

# MINUTES OF THE WEETING WITH BROOMHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm in Weeting Village Hall

Present: - Cllrs- M. Nairn Chairman, , T. Childerhouse, , S. Nairn, P. Nordan, B. Smith, C. Wilkins, R Read, County Cllr F. Eagle, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr S. Chapman Allen and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council

There was 4 members of the public at the meeting including representatives from the Bowls Club, Village Hall, and Church

*At the start of the meeting the Chairman presented Reverend Joan Horan who has recently retired with a certificate and a Weeting PC lapel pin as recognition for her services to the Parish.*

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs M. Lister and I. Childerhouse.

## **2. To accept and sign the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **3. Annual Report from The Chairman**

The Chair gave the following report for the past year

- We have purchased and installed new swings and fencing for the Play Area.
- The Speed limit has been updated through the village.
- Planted cherry trees by the Village Hall drive.
- Litter pick has been carried out 24 bags of rubbish has been collected.
- The graffiti around the village will be cleaned up.
- The waste collections are going very well with Breckland.

The Chair went on to thank the whole of the Parish Council for their support given to him during his ill health during the past year, it was very much appreciated.

## **4. Annual Report from Weeting CE School**

The Head Teacher was unable to attend the meeting, so the following report was read out by Cllr S. Nairn on her behalf: -

### **Staffing and Classes**

We have 5 classes open – nursery, reception, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6. In September 2025 Little Saints Preschool and the staff team became part of the school, renamed as Acorn Class. We are now able to provide education for children aged 2-11 years old. This development provides further stability and future proofing of a school in the village. Numbers remain constant and the 3-year forecast for the school shows that these are likely to remain stable, with a slight increase showing during this

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Our Breakfast Club and After School Club, which opened in September 2023, has provided working parents with access to extended school provision. We are pleased to announce that as part of a Norfolk County Council wraparound provision we have extended our opening time to 6pm and have employed an additional member of staff to support numbers.

## **Church and Community Involvement**

We have continued to be regular users of St Mary's, with the whole school and their families attending Christingle, Remembrance Day and Easter services. We are continuing to work with Rev Juanita as she steps into her new role. As part of the Diocese of Ely's Lent Challenge the children participated in a 40-day physical activity challenge. Each day the children participated in either a dance session or daily mile run. As a school we raised £409 for Young Minds, a national children's mental health charity. We commemorated VE Day by holding a street party on the playground with home-made bunting and an ocean of red, white and blue outfits.

We have participated in the Tesco Stronger Together blue token scheme, receiving £1500 which was used to purchase gardening equipment, planters and storage which are in weekly use by our lunch time club. The children are currently planting up around school and will move out on to Parrott's Piece next term.

We have participated in DEMAT Together projects, joining with Year 6 classes from all 39 schools in the DEMAT Carol Service at Ely Cathedral and have had 35 pieces of Artwork selected for this year's DEMAT art exhibition to be held in Ely in June 2025. I shared our approach to the teaching of art to headteachers at a DEMAT conference. As part of our enrichment priorities we have provided the children with visits and visitors including a whole school trip to the pantomime in King's Lynn, new born lambs from a farming parent, a drama workshop for World Book Day and class trips including visits to Science Lab in Norwich, Gressenhall Museum, Roar Dinosaur Park and a watercolour painting session on the lawn at Sandringham House!

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Our wider community involvement has included providing placements for 2 PGCE students from UEA, Norwich. We have hosted sports holiday clubs for children in the Easter and Summer holidays.

Our Friends of Weeting work tremendously hard to provide our children with additional resources. This year they are fundraising towards a collection of everyday games that families can borrow to support maths understanding.

## **2024-25 School Priorities**

This year the school has 5 key educational priorities:

- 1 – Improve outcomes for Maths across the school.
- 2 – Improve staff confidence and quality of teaching in English, Computing and Design Technology.
- 3 – Update the EYFS curriculum to incorporate teaching and learning expectations for 2,3- and 4-year-olds.
- 4 – Embed the role of the subject leader and establish a consistent monitoring and improvement cycle across all subjects.
- 5 - Improve use of individual and group data to inform teaching and learning and intervention needs.

## **5. Annual Report from St Mary's Church**

Reverend Juneta gave the following report: -  
**Services**

- My title is Associate Priest, that is, a fully ordained priest who assists the Rector in the running of the 4 parishes of the Grimshoe Benefice (Weeting, Hockwold, Northwold, Feltwell)
- Mother Joan retired at Easter, and we are still waiting for a new Rector to be appointed - I am not the new Rector.
- In this time of waiting, we will ensure that services still go ahead at the usual times - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11.00am.
- The 1st Sunday will be Holy Communion with me leading, the 3rd Sunday will vary, with lead from a Priest or Lay Minister from nearby Wissey Valley group of parishes.

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## **School**

- We have had some very enjoyable contacts with the Primary School, including a wonderful Easter service in church - the space was able to be used well to accommodate both parents and children.
- I have met with Dr Hardie to ensure the close links between church and school continue.

## **Building**

- A big thank you to everyone who has helped us bring the church building back from the brink of dereliction; especially to the PCC for all their hard work in fundraising, shifting furniture, cleaning, etc, and keeping the services going; to the Childerhouses for looking after the pews; to all who have generously supported our fundraising efforts - especially the haircut and pancake party; to those who attended the recent public meeting with representatives from the Diocese, and showed their interest in helping; and to anyone I've missed out!
- Our vision/plans for the church involve sorting out the drainage; repairing and refurbishing the roof inside; a new floor to replace the temporary one; improving the heating, lighting, and sound system; improving accessibility, including the installation of a toilet, and a kitchen/servy.
- A project group is to be formed from both the church community and, crucially, the wider community of the village. You don't need to be a churchgoer to be a part of this group.
- There will be a public meeting on July 25th at 7pm, during which we'll present our future plans - everyone welcome.
- In the meantime, we would love to hear your views on how St. Mary's can better serve you - community survey in next edition of Weeting Village News, with QR code for completion online (paper copies also available from Alison Surridge)

Thank you again to all who have supported us.

St. Mary's is a wonderful building, a church that has been - and is - an integral part of Weeting. Here villagers have been baptised, married, and buried; here they have worshipped God and found comfort and consolation in times of trouble; here we have looked in awe at this part of village history.

With your help, St. Mary's can continue to do these things - and much more - in the future.

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## **6. Annual Report from the Village Hall Committee**

Cllr Carole Wilkins gave the following report: -

The Village Hall has done quite well over the last 12 months, it all started with some little people throwing stones etc through the window on the field side, all the safety glass fell out onto the concrete step, so as I was cleaning it up, a mother came past with two little children and one of them started to pick the glass pieces up, I did suggest that mummy take her children away, that window was replaced at a cost of £250.

We then had Mr Tim Murfitt put ramps outside the French windows onto the playing field, a very good job and is much appreciated as now so much easier for any wheelchair users to get in and out.

Not long after that, the insurance company said that they wanted fire alarms throughout the building, Karen, our head treasurer tried to get a grant for this but a no-go so we paid out to have the whole system installed and that was another £4,000.

Then we got another window broken again, on field side at the other end, someone suggested dummy cameras which we did indeed put up, thanks to Cllr Peter Nordan.

At the next Parish Council meeting, the cameras were discussed and by the very generous donation from the Parish Council, we had real cameras installed, as you can imagine, this made another hole in our finances.

The usual group put on a quiz in October and a craft show in November, and a pantomime in December to help with the funds, but we still needed more, so after another quiz in February, a group of ladies got together with some more ladies having had their arms twisted to join in to help run a venture (only kidding) and the first Lunch Club was held on the last Tuesday in January. It has gone from strength to strength and only this week a new dishwasher was installed in the kitchen and at last count our lunch club has put over £1000 into the halls deposit account.

The hall committee ran its Annual Meeting last Monday and all the officers were voted back in for another year.

All the clubs that use the hall on a regular basis are still with us, but we do know that a few are struggling with the extra payment of £2.00 per hour, so our vice chair Sue Jones is going to have a meeting with them to see if we can help them, as we all know things change from one week to the next, and we would rather help them than lose them.

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The books have been audited for another year by TWR accountants from Brandon.

Last but not least, we have a comedy show “The Kings Garden Party” this is to be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August we are running a fun day together with a craft show, so we are hoping for fine weather as we have bouncy castle, some stocks, a coconut shy and as many other things that I can get hold of, so if you know anyone that would like a pitch, just get them to ring me. I am looking for some volunteers to try the stocks out, so let me know if you are interested.

## **7. Annual Report from the Bowls Club Committee**

Jo Nordan gave the following report:-

- I am Jo Nordan, Captain of Weeting Bowls Club and I am here to speak on their behalf.
- The last 12 months, subsequent to our golden anniversary year, has been very busy with ongoing maintenance and improvements.
- The mild winter and spring provided excellent conditions for the restoration work on the green to continue, a new mower has been purchased, and our two volunteer green keepers have worked tirelessly, mowing, seeding, weeding, feeding and rolling the grass, the green is now greatly improved, much to the delight of the bowlers.
- Padlocked gates have been made to measure and fitted at both entrances to the bowls club to prevent people using the club path as a short cut from The Row to the village centre and playing fields.
- Also, to protect the green from unwelcome football members, a new fence has been erected along the edge of the green, and access is restricted to people who are wearing the required footwear.
- We do consider ourselves to be very fortunate in having a number of willing volunteers who came along to help with the installation of the gates, fence, benches and so many other jobs around the green and grounds.
- The bowlers returned to the green on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, which was our open day, it was a lovely sunny day and a number of potential new bowlers were able to experience the game alongside the more experienced and regular bowlers, it was a super atmosphere and great fun was had by all.
- To date, the Club Pairs competition has begun, and a number of friendly and league matches have already taken place. The Singles Championships

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begin in June. Roll ups for those who just wish to play for fun take place on  
Fridays from 5.30pm until it's too dark.

- Over the winter months, our pool teams have practiced hard on their new pool table, both the A & B teams have performed well in the local pool leagues.
- The club have also recently bought a new competition dart board to cater for the needs of the newly established darts team.
- If anyone is interested in playing bowls, pool, or darts, they should go along and speak to a member of the bar staff who will be able to advise on who to go to for more information.
- Work on the kitchen has now been completed apart from one or two few snagging issues, a new door needs to be fitted, along with the passageway to the smokers shed, and once this is done, we will be applying for a hygiene rating to be able to offer hot food.
- Social events continue to flourish with regular bingo, karaoke and live music events.
- The club has become quite popular for private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions and wakes, and continues to be a nice and friendly place to be.

Thank you all for listening.

## **8. Annual Report from Breckland South Local Policing Team**

Not at meeting.

## **9. Open Forum – Meeting open to the Public**

The Path by the Church at St Edmunds Lane is a trip hazard with many potholes – Tom said he believes the land is owned by the developers that built St Edmunds, the Clerk will enquire with Breckland and Highways as to who is responsible for this footpath.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.45

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_