

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

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, P. Nordan, T. Childerhouse, C. Wilkins, B. Smith, I. Childerhouse, District Cllr R Kybird, County Cllr F. Eagle and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.
There were no members of the public

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs C. Drewry, M. Lister, S. Nairn and District Cllr S. Chapman-Allan.

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st September 2023 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting, a copy of minutes will be posted on the notice board and the Parish Council website.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report – Cllr R Kybird

There is a grant fund for £500

Polling stations are being looked at regarding suitability of locations, this does not affect Weeting.
The Breckland Guild programme is coming up to support employees in the district.

5.2 County Councillors Report – Cllr F Eagle

The missing link for the Western Link has now been signed off for Government approval.

NCC have got a 46 million budget gap to fill.

NCC have received a large bit of government funding to launch “Working Well” which is a scheme to help get people back to work.

If funding is available, the Norfolk Records Office is looking to arranging an exhibition on Norfolk’s Lost Houses.

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Installation of road between Lynn Lodge and Cromwell Road – update on quote from Highways – still outstanding, this has been chased again. Darren Warmsley is the new area manager so the Clerk will take this up with him direct and copy in Cllr F. Eagle
- b) Carvery Sign obstructing drivers vision onto Lynn Road – update following email from Highways saying they would remove the sign if necessary, still outstanding Highways have been chased again
- c) Overhanging trees/shrubs on junction Peppers High Hill and Mundford Rd from Brick Kiln Farm- letter has now been sent to Brick Kiln Farm, and following letter sent to Mill Farm they have said they will cut back the trees asap – the Chair Thanked Cllr Ian Childerhouse for cutting back the hedges on the Mundford Road.
- d) Dangerous trees Fengate Drove – The Clerk has sent a letter to the resident asking that he contact Highways direct and informing him that the Parish Council are unable to intervene with this matter.
- e) Highways Slow Down Signs – response from National Highways – National Highways told the Clerk to contact Norfolk Highways, an email has been sent to them. Cllr Eagle will also look in to this.
- f) To discuss any other Highways matters that have been arisen since the agenda was issued – none.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

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- a) Village Hall Drive – TJM has been approached for a price to fill in the pot holes – still awaiting price
- b) Swift Tower – price for a small Swift Tower is £1950, County Cllr Eagle said he will reimburse this PC for the cost of this, The Clerk will order the tower.
- c) Grass Cutting areas – Wil Smith-TTSR update on quote for the extra areas – they have been chased up again and we have been told they will get back to us.
- d) Orchard Plaque – Clerk has emailed Breckland to ask where they purchase their plaques from, but has had no response. It was agreed that the Clerk will get a price from the local engraver in Brandon and the following wording would be put on the plaque -
“Heritage Orchard. Planted by Weeting Parish council in 2022 to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II 70 year reign”
- e) Captain Toms Memorial plaque – The wording for the plaque has been sent through from the school
“Captain Tom’s Memorial Garden Inspired by the children of Weeting Primary School during Lockdown 2020”
A price for this will be obtained from a local engraver in Brandon.
- f) Open top bin on Play Area – update on removal – TJM said they will remove this at no charge.
- g) Picnic bench by the teen shelter – following Rospa’s report Cllr Lister has asked for a price to remove concrete base around the bench which is a trip hazard, TJM to come back with price.
- h) Vandalism on the old telephone box that housed the defibrillator – reported to the police and has been repaired, CCTV can be considered for this area.
- i) Elm Trees cut back on the dog walk without PC’s permission – letters have been sent to the residents in the area asking that they seek permission before cutting back trees on land that belongs to the PC.
- j) To discuss any other matters that have arisen since the agenda was issued - none.

6.3 Any other matters that need action

Poppy Wreath – Cllr Nordan said he will arrange this.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Street Lighting Report

Street lights 27 and 42 has been reported and will be replaced with LED’s (*this has since been done*). Street light 67 is still disconnected, TT Jones are in touch with UK Power networks to arrange reconnection.

7.2 Sam 2 Report

26th August to 23rd September – site 2 North facing Lynn Road
Total vehicle count for that period = 52,595
Vehicle count within the speed limit = 35,906
Total speeders = 16,689
Maximum speed limit recorded = 90 mph

7.3 Bowls Club Report

They are still deciding on the changes they would like to make on the licence which expires next year.

7.4 Village Hall Report

Solar Panels – surveyor has come along to take a look but he would not go in loft as he thought there was asbestos up there, it has since been confirmed that there is none up there.
History Group – Cllr Wilkins would like this to start up again.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – To report/note on any correspondence received by the Council (distributed by e-mail and available in hard copy at the meeting)

None outstanding

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9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for October 2023

The following payments for September/October invoices were authorised on Thursday the 19th October 2023 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for July (current account only)	£18,887.46
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£851.78
Street Lights Parrotts	£54.22
Total Direct Debits	£906.00
Plus the following receipts	
Bowls Club October	£18.75
Precept	£22,385.00
Vat - April to Sept	£2,321.42
Total Income	£24,725.17
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£42,706.63

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
27155675	B J Foster Glazing for telephone box	£140.00
27333517	Football electricity	£26.52
27333559	Hall Hire	£30.00
27333652	Defib replacement pads	£80.34
27334580	Clerks salary and expenses	£595.43
27334758	Bin Collection	£27.42
27356846	T T Jones Street Light Maintenance and new LED	£458.63
27356888	HMRC PAYE	£420.20
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£1,778.54
Balance in Community Account October 2023		£40,928.09
Balance in savings account October 2023 £75.92 interest paid 5/10/23		£10,741.15
Total in Parish Accounts		£51,669.24

9.2 Alternative Energy Suppliers for street lighting – update from the Clerk

Saving have been made with E-on for the Football Club and Parrotts Piece
Still trying to find savings for N.Power which is for the majority of the street lights in the village.

9.3 Expenditure against budget for first 6 months of financial year (April to September) – Clerk to update

Budget set for April to September £24,178.34
Total Expenditure for April to September £21,426.22
Which means we are £2,752.12 in credit against budget

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2023/0782/HOU 7 St Edmund Road dated 21st August 2023
Proposed rear extension with new roof to form first floor accommodation
Approved September 2023

APPEAL 3PL/2023/0504/HOU 42 St Edmund Road dated 4th October 2023
Retention of frontage to fencing (retrospective)

3PL/2023/0958/HOU 56 St Edmund Road dated 5th October 2023
Proposed side and rear single storey extension
No objections

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To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published

Proposed Communications Installation for Arqiva's Smart Meter Network for Anglian Water at Weeting Stw, Hockwold Road, Weeting With-Broomhill, Weeting, Norfolk, Ip27 0fd. Ngr: E: 576898, N: 287810

PC agreed that there is no problem with this.

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

Next meeting 16th November

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.45

Chairman: _____ Date: _____