

Minutes of the Weeting with Broomhill Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Held in Weeting Village Hall on Thursday 18th September 2025

PRESENT: T. Childerhouse -Vice Chair, P. Nordan, C. Wilkins, I. Childerhouse and Mrs P. Angus – Clerk to the Council.

There were 1 members of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME

It was agreed to start the meeting early (18.45) as there were only 3 councillors in attendance with no others due to join the meeting (Cllr I. Childerhouse joined at 19.00).

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Parish Cllrs M Lister, M Nairn, S. Nairn, B. Smith, R. Read, District Cllr R. Kybird, District Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen and County Cllr F. Eagle.

3. ACCEPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th July 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

A resident attended the meeting to discuss a possibility of a crossing being put into the village as she has seen young and elderly residents trying to cross the very busy road through the village and was very concerned that vehicles tend to speed through with no concern for pedestrians. Cllrs explained that the Council had tried in vain to get something done since the retirement of the lollipop man who has not been replaced. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will send email addresses to the resident for her to contact County Cllr Fabian Eagle and MP Terry Jermy direct. She will also try and drum up support from other residents in the village and also the school.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

6.1 District Councillors Report – not at meeting apologies sent -however, Cllr Kybird sent through the following report by email

Please accept my apologies for this evening due to a prior engagement.

I am pleased to report that at a meeting today of the District Council there was almost unanimous support from those attending for the proposal for a three Unitary solution to Local Government Reorganisation with one single vote against.

May I remind Parish Councillors that any proposal for the status quo was firmly rejected by the Secretary of State and we have therefore had no option but to produce a robust argument in favour of three Unitaries. This has received cross party support from all Districts in Norfolk with the single exception of South Norfolk.

The joint proposal has received substantial support from resident's surveys with over 5000 responses, far exceeding any response to the two alternatives being proposed.

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 – Trip Hazard on footpath by the Church – Price due back from TJM
- b) Peppers High Hill – Overhanging bushes and trees which is causing an obstruction to drivers view – reported to Highways in June. - these have now been trimmed back.
- c) Heavy traffic usage at junctions of Saxon and Methwold Road, Hereward Way and Methwold Road, Hereward Way and Lynn Road. The Chair took some photos with a drone to show the heavy traffic usage of these junctions – these have been sent to Luke Denney Highways for his information.
- d) To Discuss any Highway matters that have arisen since the publication of the Agenda.

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The Clerk has had an e-mail regarding the Rangers visit and this has been circulated to the councillors.

7.2 Playing Field/Open Spaces/ Amenities

- a) Village Hall Drive – to discuss the way forward regarding residents use of the drive and maintenance costs – The Chair explained that use of the drive by residents alongside the drive has been going on since the 70's and it was really too late to try and stop them, however, there is a sign that has been put up by a resident asking that they do not park on the grass verges near her fence, this is part of the village hall car park and the resident does not have any right to stop people from parking in this area, it was agreed that the Clerk drop her a line asking that she take down the sign.
- b) Bowls Club – Oak tree needs trimming back – Anglian Tree Solutions to come back with price of £1400 plus £35.00 to make an application for tree work to the Council, it was agreed to go ahead with this quote.
- c) To discuss any other Playing Field/Open Spaces matters that have arisen since the agenda was issue.

The Chair said that the Orchard still going well.

- 7.3 **December meeting** – scheduled to be on the 18th of December -however, the Clerk is unable to attend that day and it was agreed to move the meeting to Monday 15th December.

- 7.4 **Bleed Kit** – to discuss the possibility of installing a bleed kit in the village, prices have been received from two companies – Joe Dix foundation £120 and Heart to Heart £85.00, these kits will fit into our defibrillator cabinet. It was agreed to move this agenda item to the next meeting.

- 7.5 **Risk Assessment 2025** – The annual risk assessment was carried out on 27th August by the Clerk and Cllr Lister – copy has been sent to all Cllrs prior to this meeting- no major issues to report, it was suggested, again, to move a picnic bench that is over in the corner of the field to another area as it is a magnet for litter bugs. The document was signed by the Clerk and the Chair. It was agreed to put some new picnic benches on next year's budget.

- 7.6 **Health and Safety Policy 2025** – This policy is reviewed and agreed annually, and it was signed by the Clerk and Chair at this meeting. Copy of this policy has been sent to all Cllrs prior to this meeting.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Street Lighting report

Replacement streetlight in Angerstein Close has now been installed

8.2 Sam 2

Cllr Nordan gave the following report for two months

28th June to 26th July

Position – 4 Park View (E)

Total vehicles count for that period = 44,470

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 39,722

Total speeders = 4,748

Maximum speed recorded (30 mph speed limit) = 50

26th July to 16th August

Position – 2 Lynn Road(S)

Total vehicles count for that period = 56,847

Vehicle count within the speed limit = 30,169

Total speeders = 26,678

Maximum speed recorded (30 mph speed limit) = 65

4 weeks data was lost from 16th August to 13th September – This fault has now been rectified but the data cannot be recovered.

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8.3 Bowls Club

Nothing to report.

8.4 Village Hall

Cllr Wilkins gave the following report.

Well, here we are in September and now we are all looking forward to a beautiful autumn with the trees all decked out with wonderful colours and then hopefully a nice not too cold winter.

The hall is now back and up to running all the clubs that use it except one, all are now fully functional, unfortunately, Weeting Weenies have now packed up completely, there was a chance that one of the mothers would have taken it over, but, as she is now expecting another child she had to decline. Also, of course, with the new regulations regarding safety for the little ones, anybody looking after children will now have to have the correct qualifications, so we now have a Wednesday morning free for a new club.

We, the committee – well the members that run this village hall have had some meetings in regard to trying to get some funds, the lunch club is certainly a success, so we are trying to think of something else that will bring money into the hall.

A dedicated member of the church has been in touch with us to get together as the church also needs funds, at this moment in time we have arranged to have a joint venture on Saturday 14th February which is St Valentines day, a dance and a band, so fingers crossed, it will be well received by the people who live in this village, sometimes unfortunately, like the Fun Day I did in July, it was an absolute failure, and this Autumn I tried to run a Bring and Buy and white Elephant Stall, but only five tables have been taken, so unless I get at least another 10 tables by this weekend, I shall have to cancel this project.

We, the working committee of the hall have got quite a few things we consider important to get done in the hall, our list is as follows:-

1. Fans for ceiling as hall is very hot in the summer.
2. Heaters for the kitchen side of the hall as hall is very cold in winter on that side.
3. Redecorate the whole hall, the bottom bit around the walls was redone as a temporary measure by Karen and myself, but really the whole hall needs a professional team to do it, not the people who did it last time.
4. The most important job is the ladies and gents toilets to be revamped, in other words completely redone.

This is a pie in the sky dream, but on Friday I am meeting with our local plumber- Gatehouse Plumbing- to get our first quote.

I shall be contacting other firms as the grant people always want at least three quotes.

And – just to say, I am running our usual quiz on Saturday 27th September at £8.00 per head, this includes a full meal of soup, then baked potato and all the trimmings, plus desert and tea and coffee.

8.5 Weeting Village Life

Septembers edition has now been delivered and put on our website.

Deadline for next edition is 14th November.

At this point the Chair asked Cllr Nordan to give a report on the progress of the Church renovations – Cllr Nordan gave a brief update on the repairs that have taken place. He has been involved with the Save the Church campaign for a few years. Following some much needed repairs, they have managed to get the Church re-opened. They have been looking at applying for various grants including at applying for a lottery grant as there is still a lot of work to be done.

It was agreed to add The Church to the agenda under reports.

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

E-mail from resident regarding request for a School Crossing – Clerk has replied and copied in to all Cllrs

E-mail from Norfolk Police - Operation Radium – Request for Support with Trigger Plan – there is a growing threat of courier fraud — a type of scam where criminals contact victims by phone, pretending to be from trusted organisations such as the police, government agencies, or banks.

E-mail from Sam Chapman-Allen and Cllr Bill Borrett - Future Norfolk proposal – publication

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E-mail from Breckland regarding – Invitation to Breckland Council / Town and Parish - Engagement Sessions.

10. FINANCE

10.1 To agree and sign the payments for the September meeting invoices

The following payments for the September meeting were authorised on Thursday the 18th September 2025 the payments were signed off by the Chair

Balance for July (community account only)	£37,559.95
Plus the following Receipts	
Recycling payment	£1,512.67
Football Electricity part payment	£100.00
WVL	£105.00
Vat refund	£2,550.72
Total receipts	£4,268.39
Balance after this month's receipts	£41,828.34

Expenditure

Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
DD	Npower - main street lights June to August	£2,062.93
DD	E-On Parrotts July	£23.34
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp /back pay July	£889.53
BACS	Bin Collection	£28.98
BACS	Hall Hire	£35.00
BACS	Football Club electricity May and June	£78.90
BACS	Football Club electricity July	£46.00
BACS	WVL June edition delivery	£125.00
BACS	T T Jones Replacement street light	£2,994.00
BACS	Viking stationary 2 lots of ink	£91.94
DD	E-On Parrotts August	£24.43
DD	Data Protection Fee	£47.00
BACS	Mrs P Angus Salary and exp August	£674.17
BACS	Grass Cutting 3rd Cut	£2,554.57
BACS	Football Club electricity August	£45.22
BACS	Bin Collection	£30.12
BACS	Printing WVL	£745.00
BACS	T T Jones Street Light Maintenance	£177.64
BACS	Westcotec Sam 2 repairs	£63.00
Total Cheques / BACS /DD paid		£10,736.77
Balance in Community Account September 2025		£31,091.57
Balance in savings account		£10,998.21
Total in Parish Accounts		£42,089.78

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11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications received.

Planning Consultation:- PL/2025/1021/FMIN - General Stores, Hereward Way, Weeting, IP27 0QN dated 17th July 2025

Proposed additional externally located condensing unit for small supermarket in residential area.
(retrospective)

No objections received.

PL/2025/1258/VAR - 2, The Bungalows, Fengate Drove, Weeting, IP27 0PW dated 1st September 2025

Variation of condition 2 on PP 3PL/2024/0522/F to vary the wording of the condition due to revised ground floor layout.

No objections received.

Tree Works Application: PL/2025/1250/TRE - 1, Cromwell Road, Weeting, IP27 0QT dated 3rd September 2025

4 of TPO 2008 no.17 - Beech - fell to ground level - reason for work is concern about the tree's stability (tree appears to be affected by honey fungus and may also be affected by the root decay fungus *Meripilus giganteus* - please see accompanying letter).

T5 of TPO 2008 no. 17 - Beech - crown lift to 2.2m above ground level and prune to clear garage by 1.5m - reason for the work is to provide adequate clearance beneath the tree and to maintain it clear of the garage.

No objections received.

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

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 Thursday 16th October

Add Church to Reports on the next Agenda

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.30

Chair: _____ Date: _____