

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 18th January 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, M, Lister – Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, C. Wilkins, B. Smith, C Drewry, Sam Chapman-Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle, and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr Ian Childerhouse and District Cllr R Kybird.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES – To accept and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 16th November 2023

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th November 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 mentioned about a bypass

A member of public put forward and alternative idea for the village hall drive repairs – see item 6.2 a.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen said that there had been an increase in fly tipping and there has been four reported cases in the village, Breckland has the highest prosecution rate for fly tippers and he encouraged that people report all cases along with photos if possible.

No flooding has been reported recently and Breckland have been liaising with the residents that have been affected in the past and they think they have a solution.

The trees on Saxon Place - an officer has been out to look at the trees and it is now being decided as to whether Breckland or the individual will carry out the work that is required.

There is D-Day funding for various community groups in the village of up to £500.

Design code is taking place which revolves around everything from the type of material to be used on buildings, open spaces, ecology work etc. This will dictate what is used on a single property up to 2000 houses.

Local plan consultation running until Friday 19th February and that will say where some of the growth will be in the district, there are some on-line sessions and he encourages all to take a look at this on the website.

With regard to the Railway Station, we are waiting on NCC for further news.

Budget consultation has taken place and there will be an increase for band D properties of £4.00 putting that up to a £108 a year.

The Chair asked if there a possibility of getting any grant funding towards the Village Hall drive and Cllr Chapman-Allen said there is a possibility from next year's budget of up to £5,000 match funding.

5.2 County Councillors Report

The government has changed how household waste is accepted at the recycle centres and the public are now allowed to bring 2 x 50ltr bags of DIY waste per visit and households are allowed 4 free visits every month.

Adult learning service has been rated good by Ofsted.

They are finalising their budget.

Fire stations are being updated to make them fit for purpose.

There is extended free travel for all disabled ticked holders in Norfolk.

The Emergency team had 800 calls coming in over the festive period.

The Rural Business Award will be launched on Feb 6th.

Highways are to extend the speed limit of 30mph out at both ends of the village and 20mph school signs to be installed.

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6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Installation of trod between Lynn Lodge and Cromwell Road – quote received @ £24,000 and a bid has been put into the partnership scheme for £12,000 and we hope to secure £6,000 out of County Cllrs F. Eagle's allowance, meaning that the Parish Council will pay £6,000 in total.
- b) Carvery Sign obstructing drivers vision onto Lynn Road – Highways have written to the owners again asking that they move the sign back 2 metres from the road, but letters are being ignored. Cllr Chapman-Allen asked that the Clerk send him details on this and he will see if he can help.
- c) Highways Slow Down Signs – response from Highways – *We have received an email from Highways stating that as there are many slow down signs for example, village gates, speed terminal signs, speed repeater signs, 'Kill your Speed' signs, VAS signs and flashing wig wag signs at school times. They would question whether any additional signage is going to slow some drivers down.*
- d) To discuss any other Highways matters that have been arisen since the agenda was issued
The Hedge has been trimmed back on Brandon Road.
A horse-riding sign has collapsed and is lying on its side on the Brandon from Mundford road, the Clerk will report this to Highways.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Village Hall Drive repairs – TJM have offered an alternative quote for the Village Hall drive which is for TJM to repair part of the driveway of 130 square metres price @ £600 which will run alongside a quote that he asked KDG Surfacing to supply which is for supply and install a 130m2 surface course of stone – mastic – asphalt at 50mm compacted with roller @ £4554. TJM also put forward an alternative idea (*this was during public participation*) to install speed bumps to slow the traffic down which should cut down on pot holes that are constantly appearing.
Following a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Tom Childerhouse would ask the person that carried out repairs on his drive to look at this before we go ahead. Cllr Fabian Eagle recommended we contact Bennington Hire in Methwold Hythe, (*the Clerk has since called and they are coming to Weeting to take a look and come up with an alternative quote*).
- b) Swift Tower – this will be delivered and installed sometime after the 1st February, the manufacturer will contact Cllr T Childerhouse prior to the delivery date to confirm exactly where this is to be installed.
- c) Grass Cutting areas – Wil Smith-TTSR update on quote for the extra areas – no prices have come through – Clerk will chase this up again.
- d) Open top bin on Play Area – update on removal – this has now been removed by TJM free of charge, the Clerk will send an email thanking him for doing this for the PC.
- e) Picnic bench by the teen shelter – the surface has been sorted out by TJM free of charge – the Clerk will send an email thanking him for carrying out this work for the PC.
- f) Village Hall Drive - parking on Village Hall drive by residents who's gardens back on to the drive – The drive belongs to the Parish Council and residents are not officially allowed to use or park on the drive unless they are using the Village Hall, following a discussion, it was agreed to put a notice in the next WVJ stating that the Council are willing to allow them to continue to use the drive, but they will be reminded that they do not have the right to do this.
- g) Orchard – additional trees for the Orchard funded by a grant from Breckland Council – the grant paperwork has gone in and since this meeting we have been told that we will receive £475.75 to purchase more trees for the Orchard.
- h) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issued – nothing to discuss.

6.3 Any other matters to discuss

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- a) D Day Celebrations – There is a grant available to go towards any D Day celebrations, however, the PC are not allowed to apply for this as it is aimed at the Village Hall and Bowls Club, the Clerk has sent the details of the grant to the committees of both clubs. There is a grant available to the PC for a Beacon, it was agreed that the Clerk would find out prices and apply for a grant of £300 towards this.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Street Lighting Report

The new Solar light has been installed in Angerstein Close and a further 5 LED's have been installed to replace the old obsolete lanterns that have stopped working.

The Clerk investigated brighter LED's and was told that it is very easy to get the same model that we are currently installing around the village with a brighter LED at no extra charge. It was agreed that Clerk will try and get another price for the lanterns that sit on top of the pole like the lamps outside the school.

7.2 Sam 2 Report

21st October to 18th November – site 3 - East facing Peppers Close

Total vehicle count for that period = 5,548

Vehicle count with in the speed limit = 4,688

Total speeders = 832

Maximum speed limit recorded = 60 mph

18th November to 16th December – site 5 East facing Park View/Hockwold Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 36,573

Vehicle count with in the speed limit = 32,555

Total speeders = 4,038

Maximum speed limit recorded = 50 mph

16th December to 13th January – site 3 South facing incoming Lynn Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 55,482

Vehicle count with in the speed limit = 51,096

Total speeders = 4,435

Maximum speed limit recorded = 70 mph

The chair proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Peter Nordan for taking on this very important job.

7.3 Bowls Club Report

Fitting higher gates with locks.

The planned refurbishment of the Kitchen still on going.

The Christmas Eve opening had a far better turn out than New Year's Eve.

They have been given the details of the grant available the D Day celebrations.

7.4 Village Hall Report

The Chairman has been receiving different quotes for the driveway, and there was a conversation regarding the parking on the driveway by residents that have gardens that back on to the drive in that they do not have the right park there as it is a private driveway owned by the Parish Council.

With regards to the solar panels the surveyor has been in and needs to come back and it was decided that at a cost of over £1500 for the additional visit, the outcome will probably be that the roof is no suitable for solar panels.

A new special fire alarm needs to be fitted.

A handy man coming in to carry out repairs.

There was a good response to the craft fair.

The Christmas show went well and £300 has been given to a charity of their choice.

A cleaner is coming in for 16 hours a week, it was suggested by the Chair that they get someone else in when the regular cleaner is not available to clean between hirer.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE – To report/note on any correspondence received by the Council (distributed by e-mail and available in hard copy at the meeting)

E-mail received from a resident complaining about the state of some areas of the village. The Clerk did invite the resident to the meeting but he turned down the invitation stating that he would send another email with more details.

E-mail from PC Les Maquire asking if they can hold a SNAP meeting (*Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan*) in Weeting Village Hall on the 18th November from 6.30pm. *The hall has since been booked for this event.*

9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for January 2024

The following payments for December and January invoices were authorised on Thursday the 18th January 2024 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for November (community account only)	£35,316.13
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights Nov	£1,146.90
Street Lights Parrotts Nov	£34.00
Street Lights Dec	£1,191.97
Street Lights Parrotts Dec	£45.35
Total Direct Debits	£2,418.22
Plus, the following receipts	
Bowls Club Dec	£18.75
Bowls club Jan	£18.75
Total Income	£37.50
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£32,935.41

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
50447858	A&J Engravers	£320.00
28790026	Mary Sullivan WVL del	£125.00
29063190	Bin Collection	£27.42
29063248	E-on Football	£21.92
29063314	P Angus Clerks Salary Dec	£630.18
29063358	Barkers printing	£715.00
29063428	Viking stationers	£34.69
29486324	T T Jones New Solar Light - Angerstein Close	£2,895.60
29486370	T T Jones New Solar Light -street light maintenance Jan to Mar 2024 and 5 new LED's	£1,438.04
29486439	Sam 2 exp July to Dec	£60.00
29804153	P Angus Clerks Salary Jan	£630.18
29804221	HMRC PAYE	£523.53
29804413	Bin Collection	£27.42
29804460	E-on Football	£19.58
29804544	Hall Hire	£30.00
29863500	Web site hosting and support 6 months	£307.00
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£7,805.56
Balance in Community Account Jan 2024		£25,129.85
Balance in savings account		£10,741.15
Total in Parish Accounts		£35,871.00

9.2 Budget 2024/2025 :- Conclusion of budget meeting held in December 2023

The Clerk said that we are pretty much on budget for this year – A total figure to spend this year was set at £46,736 and the Clerks predicts that we will spend £45,936 for this financial year.

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Looking at next year we have added in some extra amounts for:-

Trod	£6000
New laptop	£1000
Extra for electricity- street lights	£4000
New LED Street lights 1 a month	£2370
Giving a total of	£13370 extra spending for next year
That puts next year's budget at	£57,045 total spent
We should start the year of with	£35,817 in the bank
Add the proposed precept at	£47,008
Giving a total of	£82,825 to cover costs – leaving £25,780 in our reserves

9.3 Precept 2024/2025:- To agree and set the Precept for next year

It was agreed to set the Precept at £47,008 for next year.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3BT/2023/0007/BT Land at Weeting Sewage Treatment Works, Hockwold Road, IP27 0FD dated 3rd January 2024

Prior approval for proposed Arqiva Smart Metering 1No. Omni at 13.83m means mounted on proposed 12m street works pole. Proposed Arqiva Smart Metering 1No. GPS Antenna at 12.4m mean mounted on proposed street works pole. Proposed Arqiva Smart Metering 1No. 3G Omni Antenna at 3.8m mean mounted on proposed street works pole and proposed Arqiva Smart Metering Equipment enclosure to be installed on a roof foundation (The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A) (Telecommunications)

No objections from the Parish Council

3PL/2024/0019/HOU Prospect Lodge, Fengate Drove dated 11th January 2024

Siting of a static caravan for use as an annex as accommodation for a carer to Mrs. Betts.

The Parish Council object due to long term implications once the carer is not needed.

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

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

Cllr Sue Nairn has managed to sell 47 of the remaining Coronation Souvenir book marks raising a total of £23.50.

With regard to the WVL magazine – she is trying to get the more advertisers as unfortunately they have lost two which were worth £360.

A date for a litter pick will be set sometime in March.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.20

Chairman: _____ Date: _____