

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Annual Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 16th May 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, M. Lister – Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, C. Wilkins, I. Childerhouse, T. Childerhouse, B. Smith, (*Rowena Read joined the meeting at item 11*) and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 7 members of the public.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mike Nairn was elected Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office form

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Tom Childerhouse was elected a Vice Chairman

3. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Cllrs Sam Chapman-Allan and R. Kybird.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMMITTEES

5. Bowls Club representative - Cllr M. Lister
6. Village Hall representative – Cllrs M. Lister and S. Nairn
7. Street Lighting Officer – Parish Clerk -Pauline Angus
8. Finance Committee – Cllrs M. Lister, M. Nairn, and T. Childerhouse.

9. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES – To accept and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 18th April 2024

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 18th March 2024 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.

10. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – update on applicants

Rowena Read had applied for the vacancy of Parish Councillor and introduced herself to the Councillors and gave a brief explanation of her background.

11. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR – subject to Councillors agreement on applicant

It was agreed to co-opt Rowena Read onto the council and she signed the Acceptance of Office form and joined the meeting.

12. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public said that there have been no applications from anyone to take over the speed watch team, the current speed watch co-ordinator will return the equipment to the speed monitoring team and the body camera to the Parish Council.

The same member of the public said visibility splays need trimming back and he said that a very helpful resident and cut some back himself (a letter of thanks will be sent out to this resident)

14. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

14.1 District Councillors Report

Both not at meeting – apologies sent and the annual report was sent through which is now on the Parish Council Web Site – the following are highlights from that report sent through by District Cllr R. Kybird:-

1. 2400 trees planted at Oxborough Hall
2. 40% of households now use the Brown Bin Service composting 10,000 Tonnes of garden waste
3. They have channelled Defra funding for community orchards
4. They have provided support for Community celebrations of the King's Coronation
5. They are now in the top 100 of Councils in tackling fly tipping

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6. They have supported youth mental health through the mindful District scheme
7. They have offered grants in support of D Day commemorations
8. They have provided funding for Debt advisors
9. They still have the lowest Council Tax.

More locally it is hoped that the County Council Planning approval will enable operational monitoring and enforcement to be applied to the second Brandon railway siding.

Grimes Graves is now reopened and the project officer Robin Sullivan informs me that the weekend of 15 and 16 June will be the Grimes Graves Flint festival featuring special guest Phil Harding of time team fame.

14.2 County Councillors Report

County Cllr Fabian Eagle said that he hopes the Swift Tower will do a good job.

He went on to say he would be able to give us £1,000 towards the trod from his last years budget (we had hoped for £6,000 see item 15.1 a)

Verge cutting – visibility splays are now being cut and will be cut again when necessary.

Rural Business Awards – we are not down to the short list and preparing for the finals.

15. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Trod Funding – update on extra £6,000 that has been requested from Cllr Eagles annual allowance – Cllr Eagle has £1,000 to put towards this but is unable to commit to the other £5,000, this means that the Parish Council would need to put £11,000 towards this if the project goes ahead.

b) To discuss any other Highways matters that have been arisen since the agenda was issued
The speed limit sign with rotting post on Lynn Road has been reported to Highways and they have come back to confirm this will be repaired.

The speed limit sign that had fallen over on Hockwold Road has been reported to Highways and they have also confirmed that this will be put back into place.

15.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Village Hall Drive – To discuss quote received for the re-opening of entrance to overflow carpark - price received £3258 – following a discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with this at this time.
- b) Chain Link fence on Playing Field Boundary – to discuss repairs – there is damage in the first 25 yards of the fence – following a discussion it was agreed to replace the damaged fencing and the Clerk will obtain some quotes.
- c) Fence alongside the carpark – railing between the car park and the play area needs replacing – The Clerk look for obtain a price
- d) Vandalized Electricity Cupboard – to note that the new door has been fitted.
- e) Replacement swing – to discuss and agree quotes received for the replacement double swing
Quotes received from two suppliers – Wickstead and Online Playgrounds(Fenland Leisure)
Straight replacement of two swings Fenland £4005 - Wickstead £6603
1 junior flat swing and 1 disabled Fenland £4655 - Wickstead £8266
2 Junior Flat swings and 1 disabled Fenland £6490 - Wickstead quote not received
All quotes include safety matting which also needs replacing.
Following a discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the quote from Online Playgrounds/Fenland @ £6490

- f) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue

Moles – report to the mole man that there are moles on the play area and playing field (*this has since been reported, but there has been a problem with traps being stolen so there will be a delay and getting rid of the moles*)

One of the apple trees on the orchard is looking poorly, the Parish Council do have funds to replace this if necessary.

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16. REPORTS

16.1 Street Lighting report and to discuss 5 yearly inspection of lamps

We have received the following notification regarding a 5 yearly annual inspection :- - *It is a requirement of BS7671:2018 (IET Wiring Regulations 18th Edition) that all fixed wired electrical installations are inspected, tested, and certified as safe every 5 years. This includes all street furniture (street lighting columns).* The cost of this is £15.00 a column – WPC have 116 – cost will be £1740

Following a discussion, it was agreed to instruct the lighting contractors to go ahead with this. A resident on St Edmunds is complaining that the new LED on column 33 not bright enough.

16.2 Sam 2

Position – Site 2. North facing Lynn Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 55,738

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 37,228

Total speeders = 18,510

Violations as a percentage of the vehicle count = 33.2%

Maximum speed recorded (40mph limit) = 85 mph

16.3 Bowls Club

Cllr Nordan has received a complaint regarding late night noise from the customers as they are leaving the Bowls Club during the week, following a discussion it was agreed the Clerk would write to the Bowls Club.

Full Report given at the Annual Parish Meeting

16.4 Village Hall

Full report given at the Annual Parish Meeting

16.5 Weeting Village Life

Putting together number 46 which will be coming out end of May.

Cllr Lister thanked Cllr S Nairn for continuing to produce the magazine.

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

Verbal complaint to Cllr Nordan regarding Bowls Club noise during the week.

E-mail from Highways regarding locations of grit bins – they need confirmation of how many we have and where they are situated.

E-mail from street lighting engineers regarding 5 yearly inspection of columns – see item 16.1

E-mail from resident at the Redbrick Cottages regarding the vibration from heavy machinery that is shaking his house – he has been asked to contact Cllrs Fabian Eagle(NCC) and Sam Chapman-Allen (BCC)

E-mail from NCF funding regarding available grants from Breckland CC (also received from Cllr Sam-Chapman Allen)

18. FINANCE

18.1 To agree and sign the payments for April/May invoices

The following payments for April/May invoices were authorised on Thursday the 16th May 2024 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for March (community account only)	£43,516.20
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£1,006.74
Street Lights Parrotts	
Total Direct Debits	£1,006.74
Plus, the following receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
Recycling Payment	£1,397.31
Swift Tower Payment	£1,625.00

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Football Club electricity payment	£50.00
Total Income	£3,091.06
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£45,600.52

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
Bacs	Defibrillator Battery	£253.80
Bacs	Door replacement for electricity cabinet	£380.00
Bacs	Grass Cutting	£2,456.33
Bacs	Internal Audit fees	£95.00
Bacs	Hall Hire	£30.00
Bacs	Bin Collection	£27.42
Bacs	Council Insurance	£2,418.17
Bacs	Clerks Salary and office expenses	£631.18
Total Cheques / BACS paid		£6,291.90
Balance in Community Account May 2024		£39,308.62
Balance in savings account		£10,828.66
Total in Parish Accounts		£50,137.28

19. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published

3PL/2024/0404/HOU 5 Cromwell Road dated 14th May 2024

Single storey rear extension with proposed render to the whole exterior of the dwelling. Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage
No objections from the council

Applications that have been approved

3PL/2024/0250/HOU 41 Hereward Way

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

Date of the next meeting 20th June 2024 in Weeting Village Hall

Items to go onto the next agenda

End of the drive way going into the Village Hall drive –this is dipping – Clerk will report this to Breckland County Council.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.28

Chairman: _____ Date: _____