

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Nairn Chairman M. Lister Vice Chair, S. Walmsley, M. Burlingham, S. O'Donnell, S. Nairn, District Cllr R. Kybird and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.
Mr J. Reay Handyman. There were 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs T. Childerhouse, C. Drewry, J. Prosser and District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019 having been previously circulated to the Councillors were accepted as a true record of that meeting, four agreed and the Chair signed the minutes.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public complained about vehicles blocking the entrance to the petrol garage which is causing an obstruction when coming out on to the road, the Chair advised that he should report this on line to Highways. A member of the public said that white lines are needed on the Brandon to Weeting Road, the Chair advised that they should also report this on line to Highways. The resident that is in charge of the speed watch team asked that if anyone would like to join the team or knows anyone that would like to volunteer then please let him know. A member of the public pointed out the problems with the railway barriers being stuck down and asked if the Parish Council would write to Network Rail, the Chair advised that this had already been done.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

District Councillor Robert Kybird said that the planning for the crematorium and the large development for the 450 houses are not on the agenda for next Monday's meeting at Breckland. On Thursday the District Council will adopt the new local plan. There is an NCC electoral review in process.

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Outstanding Highway Matters – to discuss any outstanding issues

- Sam 2 speed signs – These will be purchased in the new financial year
- White lines on resurfaced roads – they have been done.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- New Swing for the children's play area – these have now been installed and have been very well received.
- Wild Flowers - following a discussion it was suggested that the best areas to plant them would be the lorry park and Church land near the Village Hall.
- Grass verges – a discussion took place regarding the possibility of planting wild flowers on the grass verges which would reduce the need to cut them from four cuts a year to two and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact TTSR to see if they would be able to collect the cuttings each time they cut instead of mulching them back into the verges as wild flowers flourish in poor nourished soil.
- Bulb plantings– the Chair thanked all volunteers that turned up to help with this year's bulb planting, around 4,000 daffodils were planted along with hundreds of crocuses.

- 6.3 Christmas Tree** - Delivery will be week commencing 25th November – volunteers are needed to help decorate the tree, following a discussion it was agreed to postpone the tree lighting until the 7th December – switch on at 5.30pm, Santa Claus will be there to join in.

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- 6.4 Weeting Parish Council lapel pins** – These have now been delivered to the Clerk and two previous Parish Councillors have been given one each. The Chair said that he would like to give 3 more to 3 residents as a thank you for their help to the Parish Council with litter picks and bulb planting etc.
- 6.5 Village hall parking -to discuss the possibility of parking bays for blue badge holders** – Following a discussion it was agreed that nothing would be done at this time.
- 6.6 Bowls Club – update on renewal of licence** – Still ongoing.
- 6.7 Paper bank** –Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate replacing the paper bank with a clothing bank.
- 6.8 Litter/dog bin for Fengate Drove – update on application to Breckland for a litter/dog bin** – The Clerk has put in an application for a Litter/Dog bin to be placed opposite Betts in Fengate Drove, however, she has been told by Breckland that it is unlikely that this application will be successful.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman’s Report

The debris on the edge of the road by Emily’s Wood is now being cleared away.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Ordered swing for play area – installation will take place in approximately 10 weeks (*this has since been installed*).
- Reported road sign again (originally reported on 5th August) that is laying on its side in Hockwold Road.
- Chased up paper bank collection and also reported this to Breckland – originally told this would be collected week commencing 3/9/19.
- Ordered and collected bulbs from Diddlington, made up posters to advertise the event and helped plant them in October.
- Ordered Christmas tree.
- Chased up “No Through” road sign for Victor Charles Close.
- Sent thank you letter to Highways regarding the very helpful Rangers that carried out our jobs in September.
- Put in vat claim for April to Sept £2176.40 (*this is now in the bank*).
- Contacted Thetford regarding the bulb planting equipment that we could borrow but had no reply.
- Put Councillors details with photos on the web site.
- Contacted Highways regarding car parked on grass verge in Park View who redirected me back to DVLA (*this has since been removed*).
- Enquired who owned the land by the Saxon Pub – the pub does.
- Sent letter to highways asking when the white lines would be repainted on the newly surfaced road in Weeting (*these have since been repainted*)
- Ordered poppy wreath.
- Enquired if paper bank can be replaced with another clothing bank.
- Contacted mole man for moles on football pitch.
- Sent “Weeting Pins” to two previous Councillors along with thank you letter.
- Contacted Breckland to see if they will install new litter/dog bins in Fengate Drove / River Walk – as requested by a resident complaining of the dog waste being left in the area.
- Contacted Village Hall committee asking that they remind hall users to park their vehicles in the overflow car park rather than near the drives of the houses that back onto the drive.
- Started on budget figures for 2020/2021.

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7.3 Handyman Report

- Play area – removed two swings and put in WPC store.
- Dog walk – at various times – cut back hedge and overhanging branches and brambles
- Cut down two small rotting trees with the help from a resident and his chain saw at no cost to WPC.
- Lynn Road – cut back wild rose.
- Play area – prepared for new baby swing – took down netting and made it possible to open double gates and unlock barrier and lock up afterwards.
- Play area – fixed plastic spikes to top rail on new swing.
- New clothes bank – does not jam up so often.
- Parrotts piece – advised WPC that bench seat in memory of Mrs Kent has rotting slat.
- Play area – advised WPC that the picnic table has been burnt on the top.
- Village hall – grass carpark – informed WPC that the hedge that belongs to a bungalow on the edge of the car park is overgrown and is taken up approximately 60 square yards of the car park.

7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

Two lights that have been reported, however, since the old lights are being replaced by the new LED's Cllr Burlingham said she is not receiving as many faults as in previous years.

7.5 Bowls Club Report

Still doing well.

7.6 Village Hall Report

Their finances have improved – there was a water problem in the ladies toilet that now seems to be under control. People have been asked to leave the hall clean after they have used it. The Fayre went very well and they are thinking of having another around Easter time.

7.7 Football Club Report

It is not known if anyone is using the club.

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 October/November invoices

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 21st November 2019 the cheques / payments were signed by Cllrs M. Burlingham and M. Nairn

Balance for September 2019	£660.75
Minus the following direct debits	
E-On Street Lights (Oct £642.90/Nov £664.33)	£1,307.23
E-On Street Lights Parrots Piece (Oct £13.34/Nov £14.29)	£27.63
Viridor Waste Collection (Oct £52.61/Nov£ 54.05)	£106.66
Total Direct Debits	£1,441.52
Plus, the following receipts	
Precept	£18,250.00
Bowls (Oct and Nov)	£37.50
WVL Total	£1,845.00
Vat refund	£2,176.40
Total Income	£22,308.90
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£21,528.13

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Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
57222910	Handyman September salary and mileage	£406.60
57222948	Clerk September salary/mileage/phone/ office expenses	£677.23
57222982	Westcotec October street light maintenance	£194.08
57939836	Clerk October Salary/mileage/phone/ office expenses	£596.79
57939890	Handyman October salary and mileage	£354.66
57939927	Richard Oughton - mole man	£50.00
57939960	Westcotec- new street light Angerstein Close number 64	£258.00
57939989	Westcotec November street light maintenance	£194.08
57940072	TTSR - Grass cutting contract - April to Oct	£1,303.20
57940141	Fengate Fasteners - village maintenance supplies	£27.90
57940214	Weeting Village Hall - Hall Hire – November meeting	£25.00
57964322	Chase Timber - Village maintenance	£12.79
Total Cheques paid		£4,100.33
Balance in Community Account December 2019		£17,427.80
Balance in Savings Account (£37.19 interest)		£14,053.37
Total in Parish Accounts		£31,481.17
(£2,000 ringfenced for play area maintenance and £996.50 for outdoor play projects)		

It was agreed at this point that the Parish Council would pay £50.00 for the Poppy Wreath, this will appear on December accounts.

9.2 Budget 2020/2021 – Actual/Estimated spend for 2019/2020 figures in preparation for the budget to be agreed in December

Figures had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting, it is estimated that £17,300 will be carried over to next year. The budget and precept for 2020/2021 will be agreed at the December meeting.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2019/0189 Land at Brandon Road dated 18/3/19

Crematorium with Memorial Gardens and Car Park
Parish Council Object-comments on Planning website raised by Parish Council/
Decision by 4/10/19
Deferred from the 28th October for further consultation.

3DM/2019/0003/DEM Brandon Rail Station dated 8/4/19

Main building demolition
No prior approval 5 objections and 2 No objections from the Parish Council
Various groups are still trying to stop the demolition.

3PL/2018/1373/F Appeal No. 3 Fengate Drove Weeting IP27 0PW dated 14/5/19

Proposed replacement dwelling with integral garage
Refusal appealed no decision date published.

3PL/2019/0678 Mill Farm IP27 0PT dated 10/6/19

Up to 450 dwellings
Dead line for comments 12/8/19 – decision by 31/3/20 Parish Council object comments on planning website

3PL/2019/0396/LB 4 The Row Weeting dated 5/4/19

Replacement of 2 wooden Dormer windows

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3PL/2019/0890/HOU 6 Park View dated 22/7/19

Proposed side two storey extension along with garage

Deadline for comments 21/8/19 decision by 16/9/19 No objections received

Application withdrawn

3PL/2019/1155/F Fengate Drove Weeting dated 25/9/19

Technical details consent following on from Permission in Principle (3PL/2019/0422/PIP) for eight dwellings with associated parking and gardens off a private driveway.

Deadline for comments 15/9/19 decision by 6/12/19 No objections received

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.26

Chairman: _____ Date: _____