

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held at Weeting Village Hall, Weeting
on Thursday 18th July 2019**

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Nairn Chair, M. Lister Vice Chair, S. Walmsley, S. Nairn, P. Smith, T. Childerhouse, C. Drewry, J. Prosser, District Councillor Robert Kybird and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.
Mr J. Reay Handyman. There were 8 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle and Cllr M. Burlingham.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2019 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting. All agreed and the Chair signed the minutes.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public said that he had heard that the planning application for the crematorium had been refused, the chair confirmed that it had been deferred. The same member of the public said that he totally opposed the planning application for the 450 houses. Another member of the public said Brandon Town Council have a map that details the bypass for Brandon and that if the houses go ahead the bypass will be shelved.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Kybird gave the following report – With regarding to the planning application for the 450 houses Norfolk and Suffolk Councils are meeting this week to discuss Highway issues. The report on the environmental impact has not yet been completed this is due to go ahead in the spring. Breckland hope to have their local plan in place sometime in September. Breckland will be running a scheme for grants up to £500 for D-Day celebrations these are available on a first come first served basis. Following the recent meeting at Breckland Station the interior was in a very bad state.

The Chair said that it would be good if the Silver Social events could be held in either Mundford or Weeting.

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting apologies sent.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues

- No Through sign Victor Charles Close – this is going ahead no date given as yet.
- Stickers for bins – District Councillor F. Eagle said that he could do with some suggestions on what exactly to put on the slow down signs for the bins in the village and it was suggested that if possible a mixture of perhaps “Slow you down” and “Please Slow Down in our Village” would be suitable.
- Parish Partnership Scheme – 2019/2020 – The Chair suggested that Sam Two Speed signs could be considered, the cost for these is around £2,000 and they need to stay in one location for 2 weeks at a time, the Clerk will contact Westcotec for updated details and prices.
- New Gated Signs – these have been ordered on the 9th July and are on a 4-6-week delivery, once received the installation will be programmed in to the Highways teams schedule.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

The ROSPA report has been circulated to Councillors and given to the handyman.

The handyman asked if a sign could be purchased for the play area explaining that no ball games are allowed in this area and following a discussion it was agreed that a sign saying “No Ball Games in this Area” would do the job.

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6.3 Notice Board – update from the Clerk

The Clerk has an estimated cost of £1,000 and we will have to get a price to install, this will be put into next year's budget if final costs are agreed.

6.4 Website – Councillors Photos etc

The Clerk would like photos of the Councillors to go onto the Web Site.

6.5 Christmas Tree Lighting – to agree a date and discuss possible arrangements for this year

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the tree would be put up at the end of November ready to be lit on the 30th November, Cllr Lister said the village hall would like to provide mulled wine and the Town Cryer would like to open up the ceremony.

6.6 Bowls Club – to discuss renewal of licence

Licence– the Bowls Club have said that their licence to use the building needs to be renewed as there is only 5 years left on their existing licence and they need at least 7 years as this helps when applying for grants. The Chair suggested contacting Breckland Licencing Department for advice. Cllr Childerhouse said that we need to talk with the Bowls Club to establish exactly what they want and also what the Parish Council can agree to.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

The Chair attended a meeting at Brandon railway station on Monday 15th July to try and stop the building being demolished, the interior has damp and dry rot – the gentleman from the Norfolk Historic Building Trust was there and several of the Councillors that were present at this meeting came to the conclusion that Greater Anglia are not interested in saving the building and it is also not certain that the building can be saved.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Sent list over for Rangers visit in June July
- Contacted planning to get the dates changed for comments on planning application 3PL/2019/0678 450 houses
- Organized leaflets for planning meeting on the 18th July
- Attended meeting regarding parking in Hereward Way – (letter to be agreed to send to the garage owners)
- Liaised with County Councillor Fabian Eagle regarding the sticker signs to go on the bins – this to be organized with Norse and he is looking for suggestions on what to put on these stickers for example – just a plain “Please slowdown in our village” or something humorous like “Slow you down”
- Chased up VAT claim that was sent in April – that has finally been paid in on 12th July
- Chased up Highways regarding gated signs into Weeting – they have now been ordered on the 9th July

7.3 Handyman Report

- Senior swing and Cone Climber – fixed holes in matting.
- Slide Climber – Fixed clear hose pipe on rough plywood edge.
- No Parking Signs – made up sign, fitted post and put the sign up at the back of 15 All Saints.
- Dog Walk – fitted concrete repair spurs post alongside rotting wooden post on fence.
- Regularly cut hedge on dog walk.
- Still regularly unjamming the cloths bank.
- There has been some fly tipping at the bottle bank.
- A “No ball games in this area” is required at the entrance to the play area.

ROSPA report: - play area 2 jobs – Gates and driving wheel hole, Nest Swing - Shortened chains to make nest swing higher, Sign on Muga – Cllr Lister talked to the Clerk and will come back if any action is required, Gym equipment – 2 faults no action that the WPC can do.

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7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

Nothing to report

7.5 Bowls Club Report

Nothing to report

7.6 Village Hall Report

Nothing to report

7.7 Football Club Report

Nothing to report

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

None

9. FINANCE

9.1 To Agree and Sign the Payments for the June/July invoices

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 18th July 2019 the cheques / payments were signed by Cllr M. Nairn and Mrs P. Angus

Balance for June 2019	£10,639.87
Minus the following direct debits	
E-On Street Lights	£642.90
E-On Street Lights Parrots Piece	£11.47
Viridor Waste Collection	£52.61
Total Direct Debits	£706.98
 Plus the following receipts	
Vat refund	£1,989.18
Bowls	£18.75
 Total Income	£2,007.93
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£11,940.82

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
55470173	Village Hall Hire July 2019	£45.00
55426700	ROSPA Play Inspection	£157.80
55426659	SLCC Yearly Subscription	£136.00
55422399	Richard Oughton - Mole Man - Playing Field	£60.00
55422205	Westcotec - Street Light Maintenance	£194.08
55422161	Barkers Print and Design - Leaflets for Planning Meeting	£52.00
55422125	TTSR - Grass Cutting	£1,303.20
55422077	Chase Timber - Village Maintenance Supplies	£11.78
55422028	Fengate Fasteners - Village Maintenance	£41.04
55421932	Mrs P Angus - Salary/office rent/phone and grass seed for Village Hall car park	£641.63
55421751	Mr J Reay - Salary/Mileage/Delivery of Your Norfolk and Planning Leaflets/Allowance for Tyre	£863.08
55421644	Rosemary Godfrey - 3 months web maintenance	£120.00
 Total Cheques paid		£3,625.61
Balance in Community Account July 2019		£8,315.21
Balance in Savings Account		£15,016.18
Total in Parish Accounts		£23,331.39

(£2,000 ringfenced for play area maintenance and £996.50 for outdoor play projects)
£212.00 still to be paid to STANTA - waiting for bank details from STANTA

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Ref Number	Address	Date	Description	Outcome/update
3PL/2019/0189	Land at Brandon Road	18/3/19	Crematorium with Memorial Gardens and Car Park	Decision by 3/6/19 Parish Council Object- comments on Planning website raised by Parish Council DEFERED UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER
3DM/2019/0003/DEM	Brandon Rail Station	8/4/19	Main building demolition	Decision by 30/4/19 5 objections and 2 no objections from the Parish Council PASSED FOR DEMOLITION
3PL/2019/0313/O	The Old Station Yard Mundford Road Weeting Brandon	30/4/19	Residential Development (13 dwellings)	Planning refused 25/6/19
3PL/2019/0147	4 All Saints Weeting	29/4/19	Construction of a new dwelling	Approved
3PL/2019/0551/F	East of New Lodge Lynn Road Weeting IP27 0QS	10/5/19	Construction of two dwellings	Decision by 5/7/19 No objections
3PL/2018/1373/F Appeal	No. 3 Fengate Drove Weeting IP27 0PW	14/5/19	Proposed replacement dwelling with integral garage	No decision date published
3PL/2019/0678	Mill Farm IP27 0PT	10/6/19	Up to 450 dwellings	Dead line for comments 12/8/19 – decision by 9/9/19 * see comments below

3PL/2019/0678/O

Following a general meeting regarding this planning application the Chair said that the level of opposition to the application was far greater than expected – all 80 residents that were at that meeting objected.

The Chair asked each Councillor for their views in which all objected with the following various reasons.

- The local roads will not cope with the extra traffic that will be generated.
- The site is on a flood plain.
- The site will change the nature of the village, it will not be a village it will be an extension of Brandon.
- It will become a community in isolation.
- The School and Doctors will not cope with the increased number of people.
- Density of the development – too many houses for the piece of land.
- This demonstrates the local authorities lack of long-term planning. This is part of Brandon's long-term plan not Weeting and Weeting is not mentioned once in the documents even though this is part of Weeting.
- The development is outside the design envelope.

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Following a discussion it was agreed that a pro-forma letter would be drafted for Weeting residents to use and these would be put through doors along with an envelope addressed to Breckland, if they cannot post them their selves then these can be left at the Post Office/Shop for us to collect and take to Breckland on their behalf, there is also a lady in the village that has offered to co-ordinate the distribution of leaflets and 3 other people came forward to also offer their help with this.

11. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda

Wild flowers – to be discussed at next meeting

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.58

Chairman: _____ Date: _____