

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 21st March 2024

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

There were 3 members of the public.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone that Clodagh Drewry has resigned from the Parish Council and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to her for her service during her time on the Council.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES – To accept and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 15th February 2024

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th February 2024 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.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke about being good neighbours to the Village hall and pointed out that in the past she stopped youngsters on quad bikes ripping up the playing field, she has told youngsters to get off the roof, informed the village hall when lights have been left on at night, has offered her drive to disabled people to park, on polling day she supplied bacon and egg rolls to the people who were working that day, pointed out that youngsters were getting in during meetings and opening a window in the kitchen and breaking in after the hall was locked up, the Chair told her to inform the police when there is any antisocial behaviour. The chair went on to explain what is happening with the drive and Cllr Wilkins explained that the treasurer was applying for a lottery grant but it will take time.

Another member of the public said about the Railway Sidings and that the meeting was taking place on Friday 22nd March, the same member of the public said that he will be giving up the speed watch and will be handing back the equipment, it was agreed to put out a notice.

A member of the public asked if there was a complaint about her fence at the last meeting, she was informed that there were no complaints.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr R Kybird said he will be attending the meeting tomorrow regarding the Railway Sidings in Brandon and said he will reading out the following – my initial comments on this planning application were:-

“The operation of the pair of rail sidings has generated more complaints than any other matter in Forest Ward.

They principal issues are

1. excessive dust

2. Excessive noise especially outside of conditioned hours of operation.

3. Delivery locomotives left with engines running.

4. No effective use of tyre wash facilities at the associated materials handling yard.

Conditions must be attached to any approval to regularise use of the siding in a manner which enables strict enforcement.

I therefore support the detailed conditions in this planning application.”

With regard to other matters - The fine for fly tipping will be doubled/tripled so if people are caught fly tipping the fine will be around £1000.

6.2 County Councillors Report

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7. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Carvery Sign obstructing drivers vision onto Lynn Road – Highways said that the visibility splays would appear to meet minimum criteria for a 40mph road.
- b) Speeding on Park View – email was received from a resident regarding her concerns on speeding and what can be done about it, the Clerk had contacted Highways and the Police, Highways response is as follows – *“We do not have any plans for installing traffic calming measures. This stretch of road has numerous signs informing drivers of the speed limit and a VAS sign. The Road does not meet the criteria laid out in NCC’s Speed Management Strategy for a further reduction to 20mph. Enforcement of the speed limit is a matter of Norfolk Police”*.
The Police have arranged for more speeding cameras to come to the village and it was pointed out that they have been seen in the village within the last week.
- c) Trod Match Funding – we have been awarded £12,000 towards the cost of the new trod from Cromwell Road, the Clerk has asked County Cllr Fabian Eagle if he can give a further £6,000 and if he agrees to that then the PC have budgeted for the remaining £6,000 to come out of their funds.
- d) To discuss any other Highways matters that have been arisen since the agenda was issued
There is a 30mph sign that has fallen down on the Hockwold Road coming in from Hockwold
The pole for the 40mph speed limit sign on Lynn Road is rotting
Cllr Sue Nairn said that she noticed whilst litter picking that there are two large holes in the side of one of the roads, the Clerk asked her to send a photo along with the exact location so that this can be investigated with Highways.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Village Hall Drive repairs – Update on repairs and to discuss use of the drive by local residents including parking of vehicles on the verges. The appointed groundworkers will be coming back with a date to start when the weather improves, users of the village hall and residents that use the drive way to enter their properties will be informed of those dates so that they know not to use the drive during the time of repairs.
- b) Swift Tower – This is now installed
- c) Extra Grass Cutting areas – TTSR have quoted £2550 to cut the areas that NCC usually cut, NCC have agreed to re-imburse the PC £2,726, it was agreed to go ahead with TTSR and the Clerk will inform them after this meeting.
- d) Orchard – Trees have been planted and a letter of thanks has gone out to two residents who helped with the planting. – another resident has supplied some mulch for the trees and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to him along with a Weeting lapel pin.
- e) Beacon – update from the Clerk on prices for a Beacon price of £1250 was obtained by the Clerk and following this it was agreed that we would not go ahead with this project.
- f) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issued
Moles on the playing field – Clerk will contact the mole man.
The doors on the electricity box located on Parrotts Piece have been vandalized and we have approached two people for a quote to replace these
Thank you to Cllr Ian Childerhouse for cutting the hedges.
Following an enquiry from a resident, it was confirmed that the Defibrillator is registered with ambulance service.

7.3 Policy reviews

- a) Drone Policy – was reviewed and adopted
 - b) Equal Opportunities Policy – was reviewed and adopted
 - c) Safeguarding Policy – was reviewed and adopted
 - d) Privacy Policy – was reviewed and adopted
- All will be posted on the website.

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7.4 Any other matters to discuss
None

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting

Street light outside the towers in St Edmunds is out, there is no number on the column –(Cllr Lister drove round there after the meeting and it appeared to be working normally)
Street light 123 in Shadwell close is now due to be replaced with an LED but there is an additional cost of £65.00 as a “post top” adapter has to be used for this particular lantern.

8.2 Sam 2

Position – West facing Peppers Close
Total vehicle count for that period = 3,029
Vehicle count within the speed limit = 2,884
Total speeders = 145
Maximum speed limit recorded = 40mph

8.3 Bowls Club

27th May open day for 50th anniversary
Mugs for sale at £5.00
Karaoke and bingo nights are ongoing
Coffee morning and dog walking mornings are being talked about

8.4 Village Hall

The Hall has had some major expenses this month.
New ramps have been built outside three French windows.
The installation of the new fire alarms was delayed because the electricians were given wrong information as to where the main box was to be sited, there are also four red alarm boxes, one at each of the French windows and one in the foyer.
The first craft fair of the year on the 9th March went very well and was fully booked, it made just short of £500, and with this in mind another three dates have been booked for 13th July, 21st September and 23rd November.
The annual meeting will take place on 13th May.
It is hoped to have a mass cleaning of the chairs over Easter.
The D Day concert is on Saturday 8th June and there will be a comedy show on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

The 45th addition has now been delivered – we currently have 33 advertisers which will bring in £2,510.
One new enquiry has been received to advertise in this years magazine
The printing costs will be increased for next year, actual total not yet known.

9. 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 regarding speeding on Park View – discussed under item 7.1
e-mails regarding Village Hall drive - discussed under item 7.2
e-mail regarding the Cranwich farming factory.
A phone call was received by Cllr Nordan regarding the Brandon car park ticketing that is not very easy to use, he has asked to resident to take this up with West Suffolk Council.

10. FINANCE

10.1 To agree and sign the payments for February invoices

The following payments for December and January invoices were authorised on Thursday the 21st March 2024 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for January (community account only)	£26,132.80
Minus the following direct debits	

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Street Lights	£1,093.52
Street Lights Parrotts	£26.49
Total Direct Debits	£1,120.01

Plus the following receipts

Bowls Club	£18.75
Sale of book marks	£6.00
WVL	£1,240.00
Total Income	£1,264.75
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£26,277.54

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
31554682	E-on Football club electricity	£26.14
31554731	Bin Collection	£27.42
31554771	Westcotec - replacement Sam 2 pole	£234.00
31556294	Clerks Salary and expenses	£631.18
31556355	Barkers Printing WVL	£715.00
31556432	T T Jones - street light maintenance	£229.34
31556596	WVL delivery	£125.00
31556640	Village Hall Hire	£30.00
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£2,018.08
Balance in Community Account March 2024		£24,259.46
Balance in savings account		£10,741.15
Total in Parish Accounts		£35,000.61

10.2 To appoint Serena Barnes to carry out the year end internal audit

All agreed that Ms Barnes will carry out this year's internal audit in preparation for the external audit.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received

FUL/2022/0051 Land at Brandon Rail Sidings, Mundford Road, Weeting,

Retention of replacement rail siding (retrospective): Network Rail

See Cllr Kybirds report

3PL/2024/0206/HOU 65 St Edmund Road

Removal of existing conservatory and construction of larger single storey rear extension

No objections

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published

None

Applications that have been approved

3PL/2024/0019/HOU Prospect Lodge, Fengate Drove

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

Approved with restrictions 19th February.

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

The next meeting is on 18th April 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.05

Chairman: _____ Date: _____