

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 16th November 2023**

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

There were 0 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr T. Childerhouse and District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen

2. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES – To accept and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 19th October 2023

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th October 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 DECARATIONS OF INTEREST

None .

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at meeting.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

5.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr R. Kybird said that Breckland DC have launched a rural prosperity fund – details have been sent to the Clerk.

District Cllrs Sam Chapman-Allen and R. Kybird are meeting with English Heritage at Weeting Castle. Brandon Railway station – still being discussed between County Planners and Network Rail.

5.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting

6. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Installation of trod between Lynn Lodge and Cromwell Road – update on quote from Highways – we have been told that we will have this quote by the end of November.
- b) Carvery Sign obstructing drivers vision onto Lynn Road – Highways are going to phone the pub to ask if they can move the sign back 2mtres so that it does not block motorists view when coming out on to Lynn Road.
- c) Highways Slow Down Signs – response from Highways – nothing yet – Clerk to Chase Highways.
- d) Tree Stump left on side of Lynn Road – The Clerk will report this to Highways
- e) Sunken Anglian Water cover – outside school by Parrots Piece, Clerk will report this to Anglian Water.

6.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Village Hall Drive –Price to fill in the pot holes –we have received a price from TJM of £4131.10 – it was agreed by all to go ahead with this quote, Clerk will contact TJM to confirm this. The Village Hall do not want this done on the run up to Christmas as they have a lot going on during that time.
- b) Swift Tower – update from the Clerk on delivery -this has been ordered and is due for delivery in December.
- c) Grass Cutting areas – TTSR update on quote for the extra areas – the Clerk has been told this will be coming to us asap.
- d) Orchard Plaque – Price received from A & J Brandon @ £175.00, size 8”x 6” – it was agreed to go ahead with this, there is an error with the wording and the Clerk will let A & J know.

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- e) Captain Toms Memorial plaque – Price received from A & J in Brandon @£135.00, size 6”x4”, it was agreed to go ahead with this.
- f) Open top bin on Play Area – update on removal – TJM are going to remove this for free.
- 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 have kindly agreed to do this for free.
- h) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issued – The Chair has repaired the netting on the playing field equipment.

6.3 Any other matters that need action

7. REPORTS

7.1 Street Lighting Report

2 reported out and will be replaced with LED’s

Issue with street light 67 - the Clerk has been told that UK Power networks could take weeks, maybe months to come out and reconnect the power, a price has been given to supply and fit a solar lamp @ £2,413 and following a discussion it was agreed to go ahead with this.

The Chair said that street light 80 on Lynn Road needs turning so that it lights the footpath, the Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

7.2 Sam 2 Report

23rd September to 21st October – South facing South Park Road.

Total vehicle count for that period = 114,721

Vehicle count with in the speed limit = 101,053

Total speeders = 13,668

Maximum speed limit recorded = 55 mph

7.3 Bowls Club Report

Cllr Nordan attended the AGM on the 30th October and reported the following.

The green has undergone a refurbishment in readiness for the 50th anniversary celebrations next year and a new picket fence is going to be placed along the clubhouse front to protect the green and limit access for bowlers only. Last year someone lit a disposable BBQ which caused much damage to the centre of the green.

Membership fees for 2024 have been set at £25.00.

Turnover for the year was £96,793

Expenditure £89,756

Balance £21,569

The next meeting will be 13th November.

7.4 Village Hall Report

Everything is going well, waiting for the heaters be looked at as one is not working and the others are temperamental.

There was a craft fair in November in which £474 was raised for the hall.

There is a Christmas Bazaar on the 9th December and the Panto “Santa’s Missing Hat” is going to be on the 15th and 16th December.

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 to report.

9. FINANCE

9.1 To agree and sign the payments for November 2023

The following payments for November invoices were authorised on Thursday the 16th November 2023 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for October (community account only)	£40,928.09
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£991.94
Street Lights Parrotts	£27.84

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Total Direct Debits	£1,019.78
Plus, the following receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
Football Club electricity	£61.62
Total Income	£80.37
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£39,988.68

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
27895586	Delivery of Weeting Village Life	£125.00
27895639	Poppy Wreath	£20.00
27968496	Grass Cutting 4th Qtr. payment	£1,580.09
27968584	Football Club Electricity	£21.56
27968634	Breckland Uncontested election costs	£75.00
27968688	Clerks Salary/Expenses (includes backpay)	£838.48
27968750	Swift Tower (P Angus)	£1,955.00
27969586	Hall Hire	£30.00
28078115	Bin Collection	£27.42
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£4,672.55
Balance in Community Account November 2023		£35,316.13
Balance in savings account		£10,741.15
Total in Parish Accounts		£46,057.28

- 9.2 To agree and minute NALC's pay increase for Clerks Hourly rate back dated from 1.4.23** – the increase for the hourly rate is from £16.17 to £17.17 – all agreed that this should go ahead.
- 9.3 2024 Grass Cutting Contract – to discuss and agree if the Council go ahead with the 2024 quote from TTSR** – Price received for 2024 £5637.75 and following a discussion it was agreed to go ahead with this.
- 9.4 Budget 2024/2025 :- to set a date for the budget meeting in December** – This will be arranged before the next Parish Council meeting.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2023/0712/F M W Nice Fencing, Station Yard Mundford Road IP27 OPL
Proposed building and equipment for biomass plant to power permitted kiln
Approved October 2023

3PL/2023/0958/HOU 56 St Edmund Road IP27 0QZ
Proposed side and rear single storey extension
Approved November 2023

APPEAL 3PL/2023/0504/HOU: 42 St. Edmund Road, IP27 0QZ
Retention of frontage fencing (Retrospective)
Appeal refused November 2023

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published
None

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

The Clerk said that she has a Christmas do on the 21st December and it clashes with the PC meeting, she had tried to contact the Village Hall to see if the week before was available but there is no one answering the phone and no answer phone to leave a message, Cllr Wilkins said she will try and see if the 14th December is available if not then it was agreed that there will not be a meeting in December.

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The Clerk was asked to check on Land Registry regarding the Bowls Club.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.35

Chairman: _____ Date: _____