Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 20th June 2024

PRESENT: Councillors: M. Nairn - Chairman, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, C. Wilkins, B. Smith, R. Read, and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council. There were 6 members of the public.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs M. Lister, Tom Childerhouse, I. Childerhouse, District Cllr R Kybird and District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th May 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

Members of the public were there to object to planning application 3PL/2024/0427/HOU 48 Cromwell Road – a 5-bed house is not acceptable, it overlooks the next-door property, it will block out light and ruin the existing view for nearby neighbours. A 15-metre mobile home has been placed in the garden of the property.

There was another resident objecting to **3PL/2024/0448/F Alrina**, **Rectory Lane** – the driveway will be compacting, cars will be reversing in and out onto a public footpath that children use to get to school, also in our front garden (*the front garden of the resident that is objecting*) they have a large sycamore tree and when you look at the plans, the development wraps three sides around that tree, the canopy of that tree hangs over the footpath so the roots are going to extend far beyond that footpath, so any development beyond the footprint of the existing building will cause damage to that tree. Another resident enquired if anyone went to the Brandon Railway meeting held on the 14th and June and the Chair confirmed that he along with Cllrs Wilkins, T. Childerhouse and P Nordan attended that meeting.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

Not at meeting – apologies sent

6.2 County Councillors Report

Not at meeting

7. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Trod Funding Cllr Eagle can commit £1,000 toward the trod, this means that we are £5,000 short of the funding required for this project to go ahead following a discussion, it was agreed to put this project on the back burner until next year.
- b) To discuss any other Highways matters that have arisen since the agenda was issued none

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Chain Link fence on Playing Field Boundary to discuss repairs needed it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.
- b) Dog walk fence repairs to discuss repairs to posts and quote received from TTSR quote received was £39.50 per post, it was agreed that this should go ahead and a count of the posts that need to be repaired will be carried out and sent over to TTSR.
- c) Fence alongside the carpark to discuss quotes received from TTSR and to agree if this should go ahead:-

3 alternative quotes were received – Wooden Post and 3 Rail fencing to height of 1.2 metres - £1620. Wooden Post and 3 Rail fencing to a height of 1.2 metres - £1890. Metal galvanised and powder coated green (Ral6005) v mesh 1.2 metres high - £2160. Following a discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the quote for £2160, the Clerk will contact TTSR to get the ball rolling.

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- d) Replacement swing update on installation of new swing the installation will go ahead between the 11th and 25th July.
- e) Village Hall CCTV cameras it was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange on the Village Halls behalf to obtain a quote for installation of CCTV.
- f) Road at entrance to the Village Hall the road is dipping at the entrance to the drive, the Clerk has contacted Breckland and sent them a photo, we are still waiting to hear back from them.
- g) Gate on dog walk to note that the gate on the dog walk was not shutting and this has now been repaired by Cllr Lister and Mr Lister. Many thanks goes out to them for their help with this matter.
- h) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue -none.
 - **7.3 Policy Review Standing Orders** Our Standing Orders were last reviewed and approved in June 2020, this was to include details regarding holding remote meetings by zoom, which now needs to be removed. Copy of the amended standing orders has been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting and they were formally adopted, next review is scheduled for June 2028
 - 7.4 Lift Project Local Immediate Falls Team to discuss if Weeting would like to express an interest to become involved with this project. this needs to be looked at in more detail and Cllr Read said she will investigate this to see how it works and report back at the next meeting.
 - **7.5 Brandon Railway Station** update from Cllr Wilkins who attended the Future of Brandon Railway Station on the 14th June along with our Chairman Mike Nairn, Cllr Tom Childerhouse, Cllr Peter Nordan and his wife. Cllr Wilkins gave the following report:-

The meeting was opened by the Chairman of Brandon Town Council, Cllr David Palmer, the delegates then took it in turns to speak about their various groups and to explain what could be done etc.

This went on for some time with people from the floor throwing in their opinion from time to time.

In my opinion, a lot of talk, but nothing really established, towards the end of the session I had to voice my thoughts which was — Why don't the heads of all groups who have talked today have a meeting to try and come to some agreement on how to go forward, all the talk so far has not accomplished much, we need a plan to go forward like - where to go to get loans and grants etc. After that, there was some more discussion and then the Chairman did say that they would get together and then his secretary would ring all those attending to have another meeting to hopefully have something organized to go forward.

The cost of saving the station at the moment is something in the region of £4 million.

8. REPORTS

3.1 Street Lighting report

We are up to date on all outstanding replacement LED's, no faulty lights have been reported in the last month.

8.2 Sam 2

4th May to 1st June

Position – Site 1. South facing South Park Road

Total vehicle count for that period = 115,304

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 99,009

Total speeders = 16,295

Violations as a percentage of the vehicle count = 14.14%

Maximum speed recorded (30mph limit) = 55 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

There was a competition and cakes on D Day

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8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins gave the following report

Not a great deal to report at this moment in time, except someone had smashed the French window door into the field a few weeks ago and this has now been replaced at a cost of £220.00

I had to speak to some lads the other evening as they were using the top car park as a skid pad with their bikes, I explained that we had paid a lot to have this resurfaced, they said they would push it all back after they had finished, and when I checked, there was no sign of any damage.

All resident groups are still ongoing but July is coming up and that means we lose out as they will finish their sessions and are not back until sometime in September.

We are still looking for more groups to come and use the hall but at the moment that is not happening, the WASP group is moving their rehearsal nights and from September they are going to use the three Thursdays a month that is available and two Mondays and one Friday, this means that they will get more members as some of the group that joined them for the D Day concert want to join them, and this works both ways as some of the WASPS want to join the" Love to Sing Choir" and they meet on a Friday.

The D Day concert went extremely well - much to my surprise, we ended up with standing room only. We made £710.00 so we decided to give £200 to the lunch club volunteer team of which has worked in the British Legion Hall for over 20 years, and £300 to the lady in Weeting who is the Poppy Appeal person. The rest is to help pay our expenses.

There is a comedy Mystery Play "Murder at the Grange" on the 5th and 6th July, Cllr Peter Nordan will be playing a part in that.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

Cllr Sue Nairn said – the latest addition came out end of May Beginning June.

We are always looking for more advertisers,

If anyone has anything for the next addition then this will need to be in by 16th August.

If anyone wants to write an article for the magazine then please contact her.

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

Lift Project see item 7.4

10. FINANCE

10.1 To agree and sign the payments for May/June invoices

The following payments for May June invoices were authorised on Thursday the 20th June 2024 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for May (community account only)	£39,308.62
Minus the following direct debits	
Street Lights	£936.66
Street Lights Parrotts April	£24.85
Street Lights Parrotts May	£24.48
Total Direct Debits	£985.99
Plus, the following receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
Village Hall rent	£1.00
Total Income	£19.75
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£38,342.38

Cheques/Bacs	Description	Total
Bacs	Clerks Salary and Expenses	£631.18
Bacs	HMRC Qtr. 1	£446.20
Bacs	Printing WVL	£736.00
Bacs	Street Lights maintenance and 4 new LED's	£1,200.80
Bacs	Bin Collection	£27.42
Bacs	Village Hall Hire for meeting	£30.00
Bacs	WVL delivery	£125.00

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Total Cheques / BACS paid	£3,196.60
Balance in Community Account June 2024	£35,145.78
Balance in savings account	£10,828.66
Total in Parish Accounts	£45,974.44

10.2 First Quarter expenditure against budget – update from the Clerk

Quarter 1 - April to June 2024 report for Actual spending against Budget

Expenditure

Budget set for expenditure Quarter 1 £16028 Actual Expenditure for Quarter 1 £14624 Budget against Expenditure £1,404

Income (This includes balance carried forward from last year)

Budget £61287 Actual £62077

Outcome – the Parish Council is on budget for this 1st quarter and year to date.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received

3PL/2024/0427/HOU 48 Cromwell Road dated 28th May 2024

Demolish existing sunroom and garage, raise the roof of existing dwelling to provide first floor accommodation with Juliet balcony to rear & single & two storey rear extensions – comments by 24th June – The Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:-

Out of keeping with the area

Invasion of privacy

Overall size is excessive

3PL/2024/0448/F Alrina, Rectory Lane dated 30th May 2024

Proposed self-build/custom build development of 1 No replacement 3-bedroom single storey dwelling & 1No 3-bedroom single storey new dwellings utilising existing access – comments by 24th June – the Parish Council object to this application or the following reasons:-

Over development of a very small site

Infill development that is not acceptable

3PL/2024/0469/HOU 49 Castle Close dated 3rd June 2024

Proposed single-storey extensions(front and rear) and alterations to existing dwelling. Comments by 21st June

No objections

3PL/2024/0506/HOU 1 The Row dated 14th June 2024

Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to Grade II listed building including the addition of new detached outbuilding to be used as office comments by 4^{th} July – the Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons

This will destroy the character of the Row

The extension is too modern for this old building – the extension is twice the size of the existing building

The drive will be on the property of Highways

Single storey detached building – it cannot be a permanent structure

3PL/2024/0502/HOU 1 Redbrick Cottages Mundford Road dated 14th June 2024

Erection of outbuilding at the western end of the property for use of the occupants of the dwelling – comments by 5^{th} July

No objections

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To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published 3PL/2024/0519/VAR Keepers Cottage Fengate Drove dated 20th June 2024

Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 on 3PL/2019/1467/HOU - increase ridge height of the roof over the approved garage and workshop and install three roof windows per side. Change colour of external plank boarding from "Hardie" to Sage green. Installation of staircase and door to North Elevation. Change of Garage doors on West Elevation – comments back by 10th July It was agreed to ask for an extension of this date until after our meeting on the 18th July

Applications that have been approved

3PL/2024/0404/HOU 5 Cromwell Road dated 29th 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 – approved 14th June

12. MEMBERS' MATTERS - items for next Agenda and date of next meeting Date of the next meeting 18th July 2024 in Weeting Village Hall

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at	20.01	
Chairman:	Date:	