

MINUTES OF THE WEETING WITH BROOMHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7.00pm in Weeting Village Hall

Present: - Cllrs- M. Nairn Chairman, S. Nairn, P. Nordan, B. Smith, C. Wilkins, I. Childerhouse, M. Lister, District Cllr R. Kybird, and Mrs P. Angus Clerk to the Council.

There was two members of the public at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Cllrs R. Read, T. Childerhouse and District Cllr S. Chapman Allen. (belated apologies were sent from County Cllr Scott Hussey who was delayed at a previous meeting at County Hall)

2. To accept and sign the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 15th of May 2025

The minutes of the Annual Parish 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.

3. Annual Report from The Chairman

The Chair Mike Nairn gave the following report: -

One of our previous Parish Councillors Mr Tim Murfett sadly passed away, he was an outstanding member of the community and will be irreplaceable.

The Play Area –We had the climbing frame relocated from the far end of the playing field on to the main play area, a new swing was added which can be used by children with disabilities, and a new accessible roundabout in which children confined to a wheelchair will be able to use is going to be installed on the 1st June, the wooden play equipment may be need to be replaced,

Litter picks –Regular litter picks are being organized and are well attended, it was noted that during the latest litter pick, nitrous oxide canisters were a huge part of the rubbish collected.

Huge thanks go out to the Councillors that empty the litter bins and dog bins on the playing field.

Village Hall Drive – This is scheduled to be repaired over the next couple of months.

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Bowls Club - they reported they were having trouble with overgrown trees, and a tree surgeon is due to deal with a large chestnut tree in June.

AED's – We now have two defibrillators in the village, and bleed kits are included within the cabinets.

Sam 2 – The number of vehicles that have been recorded by this equipment passing throughout the village is outstanding, the reports generated are passed onto the Police.

Weeting Village Life – This has now reached its 14th year and huge thanks to Cllr Sue Nairn for her time and effort that she gives to producing the magazine.

St Edmonds Church Path – the PC has paid to have this footpath repaired – although this borders on Breckland Councils responsibility.

Overgrown Hedges around the village – these can be hazardous at the junctions, our thanks to Cllr Ian Childerhouse for carrying out the cutting of the trees and hedges in Weeting.

4. Annual Report County Councillor

Not at meeting, belated apologies were received.

5. Annual Report District Councillor

District Cllr Robert Kybird provided the attached report.

6. Annual Report from Breckland South Local Policing Team

PC147 Les Maguire - said that there is a very low crime rate for Weeting.

For Local Policing teams, Mandates have been passed for Anti-social behaviour and speeding, and more staff will be taken on board to cope with this.

He advised all to always report to the police if you see any crime.

He will be attending the Weeting Steam Rally and there will be a police tent there and the public are encouraged to visit this.

Speed camera teams are on duty frequently – *at this point Cllr Nordan who is in charge of the Sam 2 said that he had been told by a member of the last Speed camera team that was in Weeting that we may be entitled to a pelican crossing, PC Maquire asked who he spoke to but Cllr Nordan could not give a name.*

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Thetford – Street drinking etc is being tackled.

Cllr Kybird pointed out that during the recent bank holiday, people that live on Lynford Road could not get out of their houses as cars had been parked across their drives, and he expressed concern that emergency services would not be able to get through. The chair feels it is the fault of the Forestry Commission putting in car parking charges in the areas.

7. Annual Report from St Mary's Church

Cllr P. Nordan gave the following report –

Following the retirement of Reverend Canon Joan Horan at Easter 2025, Reverend Juanita Hawthorne our associate priest for Grimshoe benefice delivered the annual report at this meeting last year.

Time has moved on and for personal reasons Juanita resigned from her position on 4th January. The merger of Wissey Valley and Grimshoe took place forming the new joint benefice consisting of twelve churches. Adverts were placed nationally and internationally for a new incumbent to take on a huge task. Grimshoe benefice are very grateful to the ministry team of Wissey valley who have led our twice monthly services since Juanita's resignation.

After many months of waiting for a response, we received a suitable applicant from the USA. I am not permitted to give details but to say the person flew across, had a tour of our churches and underwent a rigorous interview process led by the Archdeacon Richard Harlow consisting of a representative of the Crown and one Parochial Church Council (PCC) member from each church – (I represented Weeting)

A unanimous decision was made to offer the post, and we are now awaiting the complexity of sorting out the many hurdles involved in appointing a person from overseas. We are hopeful that the Home Office will process the application in the coming months sponsored by the Diocese of Ely.

It is interesting to point out that Joan Horan our benefice vicar for 16 years applied for the post from Australia so overseas applicants are not new to us.

Moving on to the building: - I have submitted a timeline of events which appears in Weeting Village Life magazine June 2026. The PCC decided to seek Lottery funding to make long term repairs and modernise the facilities. In June 2025 to complete the first hurdle of the application process, the PCC put out a calling

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We learned that a lottery funding journey usually takes 5 years or more to bring to fruition.

The PCC & RPT took on the task and immediately formed a subcommittee to advertise for a Church and Historic building architect. To meet the application process, we needed five respondents to the advert and after the allocated time only received three, so we extended the time frame for a further period and I am pleased to report we have now achieved the minimum five respondents, so the next stage is the interview process with a view to appointing the candidate best placed to take on the project. This is scheduled to take place in early July which in turn will sign off stage two of our journey.

Thank You.

Peter Nordan – Lay Chaiman PCC, Chairman of the RPT.

8. Annual Report from the Village Hall Committee

Cllr C. Wilkins read out the following report.

Our Annual Village Hall meeting was held on Thursday 14th May, all clubs were invited to attend but not all came along.

The Committee stood down, the election of officers then took place, with nobody wanting to join the committee from the floor, all were returned to stand again for another year, except the Vice Chairman and Chairman changing jobs, this was because Mr David Wood has other commitments and Mrs Sue Jones has a lot of experience in management.

With her at the helm, we the working committee have been able to get a lot of urgent jobs done and the fact that the Lite Lunch Club run by Mrs Jones is working so very well, we have been able to afford to get some of those things done such as:- painting the main hall and the entrance hall, with the toilets next on the list for this summer.

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In previous years, we have always run at a loss in the summer, but last year and this the treasurer stated that accounts are all in very good shape and cover the hall during the summer weeks when some of our regular clubs take a break, I have to report we have lost Weeting Weenies as there was not many little people and the club was running at a loss. Some of the other groups are just about getting enough people to cover costs, but it is getting harder, fingers crossed that they get through and stay.

I think that this is happening everywhere and not just here, but as you know, I run a drama group and I put on two if not more shows a year, but it is getting much more difficult as less and less people come to watch and unless we get an audience then there is no money to keep going as we need to pay for the time we spend in this hall, but mainly we are unable to support the charities that we have given to over the years since 2013, we have given to every well-known charity that you can think of including this hall, our church and of course the cancer groups etc.

Mrs Jones apologised for not being able to make the meeting tonight so I will read out her report that she sent over (*Cllr Wilkins read out the report which Mrs Jones has written which covered what has been said in the report above*).

9. Annual Report from the Bowls Club Committee

Cllr M Lister read out the following report from Elaine Lowe: –

Over the past year, our club has continued to perform strongly both on and off the green. Our bowlers have enjoyed an excellent season and looking forward to the new season in a new league, our bowlers came home with a few trophies and consistently meeting or surpassing their personal bests, reflecting the dedication and skills within the club.

Off the green, the club has remained a vibrant hub for the community. We have successfully hosted a variety of events, including music nights, charity parties, and several wakes, all of which have been well supported and warmly received.

The club continues to grow, with a strong and active membership, and we are pleased to still be welcoming new members. Overall, it has been a positive and successful year, with a solid foundation for continued growth and success in the future.

10. Open Forum – Meeting open to the Public.

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A member of the public asked about the possibility of a skate park being installed in Weeting and she gave out photos of the skate park that is in Feltwell. It was explained that there is no space on the playing field to fit this in. It was mentioned that Brandon is going to have a skate park installed in the future.

She also pointed out that there are three sycamores trees overgrown just over the bridge on the Peppers Close side towards Brandon, she was advised to report this to Highways.

With nothing more to discuss the meeting closed at 19.44

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

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