

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 16th March 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, – M. Lister Vice Chair, P. Nordan, S. Nairn, T Murfet, B. Smith, T. Childerhouse, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allan and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 2 members of the public.

A minutes silence was held for Cllr M Burlingham who recently sadly passed away, following this, the Chair said that she had served on the council for over 20 years, she arranged coffee mornings to raise funds for McMillan and was also our street light officer.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

County Cllr F. Eagle and Cllr C. Drewry

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th February 2023 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting, a copy of minutes will be posted on the notice board and the Parish Council website.

3. TO RECEIVE DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked if a path can be put in from Lynn Lodge down to Cromwell Road, the Clerk will check with Highways to see if this is possible and if so what is the cost.

Another member of the public asked if a traffic count was going as there are counter markers across the road, the Chair said that this was probably being carried out due to the high numbers of cars going through that has been flagged up on the Sam 2 reports. The same member of the public said that he is in need of volunteers to help with the community speed watch scheme and as yet he has not been successful, the Chair suggested that he put a notice out on to the village Facebook page.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

District Cllr R. Kybird – the appeal on the Cromwell Road planning application has been refused. The Local Plan update meetings have been set for the examination in public and dates are 18th to 20th April and this will be held at the Dereham Memorial Hall. He is also looking into the proposed severe trauma centre at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen – said that the Weeting Bowls Club have been awarded the match funding grant of £5000 to go towards their kitchen improvements and also £500 to go towards their Coronation Celebrations. He is pretty certain that Weeting PC will receive some money towards their flag pole and flags. Breckland have just made their final payment to a Weeting business – a start up grant, these grants have been run since the middle of the pandemic, so in total Breckland have given a to Weeting businesses Breckland a total of £370,000. Brandon Railway Station building has been declared unsafe and the roof will probably have to be replaced and once this has been done and the building declared structurally safe then the future of the building will need to be monitored. There will be no such thing as 20 Minute Towns in Breckland.

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting, apologies sent.

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Mirror for junction of Peppers Close and Brandon Road – Cllr Murfet said he has a pole that can be used to mount the mirror on and arrangements will now be made to put the pole in place.
- b) Faulty Flashing Speeding sign on Lynn Road coming in from Hockwold – Westcotec have said that the speeding sign is very old and will have to be replaced– Highways

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will not replace this – it was agreed that this can be discussed at the meeting with Liz Truss in April.

- c) Carvery Sign that is obstructing the highway – this has not been moved, the Clerk will contact Highways again.
- d) Overhanging bushes on the Weeting Straight – Cllr Lister has received a complaint regarding the bushes that are overhanging the path on the right hand side going into Brandon - the Clerk will contact Highways to write to the land owner to ask that these are cut back.
- e) Trees between Pilgrims Way and Lynn Road – some of these have recently been cut down and Cllr Lister would like to know if they are going to be replaced as there are now big gaps in the verge - the Clerk will contact Breckland.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- a) Jubilee Orchard – Cllr Childerhouse apologised for missing some meetings recently and said that all trees are now planted.
- b) New security door for the Parish Council Store has now been installed.
- c) Flag pole for Parrotts Piece – price for a suitable pole is £283.00 and flags £10.00– match funding from Breckland is available up to £200 to go towards cost of pole and the fitting of this and also purchase of the Union Flag and special Coronation Flags and the Clerk has asked Breckland CC if we can be considered for half towards the cost of this, Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen said he is pretty certain that we will receive something towards the pole from Breckland.
- d) Village Hall Parking and Play Area – Cllr Murfet will measure up for a fence between the play area and the car park so that an accurate price can be obtained from the manufacturers.

6.3 Coronation Souvenirs – update on Book Marks

These have now been ordered, they will have gold writing on purple back ground – the Clerk will contact the school to see how many they will want.

6.4 Meeting with MP Liz Truss – Meeting now confirmed to be held in the Village Hall on the 21st April between 4 and 6pm. This is not open to the public.

The Chairman confirmed that this is not open to the public, it was suggested that the Council ask MP Liz Truss if she can look to holding a surgery in the village at a later date.

6.5 Defibrillator – to discuss possible replacement for existing defib – prices

It was agreed to put the purchase of a new one on the back burner for the time being. It was also agreed to get our existing defibrillator upgraded – the Clerk will let Cllr Lister know what is required.

6.6 Any other matters that need action

None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Street Lighting Officers Report

Two lights have been reported out. Cllr Lister said that some of the plates on the posts are being kicked out and she has been fixing them back with cable-ties. It was agreed that some heavy duty ties are looked at for the future.

7.2 Sam 2 – latest speed reports

Report for 11th February to 11th March. The Sam 2 has been positioned on Site 1 - South park, south facing catching cars as they are coming into the village from Brandon the speed limit is 30mph.

Total vehicle count for that period = 111,421

Vehicle count with in the speed limit = 59,679

Total speeders = 51,742

Maximum speed limit recorded = 50mph

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7.3 Bowls Club Report

The Bowls club has received a £5,000 grant for cost towards improvements and a further £500 to go towards the Coronation celebrations.

7.4 Village Hall Report

The next meeting which is the AGM is in April.

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

Posters have been received from Breckland explaining the requirement of ID when voting, one has been put on the Parish notice board and the remaining two have gone to the Bowls Club and Village Hall for them to display on their notice boards.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for February/March invoices

The following payments for Feb/March invoices were authorised on Thursday the 16th March, the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for February (current account only)	£18,320.39
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£469.04
Street Lights Parrotts Piece	£0.00
Total Direct Debits	£469.04
Plus the following receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
WVL	£760.00
Vat refund Nov to March	£645.92
Total Income	£1,424.67
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£19,276.02

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
21137161	Bin Collection	19.18
21137288	Mole Control for Playing Field	£60.00
21294486	Insignia - Coronation Bookmarks	£285.00
21426973	Clerks salary and expenses	£591.53
21427119	Street lighting maintenance	£194.08
21427192	Football Club Electricity	£23.54
21427250	Printing Weeting Village Life	£715.00
21429926	Hall Hire	£30.00
21436277	Glebe Services - New Door	£505.60
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£2,423.93
Balance in Community Account March 2023		£16,852.09
Balance in Savings		£10,617.50
Total in Parish Accounts		£27,469.59

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications since the last meeting: -

3PL/2023/0165/F ING: Station Yard Mundford Road dated 21st February 2023

Proposed building for oil fired kiln

Councillor comments:- Cllr Murfet said that he did not agree to them installing an oil fired boiler, and thought that it should be an alternative source.

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3PL/2023/0230/VAR Grimes Graves Stanford Road dated 6th March 2023

Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 on 3PL/2022/0745/F – Lifting of proposed building and erection of a new steel slab underneath

Councillor comments:- no objections.

Applications that have been approved or refused: -

None received

11. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda and date of next meeting

The latest Weeting Village Life has now been delivered.

The Food bus is now back in action.

Breckland Magazine – Weeting does not get this as they can't deliver it to this area – the Chair has suggested that they leave it in the pub, shop, on the food bus and in the chip shop etc

Caring Village – the Chair said that local residents across several villages are being trained up to recognise if there is someone that is in need of help with their mental health due to isolation etc, and it may be an idea to see if anyone in Weeting would be interested in attending these training sessions.

Work at the Castle is still ongoing – Cllr Childerhouse asked when the work will be completed – the Clerk will contact English Heritage as hay bales have been set on fire and children are still climbing the scaffolding.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 20th April 7pm in the Village Hall

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.58

Chairman: _____ Date: _____