

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 19th January 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, M. Lister – Vice Chair, P. Nordan, T. Murfet, S. Nairn, C. Drewry, B. Smith, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr S. Chapman-Allan, County Cllr F. Eagle and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs T. Childerhouse and M. Burlingham.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th December 2022 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting, *(with the exception that Cllr S. Nairn was not in attendance as recorded and this was manually amended at the meeting)*. These will be available to view on the Parish noticeboard and website.

3. TO RECEIVE DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were there to complain that blood tests were no longer available at the doctors in Brandon and that patients were being told to go to Bury Hospital resulting in an elderly couple taking a 6 hour bus trip to Bury St Edmunds for their tests which is unacceptable. The Chair advised them to write to their local MP. One of the members of the public also said that he could not get his wife a doctor's appointment which resulted in him having to take her directly to the A&E department for treatment. The Parish Council were asked to write to Primary Care to voice their displeasure regarding the lack of NHS services in the area and a member of the public provided the Clerk with an email address for Suffolk Primary Services.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Sam Chapman-Allan – The Local Plan update to call for sites across Breckland is now on the planning website, this is every location that has been submitted to planning and at no point is it an indication that these applications will be approved, you will see that there are five locations with Weeting, the issues and options have been released from Breckland around what type of growth we want and he encouraged the Parish Council to respond to those questions that are available on the website. Two trees on Pilgrims Way are being felled and Breckland will be writing to the Parish Council to ask if we would like these re-instated and there are some replacement trees due to be planted in Angerstein Close in March this year. There is £500 available to pay for Coronation celebrations, this is available to any local community group such as the Bowls Club, Village Hall and Mums and Tums etc, if any of these groups have not got an established constitution or a bank account then the Parish Council can bank-roll the money for them, there is also money available for a flag pole to commemorate the Coronation. The food bus went off service back in November due to mechanical problems and we will be notified when it is back in service.

Cllr Robert Kybird – The elections in May will require photo ID, if voters do not have any, there is an app available on the web site that is free to provide ID to voters.

5.2 County Councillors Report

County Cllr F. Eagle – Bird flu is still in the area, the impact that it had on the poultry feed industry meant that production was compared to last year down by 7% in the last quarter of 2022. NCC budget – Council Tax will be going up by 2.99% and 2% adult social care.

The Chair said that he had reported some massive potholes and surface damage in the area of fire-ride 49 on the 2nd January and he asked that the Highways department are congratulated on the excellent service that was received in response to this problem, it was dealt with very quickly and the finished surface is very good. Cllr Eagle urged that if any one spots any damage on the roads they should go directly onto the Highways website and report this instead of putting it out on social media.

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6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Mirror for junction of Peppers Close and Brandon Road – Mirror has been purchased and pole is to be sourced, County Cllr Fabian Eagle said he has a pole that he can give to us that would be suitable.
- b) The Chair asked that if you spot a problem on the roads or footways such as potholes then please report this direct to the Highways department at NCC on their website. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
- c) Cllr S. Nairn said that the flashing speed sign coming into the village from Hockwold is still not working, the Clerk will contact Westcotec again.
- d) Cllr Murfet said that the carvery sign that the Saxon Pub have put up is blocking drivers view as they come out onto Lynn Road, the Clerk will report this to Highways.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces

- a) Jubilee Orchard – update from Cllr Childerhouse – not at meeting but is still being researched.
- b) Oak Trees Outside the Bowls Club –Price from Anglian Tree Solutions of a total £2540 was received and it was agreed to go ahead with this.
- c) New security door for the Parish Council Store – the contractor has been given the go ahead with this and we are just waiting for a date for when this will happen.

6.3 Coronation Souvenirs – update on prices for proposed souvenirs for the children of Weeting School and how to organize distribution of the souvenirs.

Cllr Nordan said that the Crown medals are £2.50 each, it was agreed to carry this matter over to the next meeting.

The Chair said that a flag pole could be put on Parrotts Piece using the funds available from Breckland.

6.4 Emergency Response Plans – progress from Cllr Nordan

Cllr Nordan had sent out a draft of what he had prepared so far which was excellent, the Chair thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for his hard work, time and effort that he had put into this document, it was very much appreciated by all. He will be printing off a total of 3 hard copies and these will be held by the Parish Council, Bowls Club and the Village Hall.

6.5 Meeting with MP Liz Truss - to arranged a date and time in the Bowls Club

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a date with MP Liz Truss for March or April in the afternoon, dates suggested were 16th March or 20th April which are Thursdays, if she cannot make a Thursday then the next day (Friday) will be suggested.

6.6 Free Library/book exchange – update

The Chair said that Breckland were happy for this to go ahead.

6.7 Any other matters that need action

Play area fencing – The Chair said that there is fencing available for the play area made out of recycled plastic (the same material as the benches that have recently been purchased), the beams by the village hall that prevent cars parking on the green area also need replacing and this type of material would also be ideal for that job as it is maintenance free.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Street Lighting Officers Report

2 have been reported out.

7.2 Sam 2 – latest speed reports

Cllr Nordan had sent out detailed reports to the Chair and Clerk prior to the meeting and a summary of this will be published in the next WVL.

Summary of the last 6 months is

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Total Vehicle Count from 5th July 2022 to 14th January 2023 **394,821**

Vehicle Count within the speed limit **348,681**

Speeders within the village **46,773**

7.3 Bowls Club Report

Nothing to report.

7.4 Village Hall Report

Financially they are in a good position, they had the toilet block sorted out, the ramp outside the door is going to be sorted. Bookings are fairly healthy but the booking system does need updating in the near future. Cllr Lister has donated an electric piano to the hall. There is a new Chairman. The Football Club were interested in having an extension put on the hall, but so far, the manager of the club has not returned any calls to discuss this further.

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

None outstanding

9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for December 2022/January 2023

The following payments for December 2022/January 2023 invoices were authorised on Thursday the 19th January, the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for December (current account only)	£21,087.99
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£557.27
Street Lights Parrotts Nov	£47.55
Street Lights Parrotts Dec	£118.62
Total Direct Debits	£723.44
Plus, the following receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
Total Income	£18.75
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£20,383.30

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
19623308	Bin Collection	19.18
19704749	Football club electricity	£28.30
19704957	Clerks Salary and expenses (inc £57.99 for safety mirror)	£649.52
19705240	Web site maintenance - 6 months	£307.00
19706687	Hall Hire (£25.00 this month as owed £5.00 due 5 months over charge of £1.00)	£25.00
19842384	Street Light Maintenance	£194.08
19705145	HMRC quarter 3	£494.57
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£1,717.65
Balance in Community Account January 2023		£18,665.65
Balance in Savings Account		£10,617.50
Total in Parish Accounts		£29,283.15

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications since the last meeting: -

None received

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

The next meeting will be Thursday 16th February 19.00 in the Village Hall
With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.00

Chairman: _____ Date: _____