

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting
Held remotely by Zoom
on Thursday 21st January 2021

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Nairn Chairman, M. Lister Vice Chair, S. Nairn, T. Childerhouse, S. O'Donnell, M. Burlingham, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.
There were two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr C. Drewry

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held remotely on the 17th December 2020 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public complained about how scruffy some of the front gardens are in the village. He also asked if there was any transport in place for the people that needed it to take them to the vaccination centres, the Chair said that the taxi services are running a free service.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr R. Kybird –There is going to be a meeting about the Holbrook's issue about where we are and what can be done about it. Flooding should be reported through the Norfolk County Council Water Management.

Cllr S. Chapman-Allen – There will be some food hardship across communities and Breckland and Norfolk County Council have funds set aside for this. There are still some families having problems obtaining Click and Collect deliveries and if you are made aware of any of these then please pass their details on to him or Sam Armitage or Steve James at Breckland so that they can assist with this. The Business Support Grant Scheme is available for small businesses, if you are aware of anyone that may need this then please contact the business support team as there is an amount of money to help the self employed who may have not been eligible to claim before. Work is commencing on new homeless units in Thetford, there will be rooms for 36 homeless people from October onwards.

5.2 County Councillors Report

County Councillor F. Eagle - with regard to flooding– if you do have any flooding Norfolk County Council Water Management is on Facebook and twitter, the water level is very high and if you see drains overflowing please report this to Anglian Water.

Highways are run ragged at the moment due to Covid, they are doing what they can and if you do see any flooding please, if possible send through photo's to them and they will do what they can.

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

None outstanding

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- Basket swing – to discuss alternatives for the replacement swing – it was agreed to go ahead with the basket swing with the hard plastic seat – price £2715 plus £620 for fitting and also to place and order for all the remedial work on the area that was brought up on the Rospa report last year, cost for this is £1885, Breckland have granted us £2620 towards this work. The Clerk will place the order with Fenland Leisure.
- New Play Equipment – to discuss/assess what contribution (S106) is needed from developers re: 3PL/2020/0743/F – not discussed.

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- Mole control – following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will obtain a price from the pest controller for regular monthly visits to the following areas- Parrotts Piece, The Playing Field and in front of the Bowls Club.
- The hedge at the front of the village drive will be cut on Saturday 23rd January.
- Pot holes on the Village Hall drive – it was agreed that we contact TJM Groundworks to quote for filling them in.
- The Councillors thanked Mr John Maxim for repairing the bench that was recently vandalized, and Cllr Lister and her husband have put four coats of stain on it.

6.3 Weeting Village Life – to discuss publication during the current shut down

It was agreed to carry on with the publication of Weeting Village Life in March.

6.4 Thank you to outgoing Cllrs J. Prosser and S. Walmsley for the service to Parish Council

The Chair has telephoned Cllrs Prosser and Walmsley to thank them for their fantastic and valuable contribution to the Parish Council over the past years and it was agreed that once we have a postal address then a letter of thanks will be sent along with a new home card.

6.5 Councillor Vacancies – update on applicants

No applicants so far – Cllr Childerhouse does have some one in mind, but due the current situation with shutdowns and outbreaks of Covid it was agreed not to rush into this.

6.6 Employees Contracts and Hours – to review current contract and hours for Parish Council Employees (public and press were excluded from this part of the meeting so this was moved for discussion at the end of this meeting)

A discussion took place in which the handyman's hours and duties were reviewed and an agreement was reached in what is needed from the handyman each month. Cllr Childerhouse said he will talk to him and confirm what has been agreed in writing before the next meeting.

6.7 Any other matters that need action

None.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that he is going to get an electrician to carry out Pat Testing on the external electrical points on Parrotts Piece that are used for the Christmas lights.

7.2 Clerks Report

- Holiday over Christmas and New Year.
- Sent thank you letter to all staff at Breckland.
- Received confirmation grant for the play area equipment.
- Attended Budget meeting by zoom with Cllrs Lister, Childerhouse and Nairn.
- Sent new street lighting itinerary to UK Power Networks to obtain a certificate which in turn will be sent to E-on to hopefully reduce our monthly street light bill.

7.3 Handyman Report

- Fitted two dog walk signs by teen shelter.
- Bottle bank – there were bags of household waste left over the Christmas period.
- Parrotts Piece – repaired broken lock on litterbin.

7.4 Street Lighting Officers Report

Two reported out this month.

7.5 Bowls Club Report

None.

7.6 Village Hall Report

None.

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7.7 Football Club Report

None.

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

The Clerk had received a letter from E-on regarding a smart metre but someone has to meet them on site to have this fitted. The Clerk will contact the football manager.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for December/January 2021

The following payments were authorised on Thursday the 21st January at the PC meeting held virtually by Zoom the payments were signed off by the Chair.

Balance for January 2021	£9,245.28
Minus the following direct debits	
E-On Street Lights	£663.29
E-On Street Lights Parrots Piece	£22.21
Viridor Waste	£65.06
Total Direct Debits	£750.56
Plus the following receipts	
Football Electricity	£41.54
Norfolk Community Foundation grant for pay area	£2,610.00
Total Income	£2,651.54
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£11,146.26

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
2766272	WVL Delivery (Paid end December)	£153.12
3029406	Football Club Electricity (Paid early Jan)	£41.54
3140868/3153141	Clerks Salary and Zoom for January	£579.89
3141046	Handyman Salary and Mileage	£401.44
314111	HMRC 3 months	£534.60
3141187	Fengate Fasteners - Village maintenance	£18.01
3141333	R.Godfrey - Web support 6 months, web host for year/office services	£305.80
3141409	Viking - black sacks and warning tape	£50.36
3141466	Westcotec - street light maintenance	£194.08
3141515	Chase Timber - Village maintenance	£34.92
3141559	CPRE - Annual subscription	£36.00
	Street light officer - annual telephone payment	£130.00
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£2,479.76
Balance in Community Account January 2020		£8,666.50
Balance in Savings Account		£10,600.60
Total in Parish Accounts		£19,267.10

9.2 Precept 2021-22 – To agree the precept for 2021-2022

It was agreed by all to increase the precept by 5% to £39,480. It was also agreed to look at further savings that can be made over the next few years and have another finance meeting in six months' time.

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10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2020/0743/F Land East of Lynn Road, Lynn Road 27/7/2020

Erection of 76 Dwelling houses together with associated public open space, highways infrastructure and diversion of public right of way (Weeting with Broomhill FP18)
No objections but concerns from the PC regarding the public right of way, speed limit and the increased number of dwellings
(was originally 54) have been put forward to Planning.
Right of way has been amended

3PL/2020/1275/LB 1 The Row IP27 0QG dated 11/11/2020

Removal of a modern partition stud wall to bring the layout of the living room area in line with the neighbouring houses in The Row.

Approved January 2021

3PL/2020/1327/F & 3PL/2020/1371/LB the Granary, Access Road to Home Farm 2/12/2020

Conversion of Existing Outbuilding to Domestic Swimming Pool and Associated Plant Room.

Approved January 2021

11. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda

None.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.30

Chairman: _____ Date: _____