

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 20th February 2025

PRESENT: Cllrs: - T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, M. Lister, I. Childerhouse, C. Wilkins, District Cllr R. Kybird, County Cllr F. Eagle and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.
There were zero members of the public.

1. WELCOME

The chair welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs M. Nairn, B. Smith, R. Read and District Cllr Sam Chapman Allen

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th January 2025 were accepted by all who were in attendance as a true record of that meeting, a copy of the minutes will be posted on the notice board and the Parish Council website.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at meeting.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

Cllr Kybird gave the following report-

There is a plan in process of re-warding some Breckland Parishes.

There is a Local government re-organisation which will want to do away with Districts.

Devolution of the local government reorganization – this is the creation of combining Suffolk and Norfolk with an elected Mayor..

Breckland local plan is being refreshed and the government has proposed that there is an additional 300 houses to be built per year, which means over the 20 year plan period there will be an additional 6000 houses, councillors will need to let their views known when the time comes, and he advised that the councillors please respond when asked to, the Clerk will be informed when this is going ahead.

6.2 County Councillors Report

Cllr Eagle gave the following report: -

The County Council has set its budget for next year.

There will be an extra urban weed kill and extra roadside cuts which will now be implemented over the whole of the county, and there will be seven extra hazards waste weekends at the local recycle centres.

The Chair asked Cllr Eagle if we will be re-imbursed for the cutting of the Norfolk CC grass areas that the PC carry out and he confirmed that we will.

The Chair on behalf of the Parish Council thanked both councillors on for turning up in all weathers and re-iterated that the Parish Cllrs really appreciate their time given to us.

7. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) Street Signs that need replacing -Park View in Weeting and Brandon Road sign (location opposite Peppers Close Weeting) – reported to Breckland in October 2024, chased up again December 2024 and February 2025.
- b) Tree that needs cutting back on Breckland Land St Edmunds Road – reported October and chased up by Clerk December 2024 and February 2025.
- c) To discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.

Lynn Road, the 40-mph signpost is rusting outside Lynn Lodge – *since reported to highways again.*

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Roadside Nature Reserve Notification from Highways, the Clerk was asked to chase up when this is going ahead and the exact location in Lynn Road.

At the bottom of peppers close where Cllr Wilkins lives there is a stream – the shrubs and trees used to be cut back by Breckland but this has not been done for two years, trees have fallen over and it is stopping the flow, it was agreed that the Clerk will enquire with Breckland CC to confirm ownership of the land and how is now responsible for maintaining the area.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Orchard Trees for Village Hall Drive —Cllr T. Childerhouse said he will be starting on this next week.
- b) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue.

More moles have appeared on the playing field, this has been reported, and they will be dealt with once the children are back at school after the half term holiday.

7.3 Website host and email provider

Following the retirement of our current IT support we will need to find a new web site provider; the Clerk has sourced a highly recommended company called “Parish Online” for an annual subscription of £385 – it was agreed to go ahead with this offer.

7.4 Insurance – to discuss items listed on the insurance policy.

The Bowls club building is currently insured for £129,622, following a discussion, it was agreed that this value should increase to £200,000, the Clerk will contact the insurance company.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

Streetlights out no’s 58 and 66 in Angerstein Close – due to be replaced with LED’s early March. To replace the old streetlights with LED’s can take around 4 to 5 weeks as these are not held in stock.

8.2 Sam 2

Cllr Nordan gave the following report.

11th January to 8th February 2025

Position –. Site 2 South facing Lynn Road Coming in .

Total vehicles count for that period = 64,174

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 59,579

Total speeders = 4,595

Maximum speed recorded (40 mph limit) = 70 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

Nothing to report.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins gave the following report.

Quite a lot has happened over the last month for the Village Hall.

Two new ventures – two new days to come to the Hall.

First on Mondays from 1.30 to 3.30pm the Breckland Council has arranged for a firm selling produce to come to the hall, and everyone is welcome to take some things which are free and other stuff at reasonable prices, this, I think, has been similar to the mobile van that used to turn up near the Bowls Club in the past, some of our neighbours need to be able to get food stuffs at a lower price, from what I have heard, it seems to be going down very well.

The second thing to arrive is the Weeting Light Lunch Club, this is being run by Mrs Sue Jones the Vice Chair of the Village Hall together with some help from other ladies from our village. It has just run the second time last Tuesday and the next date for your calendar is the 25th of February, they run every other Tuesday, and it starts at 11.00am and lunch is served at 12.00pm. The Club as been set up to bring neighbours together to meet up with old friends and hopefully to make new ones. Also, again to hopefully put some much needed monies into the Village Hall itself.

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The lunch consists of a small beaker of soup with a roll, then a choice of sandwiches – usually three choices, plus a small salad, crisps, cold slaw etc, desert is usually a cake of some kind, plus tea and coffee, we have set the cost at £6.00 per person, there is also a raffle and short quiz. We have asked that all new members ring the phone number on the poster so we can make sure we have catered for all. So far, all that have come along have said how much they have enjoyed the day.

The main part of the Committee is trying to think of ways to put more money into the Hall, as the last two years has seen a big gap in funds.

Mrs Jones did try to get some other way of heating as the gas heating we have is very expensive which is mainly due to the very expensive maintenance as the firm that deals with this comes up from Kent, but as yet everything we have thought of is even more expensive as to get any other means of heating would cost mega amounts of money to install and even more to dismantle and remove the present heating.

There are other things needed in the hall such as repairs to cracks in the walls, pipe work that is not in good condition and the paint job done in the hall a few years ago is not holding up (I am itching to get hold of a paint brush).

Apart from all that, the clubs that use the Hall are running quite nicely.

I shall be running a spring quiz this Saturday (22nd Feb), I arrange one both in the spring and autumn, this one will have questions on the seasons and years etc, we also provide a meal at half time, plus a raffle and prizes to the first three winners.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

Cllr Sue Nairn said she and finished the March edition today and this will be delivered to the despatchers next week.

The school report is getting bigger and bigger each month.

Have received £1610 in so far from the advertisers.

Cllr T Childerhouse thanked Cllr Nairn for all her hard work on the magazine and said how much it is appreciated by all.

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

All outstanding correspondence has been distributed to the Councillors.

10. FINANCE

10.1 To agree and sign the payments for the February meeting invoices.

The following payments for January invoices were authorised on Thursday the 20th of Feb 2025 the payments were signed off by the Vice Chair

Balance for December (community account only)	£28,940.18
Plus, the following Receipts	
Vat refund 1/10/24 to 31/1/25	£2,279.99
WVL advertising	£1,610.00
Football club electricity	£186.93
Total receipts	£4,076.92
Balance after this month's receipts	£33,017.10

Expenditure

Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
DD	N.Power - main streetlights	£1,455.89
DD	E-On Parrotts	£30.56
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp	£631.38
BACS	Subscription for Windows 365 software (Mrs P Angus)	£84.99
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Football Club electricity	£99.01
BACS	Website hosting 123 reg	£71.86
BACS	Hall Hire	£30.00
BACS	New LED's numbers 122	£237.00

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Total Cheques / BACS /DD paid	£2,669.67
Balance in Community Account Jan 2025	£30,347.43
Balance in savings account	£10,916.40
Total in Parish Accounts	£41,263.83

Restricted funds	
Remaining grant money to be used for orchard supplies	£22.45
Total	£22.45

**10.2 Qtr. 3 budget against actual expenditure and YTD budget against expenditure –
update from the Clerk**

The Clerk gave the following report: -

Quarter 3 Oct to Dec 2024

Budget set for expenditure Quarter 3	£14,346
Actual Expenditure for Quarter 3	£17,172
Budget against Expenditure	-£2826

Year to date expenditure against expenditure – March to December 2024

Overall year to date - we set a budget for the 9 months	£45008.96
Actual expenditure for the 9 months	£46928.23
Expenditure against budget	-£1,920

We are pretty much on budget.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received.

Appeal APP/F2605/W/25/3358306 - Alrina Rectory Lane, Weeting, Brandon, Norfolk, IP27 0PX.

PC object same reasons as before.

To discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published.

None received.

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 20th March 2025 in the Village Hall

Agenda items to be added – increase in house building in the area of an additional 300 houses per year.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.00

Chair: _____ Date: _____