

Too late to make any comments

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11. MEMBERS MATTERS - items for next agenda

Budget

It was agreed that Christmas hats are to be worn at the next meeting which is on the 17th December.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.01

Chairman: _____ Date: _____