

**Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council
Meeting
Held in Weeting Village Hall
on Thursday 21st November 2024**

PRESENT: T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, C. Wilkins, I. Childerhouse, R. Read, District Cllr R. Kybird and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 0 members of the public.

1. WELCOME

The Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting, and informed everyone that the Chairman M. Nairn is stepping aside for a while due to personal reasons, so he will be chairing our meetings for the foreseeable future.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle, Cllrs M. Lister, B. Smith, and M. Nairn.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th October 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.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at the meeting.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Robert Kybird gave the following report - The Local plan has been put on hold. The Car Parking consultation is in progress - Cllr S. Nairn said that charging for car parks will kill the town centres off. With regards to Friend of Brandon Station, Breckland will not be putting any money in to this, however, they may look at match funding if Parish Councils award a grant towards this.

6.2 County Councillors Report

Cllr Fabian Eagle was not able attend meeting and sent his apologies along with his report that has been attached to these minutes.

7. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Trod Funding from Breckland – Breckland Council Inspiring Communities for £5,000 – we have been informed that our application was not successful –there was another grant available, however the work had to be completed and paid for by early February 2025 and Highways are unable guarantee that the work could be carried out by then. It was agreed to take this off the agenda.
- b) Rangers visit – a list of jobs was collated by Cllr Lister and the Clerk sent these over to Rangers and as far as the Clerk knows the jobs have been completed.
- c) Concerns regarding tree outside 32, Park View – this has been inspected by Highways who have confirmed it is safe.
- d) To discuss any other Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda
Some of the road signs have been cleaned.
Lollipop man has now retired and has not been replaced.
41 Shadwell Close – Hedge needs to be cut back – the Clerk will send a letter.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Chain Link fence on Playing Field Boundary – update - it was agreed that the current fence is doing the job it needs to do and this item is now to come off the agenda.
- b) Dog walk fence repairs – Wil Smith from TTSR will meet with Cllr T Childerhouse to confirm exactly how many posts need repairing before he goes ahead with the job.
- c) Fence alongside the carpark – Wil Smith from TTSR will meet with Cllr T Childerhouse to confirm exactly where the fence is going before he goes ahead with the job.

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- d) Repairs to Play Equipment – all repairs have now been carried out -take off agenda
- e) Orchard Trees for Village Hall Drive – money has now been paid into the PC account and Cllr T Childerhouse will be purchasing and planting the trees before Spring 2025.
- f) Request for ramp for wheel chair users to be provided for the entrance to the Church and to carry out repairs– footpath is from St Edmunds Road to the Church. Cllr Read said she will talk to Highways regarding this along with the lamp that the resident also reported as being obstructed by trees as this is probably Amey’s responsibility.
- g) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue – nothing to discuss.

7.3 Friends of Brandon Station – update

Cllr T. Childerhouse was unable to attend the last meeting, however Cllr Carole Wilkins did attend and gave the following report:-

I attended the meeting held in the British Legion Hall. I was quite surprised at the number of people that turned up that was just 14 in which most were members of the FOB committee, around 40 attended the first meeting.

Acting Chairman David Palmer opened the meeting and introduced the Treasurer Sue Smith, she told everyone that Brandon Town Council had donated £500 towards the fund.

Some of the speakers had not turned up so the secretary gave a report about a possible life line which is Rory Holbrook Ltd, they had stated an interest in putting some monies into repairing the inside of the building and a meeting has been set up in the next few weeks to discuss the way forward and hopefully to have a start date next spring.

The main topic of the meeting was to get a constitution set up as soon as possible and a small committee will sort it out.

There was lots of chat about getting more funding, applying for grants, bank accounts set up and launching a web site.

This was something they all thought would be a good idea, also regular items given to the social media, a lady from Weeting made a point that social media is the way forward.

John Maxim is at the Thursday market every week with all the information about the station and voiced the thought about getting the Weeting name on the station as it is in Norfolk, if not allowed a separate notice board with the Weeting name on it.

Other speakers included a Mr Chris Dady from the Salhouse group who had been through a lot of the same thing for their station, however, that is a much smaller project.

There were thoughts about what the station could be used or such as – café, toilets, museum etc. I personally think that the building itself should be the most important thing to work on.

There is a quite a bit of interest from a few different groups such as -Save British Heritage and Historic Suffolk, an architect working with Network Rail is in contact with Railway Heritage Trust. All gave a speech on how much they would like to see this project get off the ground. these included Lydia Franklin - S B H, Lesley Ann Keagh - West Suffolk Council and Tina Cunnel – Brandons new Town Clerk.

The also asked if anyone in the audience would like to join the committee.

The Chairman said he wanted to get Greater Anglia more involved as they still need much more funding.

It was suggested that a Zoom meeting could be held for people at lunch time once a week and a Facebook page as getting more people involved, also perhaps contacting local BBC and the press. There was lots of discussion about including a 365-page booklet per year, poster boards in front of the building to attract the huge amounts of people who use the station every day, perhaps they could be asked to donate £1.00 each towards the fund. The meeting closed at around 1.30pm.

(Cllr Wilkins did make a donation out of her own pocket)

Tom asked all Cllrs present what they thought about this item on the agenda.

Generally, it was agreed to wait and see what happens before the PC agrees to donate.

It was also pointed out that individuals on the PC are feeling pressurised to donate.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report – and to discuss replacing the blue LEDs @ £197.50 each

Street light 97 in Glebe Road has now been replaced with an LED.

Blue LED’s – following a discussion it was agreed that although the lights are glowing blue they are still bright enough and will not need replacing with new lanterns.

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8.2 Sam 2

Report from Peter as follows:-

21st September to 19th October

Position –. Site 4 West facing Park View/Hockwold Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 30,829

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 28,874

Total speeders = 1,955

Maximum speed recorded (30mph limit) = 40 mph

19th October to 16th November

Position –. Site 2 North Facing (incoming) Lynn Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 61,565

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 42491

Total speeders = 19074

Maximum speed recorded (40 mph limit) = 95 mph

8.3 Bowls Club – report and discussion for licence renewal

They are happy with the amended licence and that they will be paying £1.00 a year instead of £18.75 a month to the PC.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Carole Wilkins gave the following report:-

Things are hotting up as we approach Christmas, lots of events have already been done in the Village Hall, on the 9th there was Bingo run by the Football Club, on 16th a Quiz run by the Church, and this weekend a two day Christmas Bazaar with lots of great Christmas gifts to see and buy and, in two weeks the Drama group is putting on their production, this year it is Santa Scrooge on the 6th and 7th December.

The regular groups are getting all there Christmas plans into operation and the hall will have its Christmas tree in place very soon.

We have had the camera people come back to put in a another camera to pick up the two centre windows on the field side, only to discover their hard drive was faulty so they had to change that as well, Brandon Electric has also been in to pap test all the appliances, we are also looking at the bills for our heating as they came to do a yearly check and found one wanting some new pipe work stating that is was usual to change these pipes every two years and ours has never been done. I asked for a price and was given a price of £1000 for fitting four pipes (they came from Kent so the journey added to the cost and they did not have any spares in the van), we are now looking at possibly getting a grant to change these heaters for something else and I know not many people can get these heaters lit.

There was a SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meeting held on the 18th November in which Cllr Carole Wilkins attended she gave the following report:-

I attended this meeting held in the Village Hall and was not certain what it was all about and I was asked to make sure that people concerned knew where everything was such as chairs and tables.

SNAP stands for Safer Neighbourhood Action Pane.

It has been going for a number of years and they visit halls all around the Norfolk area.

The meeting is arranged for members of the Parish Council of all Parishes in Norfolk, there was 14 people in attendance who came from Thetford, Mundford, Rushford, Cranwich and me from Weeting, Karen attended as a member of the public.

The meeting was taken by PC Paula Gilluley who is a member of the Traffic Justice Dept and Beat manager PC Les Maquire, they spoke about what the Justice Dept is trying to do to help the villages in their area. They hope by having these meetings they would be able to co-ordinate all affected areas together to get any problems sorted out as quickly as possible.

They went around all who had attended and without exception, all there complained bitterly about the speeding on their roads. At this point they mentioned Sam 2 so I sent Karen out to ring Cllr Peter Nordan as he is our expert on our Sam2, while we were waiting for him, I told them about our problem as regards a lollipop man outside the school, the only thing they said was, could not the parents get together and take turns to see the kids across the road? Then two different speakers got to their feet to tell the people sitting there about problems regarding speeding etc. one particular chap told how people

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come on motorbikes and in cars and usually stop outside his home and spend the evening drinking and snorting whatever and swearing and other unspeakable things, and when they finish, the drop all cans and bottles etc out on the pavements, he said we dare not approach these people, PC Maquire said he will report it. PC Maquire said that the Town Centre is also full of these people and he did say they had caught a graffiti artist at last that had been using the Church Wall in the centre for his “art”.

Cllr Peter Nordan came along as everybody had finished and had a chat with PC Maquire and gave him our latest figures for the speedsters.

They thanked everybody for coming along and the next meeting will be in the Bowls Club in Mundford on the 8th January.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

Cllr S Nairn is currently putting together the December addition

The Chair thanked her continued and valued work on this magazine for Weeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – To report/note on any correspondence received by the Council

Email from a resident regarding the possibility of have a ramp for wheelchairs at the entrance to the church.

Email from Breckland CC regarding the availability of a grant of £500 to go to various committees for their celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversaries of VE Day & VJ Day next year.

10. FINANCE

10.1 To agree and sign the payments for the November meeting invoices

The following payments for Oct/Nov invoices were authorised on Thursday the 21st November 2024 the payments were signed off by the Vice Chair Tom Childerhouse.

Balance for October (community account only)		£38,268.91
Plus, the following Receipts		
Bowls Club		£18.75
Grant for trees		£200.00
Football electricity		£51.56
Vat refund 1st Feb to 30th Sept		£5,231.27
Total receipts		£5,501.58
Balance after this month’s receipts		£43,770.49
Expenditure		
Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
DD	N. Power - main street lights	£1,258.13
DD	E-On Parrotts	£27.77
BACS	Hall Hire	£30.00
BACS	Grass cutting qtr. 4	£2,456.33
BACS	Football club electricity October	£37.11
BACS	Clerks salary/expenses/back pay	£787.48
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Fenland Leisure - play area repairs	£2,480.76
BACS	Hall Hire for Police SNAP meeting 18th Nov	£24.00
Total Cheques / BACS /DD paid		£7,130.56
Balance in Community Account November 2024		£36,639.93
Balance in savings account		£10,916.40
Total in Parish Accounts		£47,556.33
Restricted funds		
Remaining grant money to be used for orchard supplies		£22.45

10.2 New Laptop for the Parish Council – the old laptop is wearing out and very slow, a replacement will be needed and the Clerk would like to order a new one in the new

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year or December if a good deal comes up, there is £1000 in the budget for this. It was agreed that a new laptop is purchased for the PC

- 10.3 Grass cutting contract for 2025** – to discuss the quote received from TTSR for 2025 and agree if all in favour quote is £5863.25 (2024- £5637.75) for usual areas and for NCC areas 2025 quote £2652 (2024 - 2025) there is also an option to go for a 3-year contract. – it was agreed that this would be discussed at the budget meeting which is set for the 9th December and will go on the December agenda to discuss whether to go for 1 year or 3-year contract.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received

None

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

Applications that have been approved -None

Applications that have been refused -None

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

The next meeting will be 19th December in the Village Hall

The Chair asked that a £30.00 donation is made to the British Legion -the Clerk will arrange this and this will be minuted at the next meeting in December.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.01

Chairman: _____ Date: _____