

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Parish Council Meeting Held at Weeting Village Hall, Weeting on Thursday 21st February 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Nairn Chair, M. Lister Vice Chair, M. Burlingham, J. Prosser, M. Buxton, C. Drewry, T. Childerhouse, S. Walmsley, P. Smith and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.
Mr J. Reay Handyman. There were 5 members of the public, District Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen and County Councillor Fabian Eagle.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2019 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting, the Chair signed the minutes.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 members of the public said that they had noticed in past minutes that the Church may close and they explained that they intend to raise funds to keep the Church open, they also thanked the Parish Council for their support and for keeping the Church yard tidy. The Chair said that the Rector has written an article for the next Weeting Village Life regarding the Church and fundraising.

A member of the public who co-ordinates the speed watch said that during the last speed watch there was only one resident that was caught speeding - previously there were at least three to four residents speeding in the village. A member of the public said that a planned yard sale had been called off. A member of the public asked if the HGV's could be stopped coming through the village and it was explained that this was not possible.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues

Brandon Road is due to be completed and the road has been marked up with white paint for work to be carried out. Work on Hockwold road and Brandon road will begin on the 25th February so Hockwold road will be closed for that day.

5.2 Street Lighting – Street Lighting officers report

3 lights were reported out during January and February. There is an un adopted light in Fengate Drove that has been reported not working and following a discussion in which 3 more homeless lights were mentioned which are in Mundford Road, outside The Towers and Victor Charles Close, Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen asked the Clerk to send an email to him with the exact locations and he will enquire if Breckland District Council can take on ownership for them.

5.3 Playing Field/Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

5.4 STANTA Tour 2019 – date 12th June 2019 – up date on arrangements

The Clerk had given notices to all Councillors and to the Handyman to put on to noticeboards, there is also a notice on the website and it will appear in the next Weeting Village Life magazine.

5.5 Brandon Railway Station – Update from the Chair following recent meeting with Anglian/Network Rail

The chair said that he had attended a meeting with Network Rail, 3 representatives from Greater Anglia, Cllrs W. Nunn and S. Chapman-Allen. The inside of the station was very dilapidated and would need at least £500,000 spent on it to make it usable, following this information Friends of Brandon Station have been informed of the situation and have said that they cannot go forward with their ideas to save the station. The conclusion of the meeting was that the building will have to be demolished. Greater Anglian was asked about disabled access as there is no parking available on the Brandon side of the station therefore disabled bays are only available on the Weeting side. A second ticket machine will be installed on the Weeting side along with a shelter. With regard to the issue of Bats they will be working with Natural England and the Bat Preservation society and will carry out a full survey, this will delay the demolishing of the building but will not stop it. It has been suggested that the flint from the old building could be used for a memorial for all service personal that have

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passed through the station. Cllr Prosser said that the Parish Council needs to write to Greater Anglia in the strongest terms to insist that disabled parking facilities are made available on both sides of the station.

5.6 Elections –Reminder of important dates and information regarding filling out and returning the nomination form to Breckland District Council

The Clerk said that nomination packs would need to be delivered by hand to Breckland Council by the 4th April and she is happy to take the packs to Breckland on behalf of all existing Cllrs. If there are more than 9 applications for the Parish Councillors positions an election will need to be called.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chairman's Report

Planning permission for 26 houses has been refused due to the land being contaminated.

The Chair has received complaints regarding the high volume of dust coming from Holbrook's yard from residents that live nearby to the yard and he has asked all residents to report this direct to Breckland Environmental Department. The Chair has a meeting planned with David Jacklin from Highways on the 1st March to discuss the footpaths that are unsuitable for pushchair and wheelchair users and other matters.

6.2 Clerks Report

- Set up accounts for BACs payments
- Re-arranged meeting with David Jacklin from Highways for the 1st March at 10.30am.
- Started work on new Web site (had to purchase upgrade for this year but will look at cheaper alternatives for next year for the host)
- Attended Election course and prepared packs for all existing councillors that want to re-apply.
- Contacted TTSR to let them know that they have the next 3 years grass cutting contract.
- Arranged for notices to be put up regarding dog walkers leaving bags of dog mess in various places around the village, these will also be put on to the Parish Website.
- Set up a notice for STANTA tour this will appear on notice boards and also on the web site.
- Arranged litter pick for Sunday 24th Feb meeting 10am at the bus shelter opposite the chip shop.
- Had some initial training session on uploading notices etc onto the web site.

6.3 Handyman Report

- Replaced broken post at the end of The Row.
- Replaced the short post with taller post in Village Hall Road and Parrotts Piece as drivers of the larger 4x4 vehicles may not see the smaller post.
- Spread salt on the trod and in front of the shop twice.
- Unlocked and locked up the gate for the person that came to repair the wobbly plate in the fitness area.
- Took the rotting wood ball off the top of the pagoda, this will shortly be replaced with new ball.
- Filled holes in the at the gate way to play area and football hut with road plainings.
- Raked up glass by the bottle bank.
- Regularly tidied up the clothes bank area, there was also some fly tipping in the area.
- Cleared up mess that had been left in the teen shelter area.

6.4 Bowls Club Report

Nothing to report.

6.5 Village Hall Report

No report from the Village Hall, at this point a member of the public thanked the Parish Council for arranging to have the repairs carried out on the Village Hall drive and it was agreed that the Council will write to the contractor to thank him for the good work that he has carried out on the drive.

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6.6 Football Club Report

The football club have now paid their electricity bill up to December 2018 - £68.73. It is not certain if the pitch has been rolled this year.

6.7 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen said Breckland District Council had agreed a £4.95 increase to the precept for band D (this band is used as an example) which means the annual council tax for this band will be £80.83 and he went on to say that anyone having difficulties with this increase can contact Breckland for financial help/advice and assistance. The Local Plan documents have now been sent out to Clerks to distribute to the Cllrs. There were two homeless people that were reported to Breckland during the cold period and these were picked up and placed into suitable respite accommodation for a week.

6.8 County Councillors Report

County Cllr Fabian Eagle said that Norfolk County Council had launched a new initiative to help children stay with families rather than being taken away and this should help 400 children between the ages of 8 to 15. Various Norfolk museums have launched some activities for families for half term in which Norfolk Castle museum are presenting Life of the Vikings, Gressingham – Escape from the Work House – Kings Lynn are presenting Britain at War. Norfolk County Council have launched a campaign against fly tipping called “Scrap”. Council tax has been set at 2.99%, that will mean that NCC council tax revenue from the public will be just over £409 million. NCC have suffered cuts from central government of £204 million since 2011 and still have to save a further £72 million. Cllr Eagle went on to say that he had chased up the point raised about the speeding gritter that was spotted in Weeting recently but Highways say that all vehicles have trackers and nothing was showing in the Weeting area on that day.

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

A letter had been received and circulated to the Councillors regarding crime in the village and suggesting that CCTV is installed to monitor people and vehicles entering and leaving the village. the Chair pointed out that if the CCTV is installed and run by a public authority it has to be monitored 24 hours and following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council do not have the funds and the facilities/staff to carry out this work.

8. FINANCE

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

The following payments were agreed on Thursday the 21st February 2019 the payments were authorised and signed by Cllrs M. Nairn and M. Lister

Balance for January 2019	£14,482.57
Minus the following direct debits / SO	
E-On Street Lights	£578.24
E-On Street Lights Parrots Piece	£16.63
Viridor Waste Collection	£52.61
Total Direct Debits	£647.48
Plus, the following receipts	
Weeting Bowls Club	£18.75
Total Income	£18.75
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£13,853.84

BACS Ref/Cheques	Description	Total
52483219	Mrs P Angus Salary £536.77/Mileage £3.60/ Office allowance £25.00/ Phone £5.00/ 123 reg upgrade fee for new website £79.06	£649.43
52483256	Mr J Reay Salary £421.76/Mileage £18.00	£439.76
52483324	NALC Election training (Holme Hale paid mileage)	£36.00
52483355	TJM Domestic Groundworks - Village hall drive	£2,334.00
52483476	Terry Hawkins - Jan and Feb Web site maintenance	£60.00
52483784	Westcotec - Street light maintenance	£194.08
52483873	Weeting Village Hall - Hall Hire for meeting	£20.00

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52483695	E-On Football Club Electricity	£11.15
52556579	Viking - Black Sacks and Printer Inks	£126.58

Total Cheques paid	£3,871.00
Balance in Community Account February 2019	£9,982.84
Balance in Savings Account	£15,000.00
Total in Parish Council Accounts	£24,982.84

(£2,000 ringfenced for play area maintenance and £996.50 for outdoor play projects)

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref Number	Address	Date	Description	Outcome/update
3SO/2018/0003/SCO	Brandon Road Weeting	26/10/18	EIA Scoping opinion for proposed crematorium facility	Permission granted for scoping 18/12/18
3PL/2018/0262/O	Fengate Drove Weeting	6/3/18	Outline permission for 26 dwellings	Refused 13/2/19
3PL/2018/1413/F	Rear of 1 Cromwell Road	12/11/18	Proposed 4 bedroom dwelling	Amended access details have been submitted to planning: Decision by 15/3/19
3PL/2018/1586/HOU	20 Park View Weeting	15/2/19	Remove external timber finish, install insulation, finish with light weight silicone render	Decision by 8/3/19

10. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda

None at the moment

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.23

Chairman: _____ Date: _____