Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 19th December 2024

PRESENT: T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, M. Lister, I. Childerhouse, and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 0 members of the public.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed on good wishes to Cllr M. Nairn.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs C. Wilkins, M. Nairn, B. Smith, R. Read, District Cllrs R. Kybird and Sam Chapman Allen, County Cllr F. Eagle.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st November 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 meeting.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

Not at meeting, apologies sent. The following report was emailed to the Clerk:-

I note the refusal of PP for No 1 The row which was a delegated decision.

Government have now produced the revised NPPF. This has a marginally reduced annual housing target for Breckland of 903 dwellings pa, originally 917, a substantial increase on previous assumptions.

My understanding is that a report will go to the February Cabinet meeting setting out the way forward to producing a new local plan.

This new figure means that Breckland can no longer demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply. May I take this opportunity of wishing all a Merry Xmas.

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) To discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda Flashing 30mph sign into village not working – clerk will report this to Amey Cllr Rowena said grass verge outside school getting churned up by parents dropping children off, the Cllrs agreed that this has been an ongoing problem which has tried to be resolved in the past to no avail.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Dog walk fence repairs all done.
- b) Fence alongside the carpark all done.
- c) Orchard Trees for Village Hall Drive money has now been paid into the PC account Cllr T Childerhouse will be arranging the purchasing and planting of the trees in due course.
- d) 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 Lister has looked at the area; it is not suitable for a ramp and the land does not belong to the PC. The Clerk will chase up Breckland CC regarding the request for tree cutting. The light by the footpath has been reported as not working to our maintenance contractors.

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

Rubbish left on the football field, Clerk to send reminder to the football manager to make sure it is cleared up.

7.3 Friends of Brandon Station – update

Nothing happening- take off the agenda.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

Street light 35 and 243 have been reported as out to our maintenance contractors, these will be replaced with LED's.

8.2 Sam 2

Cllr Nordan gave the following report 19th October to 16th November Position –. Site 2 North facing Lynn Road Total vehicle count for that period = 61,565 Vehicle count within the speed limit = 42,491 Total speeders = 19,074 Maximum speed recorded (40mph limit) = 95 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

The Clerk now has the signed new licence for her files.

The are in the process of obtaining their hygiene certificates so that they can prepare food.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins not at meeting, however, she sent in the following update on the Village Hall. The Christmas show "SANTA SCROOGE" which took place on the 6th and 7th was great fun and everybody who came seemed to enjoy it very much which is always good news. As when I sit and watch my friends in the WASPs fooling about, I often wonder if they will get it together, but every time they turn up trumps.

They are a great bunch of people who stand on the stage and make their neighbours laugh.

So, I had better get writing the next one as we hope to start at the end of January.

With January in mind the vice Chair Mrs Sue Jones, Karen and myself have had a meeting and have decided to try and start a lunch Club in the Village Hall, we hope to have the first one on the last Tuesday in January, we have already got quite a few neighbours interested in joining and again we also have a bunch of ladies willing to come and help.

We now have a WhatsApp site for the village hall and we will let everybody know how and when as soon as possible after the Christmas holiday is over.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

December issue has been printed and delivered.

Cllr Lister asked if the advertising rates will be going up next year, following a discussion it was agreed to keep the prices as they are.

The delivery people may need an increase next year.

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

E-mail from DC Sam Chapman-Allen regarding the Governments planning reform for new housing targets.

Email from the police regarding theft of garden furniture in the Norfolk areas.

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10. FINANCE

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

The following payments for Oct/Nov invoices were authorised on Thursday the 19th December 2024 the payments were signed off by the Vice Chair

Balance for November (community account only)	£36,639.93
Plus, the following Receipts	
Bowls Club	£18.75
Fusion for Business - electricity rebate	£3,000.00
Total receipts	£3,018.75
Balance after this month's receipts	£39,658.68

Expenditure

Cheques/Bacs/	DD Description	Total
DD	Npower-main Street lights	£1,341.07
DD	E-On Parrotts	£28.01
BACS	Clerks salary/expenses	£631.18
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Football electricity	£50.81
BACS	RBL poppy donation	£30.00
BACS	Delivery WVL	£125.00
BACS	Hall Hire	£30.00
BACS	TTSR Play area fencing and dog walk fence repairs	£3,160.80
BACS	WVL Printing	£736.00
BACS	Street Light Maintenance and new LED (col 97)	£470.94

Total Cheques / BACS /DD paid	£6,632.79
Balance in Community Account December 2024	£33,025.89
Balance in savings account	£10,916.40
Total in Parish Accounts	£43,942.29

Restricted funds

Remaining grant money to be used for orchard supplies £22.45

Total £22.45

- 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 £2550) there is also an option to go for a 3-year contact. Following a discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with the 3-year contract which includes the NCC areas, the Clerk will inform TTSR
- **Donation to Royal British Legion** to minute that a donation of £30.00 has been made
- 10.4 Budget for 2025/2026 Conclusion of budget meeting held on 9th December

Following the meeting it was agreed that the following budget would be set

Income £65,435.19 Expenditure £67,347.77

We estimated that a total of £44,539.92 will be carried over from 2024

Detailed figures had been sent to the Cllrs prior to the meeting

10.5 Precept for 2025/2026 – Following the Budget meeting - to agree the Precept for 2025/2026

It was agreed that the precept will be increased by 5% to £49,350.00

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11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received

PL/2024/1085/HOU - 3, Hereward Way, Weeting, IP27 0QN dated 11th December 2024

Two storey rear and single storey side extensions with render finish with brick detailing with the addition of front porch

Application approved.

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published

None

Applications that have been approved

None

Applications that have been refused

3PL/2024/0507/LB and 3PL/2024/0506/HOU 1 The Row

Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to Grade II listed building including the addition of new detached outbuilding to be used as office - refused 10/12/24

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

The next meeting will be 16th January 2025 in the Village Hall

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.30	.30
Chairman:	Date: