

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 17th April 2025

PRESENT: Cllrs: M. Nairn – Chair, T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, M. Lister, B. Smith, District Cllr R. Kybird, Sam Chapman-Allen and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There was 2 members of the public (*one being the Chairman of Breckland Council Keith Gilbert who was here on a special mission - see public participation*)

1. WELCOME

Welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllrs C. Wilkins, I. Childerhouse, R Read and County Cllr F. Eagle.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

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

At this point, the Chairman of Breckland Council Keith Gilbert asked the Chair Mike Nairn to come and accept an award from Breckland which was “A Special Recognition Reward” for his long and appreciated service to the Council, he was also presented with a Breckland Lapel Pin. Cllr Nairn said this was a huge surprise to him, he was not expecting to receive anything like this and was very happy to receive this recognition. Photos were taken which will appear on the Website later.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report

District Cllr R. Kybird – Breckland Council are in the process of carrying out a full review of the Local Plan and asked if the Clerk had received a Village Check list from them and has it been returned to them confirm that all was correct on the list, the Clerk confirm that she had, Cllr Kybird asked if he could have a copy of that document.

There has been a consultation on Shop front design and Cllr Kybird will forward this document on to the Cllrs.

Cllr S Chapman- Allen said that the garage is high on their radar. The Chair said that there are parking spaces that belong to Breckland that are being used by the Garage employees during the day, and this means that residents are unable to use those spaces, they are also using the car parking spaces outside the chip shop and surrounding areas etc. There are some signs that are on the side of the road that belong to the petrol garage that are on Highways land.

Cllr Chapman Allen pointed out that the date of the meeting for the Local Planning re-organisation will be sent to the Clerk the end of the next week four councillors and the clerk will be invited to attend this meeting which will be about the government’s plans to increase house building in our area.

Cllr Tom Childerhouse asked if anything was happening with regard to Brandon Station - Cllr Chapman Allen said there was not.

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 Street Sign department - Peppers Close sign is being replaced but not Park View.
- b) Tree that needs cutting back on Breckland Land St Edmunds Road – this has now been cut back. – take of the agenda.
- c) 40mph sign Lynn Road – Highways have dealt with this – take off the agenda.

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- d) Hockwold Road 30 mph post that has been hit by vehicle – Highways have said that repair/replacement is not needed at this time but will continue to monitor the situation.
- e) Faded white lines on the Weeting bends – Highways have sent the following reply “*We have assessed this problem, and it does not meet our criteria for repair at this time. We will continue to monitor the problem as part of our routine inspections*”.

Since receiving this email, work has started on Brandon and Lynn Road to repaint the white lines and install new cat’s eyes etc, this is part of the Local Safety Scheme.

- f) To discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.
None.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Peppers Close – trees and bushes overhanging the stream at the bottom of Peppers Close reported to Breckland February and they have cut back some of the shrubs etc – they have since come back with the following “*whilst there is no duty to maintain the hedges/tress etc bordering the ditch (this could fall under riparian rights) they will assess the area. However, it needs to be noted that we are now within nesting season, so most works are restricted*”.
- b) Litter Pick – the litter pick will take place on Saturday 19th April.
- c) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue. None

7.3 Breckland Local Plan – Update regarding the Local development Scheme – the detail of the date to attend the meeting will be sent to the Clerk.

7.4 Annual Parish Meeting May 15th, 2025 – to discuss and agree local community groups to invite along to give their annual reports.

It was agreed to ask representatives that attended last year from The Bowls Club, Village Hall, School, Church and the local Police.

There is a special resident that the Council would also like to attend to be presented with a lapel pin and certificate at the meeting, The Chair will let the Clerk know her address so that she can drop an invitation through her door.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

Nothing to report.

8.2 Sam 2

Cllr Nordan gave the following report.

8th March – 5th April

Position –. Site 4 Park View (W)

Total vehicles count for that period = 33,992

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 31,580

Total speeders = 2,412

Maximum speed recorded (30 mph limit) = 40 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

The open day went well, and they enrolled several new players.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins was not at the meeting but sent the following report:-

All Clubs are now running at their allotted times with two extras.

Having started the food supplier every Monday with some foods for free and the rest at reduced prices, times for this is 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

The new Knit and Natter group meet once a month and had quite a good turn out of their first meeting, the second one was this Tuesday.

The lunch club is doing well and has been putting some monies in to the halls deposit account ready if there is a short fall during any month in the future, they now serve on average 30 – 34 people at each sitting, the quiz is popular and the last week it was breed of dogs and two tables won with the same number of points (one was Mike and Sues table so well done), I wonder what I will dream up next, it’s all good fun.

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The first Craft Fayre of the year was held last Saturday and most tables did okay, but with the weather being wonderful and three other craft fayres on the same day in our area, did not really help and I have just found out that the one in Santon Downham is running again on the same day in the winter which is 15th November, as our hall is very full that time of year, I doubt if I can move the date, I will take a look at this when I get back from holiday. So, another £300 plus has been put into the hall's bank. I just have one niggle at the end of the day when everybody is getting tired, the only people left were the ones that had been there all day, some from 7.00am, shame, but not many from the people from the clubs who use the village hall, I guess it is a sign of the times.

I hope to put on another fayre the first week in August with some other friends who have some outdoor games like coconut shy and stocks etc, I think that would be good if the weather plays ball, I will contact them next week as they will be joining me in the practice for VE Day concert which will be held on Saturday 3rd May doors open at 2.00pm for a start at 2.30pm, with a cost of £4.00 which will be split between WASP's to pay for costumes etc and a charity of choice which we will pick as we do every production.

Not sure if I have told you, but the Lunch Club has been awarded a rating of 5 which is the highest for health and safety, and we are well pleased about that and hope we can keep up the good standard.

Note from the Clerk that the cost of the hall hire will go up £4.00 an hour which means the cost of the will now be £34.00 an hour.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

The cost of the adverts will need to increase for next year. The deadline for next WVL publication is the 16th of May.

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

Email from Highways - Weeting-with-Broomhill – Local Safety Scheme informing the work that is to be carried out on the main road.

10. FINANCE

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

The following payments for March/April invoices were authorised on Thursday the 17th of April 2025 the payments were signed off by the Chair.

Balance for March (community account only)	£27,114.27
Plus, the following Receipts	
Precept	£24,675.00
Total receipts	£24,675.00
 Balance after this month's receipts	 £51,789.27
Expenditure	
Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description
DD	Npower - main streetlights
DD	E-On Parrotts
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp
BACS	Bin Collection
BACS	Football Club electricity
BACS	Hall Hire
BACS	Mrs Godfrey - setting up new laptop and prep for migration to new web site hosting service
BACS	HMRC 4th qtr. 2024/2025
Total Cheques / BACS / DD paid	£2,618.79
Balance in Community Account April 2025	£49,170.48
Balance in savings account includes £81.81 interest paid 4/4/25	£10,998.21
 Total in Parish Accounts	 £60,168.69
Restricted funds	
Remaining grant money to be used for orchard supplies	£22.45

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11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received.

None received.

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

None received.

Applications that have been approved.

PL/2025/0252/CLOPUD - 27, Cromwell Road

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

Applications that have been refused.

None

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

The next meeting will be Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2025 7.00pm followed on by the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held in the Village Hall.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.49

Chair: _____ Date: _____