

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

PRESENT: Cllrs: M. Nairn – Chair, T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, M. Lister, C. Wilkins, B. Smith and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 1 member of the public.

1. WELCOME

The chair welcomed everyone, and he thanked everyone for their support during his recent absence due to illness and thanked Cllr Tom Childerhouse for standing in whilst he was away.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

County Cllr F. Eagle, District Cllrs R. Kybird, Sam Chapman Allen and Parish Cllrs I. Childerhouse and R. Read.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th of February 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.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The one member of the public expressed his concern about some trees that are in the village that should have a TPO on them, the Chair explained how he can go about to get a TPO put onto those trees, however, it was agreed that he let the Clerk have a location of where the trees are and she will get in touch with the TPO department. It was also agreed that the Clerk would try and obtain a map from Breckland CC with all the TPO's shown.

There is a garden wall in Castle Close and St Edmunds that he was concerned about such as - is it listed? – it was agreed that the Clerk will find out.

Parking on pavements – can we put something in the WVL asking that residents do not park on the footpaths.

There are no white lines on the bends coming into the village as they have faded – the Clerk will report this to Highways.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report – not at meeting

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) Street Signs that need replacing -Park View in Weeting and Brandon Road sign (location opposite Peppers Close Weeting) – reported to Breckland in October 2024 and chased up in January and February. This has now been reported on their website and is being dealt with.
- b) Tree that needs cutting back on Breckland Land St Edmunds Road – reported October and chased up by Clerk December 2024. Breckland have since said this is not their land, so they are not responsible for cutting back the trees. It was agreed that the Clerk will send a letter to the District Cllrs about this.
- c) 40mph sign Lynn Road – this has been reported again to Highways.
- d) To discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.

White lines on the Weeting bend –Clerk will report to Highways.

30mph post hit on Hockwold Road this side of the bend just before Shadwell Close – Clerk will report to Highways.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to our MP regarding the many issues regarding Highways in Weeting with a copy to County Cllr F. Eagle. Cllr Lister will assist the Clerk with this. List as follows.

- Losing the school crossing, although far more heavy traffic is coming through the Village.

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- We need the 30mph limit extended beyond the current proposed limit on Lynn Road.
- In the early part of century, the main road through the village was downgraded from a B road to a C road but the volume of traffic has increased significantly since those days.

Cllr Nordan said he will prepare a Sam 2 report for evidence of speeding through the Village.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Orchard Trees for Village Hall Drive — Many thanks to Cllr Tom Childerhouse for arranging the purchase and planting of the trees.
- b) TPO Cromwell Road – this has now been issued.
- c) Peppers Close – trees and bushes overhanging the stream at the bottom of Peppers Close reported to Breckland February. Cllr Wilkins said that just half have been cut back so the Clerk will need to report this to Breckland again.
- d) Rubbish behind football changing room. – No action required.
- e) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue.

Cllr S. Nairn said it was time to organise a litter pick - date to be agreed sometime in April and this will be put out on the village Facebook pages. She also said that moles are very active on Parrotts Piece and need to be reported to the mole man. Also, more bulb planting needs to be done this year – Cllr S. Nairn said she will go round and take photographs of where the existing bulbs are coming up so that it will be known where to plant the new bulbs later this year.

7.3 Breckland Local Plan – Updated Local development Scheme – to note any responses from the PC. – move to next agenda

7.4 Devolution Consultation – Norfolk and Suffolk are in the fast-track program – to note any responses from the PC. – e-mail received from Breckland regarding this following their meeting today stating that the Breckland members support plans to create three unitary councils, but reservations on process remain. The Parish Council support this outcome.

7.5 Village Hall – Risk Assessment and Health and Safety for Village Halls.

The Village Hall will now be carrying out their own risk assessment instead of paying out for another company to do this.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

New LED's have gone in at 66 and 58 Angerstein Close

8.2 Sam 2

Cllr Nordan gave the following report.

8th February to 8th March

Position –. Site 1 North facing South Park road

Total vehicles count for that period = 75,269

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 65,602

Total speeders = 9,667

Maximum speed recorded (30 mph limit) = 50 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

Gate has been padlocked.

Two new darts leagues going on.

Open day 6th April

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins gave the following report.

The village hall has certainly seen some goings on this last month.

Our vice chairman together with myself and other ladies decided to start a light lunch club, this has been received with great reviews and all those who have come along once a fortnight on a Tuesday have told us how much they have enjoyed their day, the lunch starts at 12pm and our visitors enjoy a lunch of soup and a roll, sandwiches with usually a choice of three fillings, a small salad, crisps etc and

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then a desert, tea and coffee, we also have a raffle and a quiz. Just before we got it started, I rang Breckland Council to check what we needed to be allowed to run officially, they were very helpful and said they would send someone down to check we had got everything in place correctly. The official lady from Breckland came to see us and after 2 ½ hours of looking around and many questions she gave us top marks and awarded us with a 5-star food rating.

To make sure the hall looked its best when she came, I painted the kitchen and last week my daughter and I painted the bottom half of the hall itself, and I think this helped a little bit.

Two days later, I had a phone call and this gentleman said he was phoning to let us know that he would like to send down a colleague to go through everything we needed in regards to running a lunch club as we have to have a risk assessment and H&S forms, Mr Connor Love came to see us and at the end of the meeting we had a lot of information, but to be fair not really understanding what he was getting us to agree to. To cut a long story short, he had further meetings with our Chairman and vice Chairman and the result of those were a meeting with our Chairman at his home on his own, where he was in my opinion coerced into signing a contract for 60 months and a cost at the end of that time would have been £11,100, we saw the piece of paper with the cost on it in small writing and needless to say we were gob smacked.

There we were starting a little lunch club to cover the short fall the village hall has some months of the year, only to find we again in my opinion were duped into paying much more than we could afford, this by the way was to revamp our risk assessment and H&S forms as Mr Connor said everything has changed since the pandemic. On asking about the contract, I was told there was no get out clause. However, our Vice Chairman said “Carole, you are like a dog with a bone, not letting go”. She is right, I will not give up, I tried everything and everybody over the last two weeks, and Tuesday morning at last the email I had wanted so much came through, they had cancelled the contract.

The Chair thanked Carole and all her volunteers for their continued hard work on running the village hall.

There was a query regarding who owned the village hall, and it was agreed that the Clerk would research on Land Registry to see if she can find any information regarding this.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

The latest edition has now been published.

Two new people have approached WVL to place two adverts – but it would mean paying more for the printing, it was agreed to review this next year.

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

- Email from Cllr Kay Mason Billig (Leader of Norfolk County Council) - Local Government Review in Norfolk
- Email from Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen (Leader of the Council) - LGR and Devolution Parish Briefing
- Email from Cllr Bill Borrett Portfolio holder - Local Government Reorganisation & Devolution
- Email from Gemma Manthorpe (Planning Policy Manager)- Weeting with Broomhill - Village Checklist for full review of the Local Plan
- Email from Matthew Barnard Communications Manager Breckland Council - Breckland members support plans to create three unitary councils, but reservations on process remain.

10. FINANCE

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

The following payments for February invoices were authorised on Thursday the 20th March 2025 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for February (community account only)	£30,347.43
Plus, the following Receipts	
WVL	£950.00
Total receipts	£950.00
Balance after this month's receipts	£31,297.43

Expenditure

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Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
DD	N.Power - main streetlights	£1,282.82
DD	E-On Parrotts	£25.49
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp	£631.18
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Football Club electricity	£21.39
BACS	Hall Hire	£30.00
BACS	T T Jones street light maintenance April to June 2025	£171.30
BACS	T T Jones new LED's - 66 and 58 Angerstein Close	£474.00
BACS	WVL Printing	£736.00
BACS	WVL delivery	£125.00
BACS	Parish On Line - New website and emails	£342.00
BACS	Printer Inks	£86.00
BACS	T Childerhouse – orchard trees	£229.00
Total Cheques / BACS / DD paid		£4,183.16
Balance in Community Account March 2025		£27,114.27
Balance in savings account		£10,916.
Total in Parish Accounts		£38,030.67

Restricted funds

Remaining grant money to be used for orchard supplies **£22.45**

- 10.2 To appoint Serena Barnes to carry out the internal audit for year end 2025** – it was agreed to appoint Ms Barnes to carry out the internal audit for year-end 2025.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received.

PL/2025/0252/CLOPUD - 27, Cromwell Road, Weeting, IP27 0QT dated 5th March 2025

Removal of existing pitched roof conservatory and replace with rear extension.

Comments back by 24th March- No objections.

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

PL/2025/0333/TRE - 2, Hereward Way, Weeting, IP27 0QL

Tree Works Application:

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 17th April 2025 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Nalc membership – suggest Norfolk Parish Training and Support as a replacement to NALC

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 20.00

Chair: _____ Date: _____