

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 19th June 2025

PRESENT: Cllrs: M. Nairn – Chair, T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, B. Smith, R. Read, I. Childerhouse, C. Wilkins, M. Lister, and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.
There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

District Cllrs R. Kybird, Sam Chapman-Allen and County Cllr F. Eagle.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th of May 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

None at meeting.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report - not at meeting apologies sent.

6.2 County Councillors Report – not at meeting apologies sent.

7. MATTERS ARISING

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

- a) St Edmunds Road – Potholes/Trip Hazards by the Church – Reply from Highways:” 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.” Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk will go back to Highways as the state of the path is a definite trip hazard.
- b) Missing Speed limit signs between Weeting and Brandon – reported to Highways in May and they have now been put back into place.
- c) Sam 2 Pole that was removed by highways maintenance during the recent works on Lynn Road – reported Highways in May 2025 and they are looking into this.
- d) Castle Close – damaged manhole cover- reported to Highways in May – fixed 17th June.
- e) Various locations in Weeting -Weeds on footpaths reported to Highways as we are receiving lots of complaints and we have received the following reply. *“The weed treatment started on the 19th of May across the County, with recent weather (both wet and warm weather) has provided ideal growing conditions. I hope that the weed treatment that started on the 19th of May will soon show signs of weeds dying off, however I will make my team aware to identify areas where we can programme works to ‘side out’ and remove this type of issue across our sector”.*
- f) To Discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the agenda.

The Junctions at Saxon Place and Hereward Way going out on to Lynn Road– the give way road markings on the road have faded and are no longer visible and the Give Way signposts are missing. Cllr Wilkins pointed out that Give Way road markings and/or signs are needed coming out of the petrol Garage on to Hereward Way and Saxon Place as, she has seen cars coming straight out without stopping or looking, the Chair said that those roads belong to Breckland so we will need to speak to them.

The B1106 signs on the road between Brandon Level Crossing and Lodge Road Methwold have been covered up at the junction of Peppers Close, this road was downgraded to a C road back in 2004 (approx.) it is thought that this road should remain a B road as the volume of traffic is far greater now

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than ever, we need to explore why this road has been downgraded, and following a discussion it was agreed to ask the area Highway engineer to meet the Clerk and Cllrs to discuss the very high volume of traffic that uses this road, the Clerk will copy in County Cllr F. Eagle when she sends over the email to Highways.

Peppers High Hill – hedges need cutting back on safety grounds – signs are not visible - and the hedges are hitting the cars.

Approaching Peppers High Hill – there are confusing signs stating that the maximum speed limit is 20mph as well as a sign saying it is 10mph.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact our MP to let him know our concerns.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Dog Walk – shrubs need trimming back- work party was discussed at the last meeting in May – Cllr T. Childerhouse said that it is not too bad at the moment.
- b) Parrotts Piece – Water main sunken covers –inspected by Anglian Water and reported that no action required.
- c) ROSPA Report – The annual inspection of the play equipment has been conducted and the final report circulated to the Councillors – to discuss and agree on any repairs/maintenance needs to be done. It was agreed that there are no repairs needed at this time, although the picnic bench over the far side under the trees may need moving if we have the funds. Also, the Clerk will look at alternative companies to carry out the inspection for next year.
- d) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue. Nothing more to discuss.

7.3 Breckland Local Plan – Update regarding the Local development Scheme

Cllrs T. Childerhouse, P. Nordan, M. Lister and M. Nairn attended the Round Table meeting at Dereham. The map showing land that could be possibly suitable for development was circulated to the Cllrs.

Land at Lodge Farm is still earmarked for development, along with land on Fengate Drove in which 200 houses are planned.

The Cllrs observations for the land at some areas on Fengate Drove is that it is on the edge of a flood plain, there is also a risk of contamination on other parts of the land in this area.

On the Mill Farm Triangle –this has been specified as employment land which means it is unsuitable for housing, however, the planning officers have said that the top half would be suitable for an old peoples home and bottom end would be suitable for some sort of light industrial development.

Types of housing suggested is a mixture of shared equity and privately owned properties.

7.4 Local Government Re-organisation

The NCC leader is pressing for a single unitary authority covering the whole of Norfolk, which means there will be no District Councils.

Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and possibly North Norfolk have come up with suggestion that they merge, Broadland, Great Yarmouth and Norwich are also looking to merge.

It is down to the Government in the end to decide what is going to happen.

The Government want an elected mayor.

There is a meeting on the 21st of July which all are welcome to attend.

7.5 Weeting Parish Pencils – Update from the clerk on prices - £33.00 for thirty pencils

It was agreed to order one hundred pencils with the wording “Thank you from Weeting Parish Council”. These will be an alternative to the Weeting Lapel Pins that are given out as a reward for services to Weeting Village and residents.

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8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

Replacement streetlight is in hand, official quote for replacement lam has been received and passed to the insurers.

8.2 Sam 2

Report from Cllr Nordan

3rd May to 31st May

Position – Site 1 South Park facing South

Total vehicles count for that period = 119,175

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 103,781

Total speeders = 15,394

Maximum speed recorded (30 mph speed limit) = 60 mph

8.3 Bowls Club

Cllr P. Nordan provided the following report: -

The membership is growing (around 180 members), more people are attending now that the weather is improving, and the club is open whenever there are bowls matches as well as social events.

The Treasurers report showed no problems; the clubs finances are all in order.

Bowles league matches have started in earnest and the bowls teams are on a winning streak having won all but one match to date. Internal club competitions are also underway.

The green has received much praise from visiting teams and Ady Last and Dave Sutherland were thanked on behalf of the bowlers for their hard work.

Social events – live bands, karaoke, bingo etc have been well supported and private bookings for wakes and parties are coming in.

Disciplinary action was decided to be taken against a member for unacceptable behaviour.

The next meeting is arranged for the 10th of July at 7.30pm.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr C. Wilkins gave the following report: -

The weeks are sure going fast, here we are towards the end of June already, not a lot to report for the Village Hall except to say all regular clubs are using the hall every week, but, very soon some will be taking their normal summer break, this year, I am happy to say that we have enough monies in our account to cover the shortfall and this has been down to the lunch club that is still running very well and this week we gave all our members quiz questions on flags of the world which was very interesting as we all learnt a lot about flags of the world.

We have got lined up a series of talks from different people, the first one will be about scams which I think will be very useful in this day and age.

I must thank Pauline for the email about grants that are hopefully available for Village Halls, and Karen is already looking in to this because we are again in the middle of a heat wave and the one thing this hall does not have is air conditioning, and I think that members of my group will be melting at the end of this Sunday as it is our dress rehearsal and they all have at least two changes of costumes, however, I have some large fans to use, so hopefully I will not have to practice first aid.

So next Friday evening and Saturday afternoon we will be performing our summer show called “The Kings Garden Party” as usual it is a comedy, we always do comedy as we like to make people laugh. I would suggest if you would like to come along, make it Friday evening as Saturday is quite full and it should be cooler.

The next thing on my agenda for the village hall is the Craft/Fun day on Saturday 2nd August where hopefully if the weather is kind I have got craft in the hall and fun stuff outside including the bouncy castle, coconut shy and stocks etc, and maybe a car boot sale although the Weeting boot sale is on the same day, so fingers crossed for fine weather.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

The 50th edition came out the end of June.

Two new advertisers for this year will continue to advertise for the rest of the year.

There is also a possibility that two new people want to advertise.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE – To report/note on any correspondence received by the Council.
E-mails regarding Local Development Plan, Reorganization of the local council– have been circulated to the Cllrs.

10. FINANCE

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

The following payments for the June meeting were authorised on Thursday the 19th of June 2025 the payments were signed off by the Chair.

Balance for March (community account only)	£43,833.80
Plus, the following Receipts	
Village Hall Annual Rent	£1.00
Total receipts	£1.00
Balance after this month's receipts	£43,834.80

Expenditure

Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
DD	Npower - main streetlights	£1,210.24
DD	E-On Parrotts	£23.68
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp	£631.18
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Hall Hire	£35.00
BACS	Street Light Maintenance July to Sept 2025	£171.30
BACS	WVL Printing	£736.00
BACS	Annual Play Inspection	£321.60
BACS	Printer inks, Card for certificates and envelopes	£70.84
BACS	Lapel Pins - 50	£180.00
Total Cheques / BACS / DD paid		£3,408.82
Balance in Community Account June 2025		£40,425.98
Balance in savings account		£10,998.21
Total in Parish Accounts		£51,424.19

10.2 Audit for year end 2025

- a) To consider the internal auditors report – No anomalies found.
- b) To consider and sign the Governance Statement (section 1) – considered and approved and signed by the Clerk and Chair.
- c) To consider and sign the Accounting Statement (section 2) – considered and approved and signed by the Clerk and Chair.
- d) To approve and publish the Public Rights Notice – Approved and this will published on the notice board and website.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received. None

o discuss any other applications issued since the agenda was published. None

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 on Monday the 14th of July as there are several Cllr's unable to attend on the Thursday in July. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.55

Chair: _____ Date: _____