

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council

Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 July 2013 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Peter Ross (Chairman), Anthony Thomas (Vice Chairman), Ruth Goodall, Mollie Parkinson, John Staveley, Leah Woodhouse
Other attendance: Sonya Garland (Clerk)

1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
	No apologies had been received. The Chairman noted that Lesley Graham had resigned as a parish councilor due to time constraints and that the clerks probation period had been successfully completed.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight:
	No interests were declared.
3	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 May 2013
	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman.
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
4.1	Item 15-F. Norfolk County Council (NCC) had agreed to meet 75% of the cost of the solar powered speed monitor, which would be purchased with five other local parish councils. The cost would be approximately £250-300 per parish.
4.2	The Chairman reported that he had attended a public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk. He advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner's office had a very different and wider role to that of the previous Police Authority and so the role was now a salaried one. The budget of the Office was £150m. A website was currently being produced to tell residents where their nearest local facility would be to help with any particular problems. The Chairman had enquired what resources would be available for traffic management. The Commissioner confirmed that this now involved more joined up working, with communities doing more (for example monitoring speed themselves) then advising police of any problems, rather than police being deployed on the off chance.
5	To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer
5.1	The report from PCSO Webb was considered. There had been 31 calls to the control centre from 1/5/13 – 30/6/13 with 12 crimes being recorded(1x assault and battery, 5x theft from motor vehicle, 1x attempted burglary other than dwelling, 4x theft other, 1x dog out of control).
5.2	The funding for solar lights, which had previously been promised, had been withdrawn by Broadland Council.
5.3	The clerk would forward the police report to Ringland parish council to make them aware of the problem of off road biking, as it was potentially an issue in Ringland as well.
6	To receive an update from the County Councillor and discuss the following:-
	James Joyce, County Councillor, attended to discuss two issues.

6.1	a) Impact of the new A1067- A47 link on Weston Longville parish and village It was noted by members of the public that traffic had improved over last couple of years thanks to new turning but was slowly increasing again. Weston Longville would benefit from new signage to help alleviate situation, which would direct traffic away from village. More signage would be put in place before the new b-road opened. It was noted that Marl Hill had not been gritted the previous winter, which had impacted on traffic routes through the village. JS agreed to confirm what the gritting plan was, especially with new b-road being built. The Wensum diary had raised the possibility of closing Wood Lane, as requested. Some had been in favour but concerns had also been raised that it would send traffic through alternative routes and build them up. Making the village a one way only route was also not a viable option as it would cut some off from village. Junction priorities could be changed in order to slow traffic. JS would contact Highways to request whether new signage could be brought forward to divert traffic to other routes and whether changing junction priorities could be a possibility. Line markings on the road also needed to be replaced.
6.2	b) Pedestrians facilities on this route from the A1067 to Morton Lane. Additional money was available in the Highways budget and so the work to turn the A1067-A47 into a B route had been brought forward. Councillors noted that this would be an ideal time to have a cycle path and footpath running parallel to this new road put in which had been previously requested by parishioners. Currently the only way to reach basic amenities in Lenwade, in the absence of public transport, was by car. This would meet both the green infrastructure strategy and the local transport plan which recognised the importance of providing safe accessible routes to pedestrians. Councillors AGREED to put a case forward to NCC to ask them to look at the possibility of adding pedestrian and cycle access from Morton Lane to the A1067, whilst workmen were in the area, to establish the B-road. The clerk would draft a letter to be sent to Highways.
7	Highways issues
7.1	a) To receive an update (John Staveley) The clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that Woodyard Corner (Care Cross) was chemically treated on a regular basis in order to keep the weeds under control.
7.2	The clerk advised that a response had been received from Martin Goymour regarding meeting to discuss pedestrian action from Weston Longville to Lenwade. AT would meet with him and follow this up.
	b) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk) - Carry out trimming at Woodyard corner (junction of Honingham Road / Ringland Lane) as it was over grown with nettles; - Carry out tidying at the triangle of the junction on the Lyng Easthaugh road / Weston Hall road junction;

	• Make repairs to verges and tidy grass through the centre of the village. • Carry out trimming from the grass bank outside the Parson Woodforde and Hall for All, right down to visibility sign. •
8	Village Hall and Play area
	a) Update (Ruth Goodall) Bookings were good. The Hall for All had received a commendation from the Norfolk Association of Architects awards. The Broadland Design judges had visited – the outcome was not yet known. On September 8th the Tour de Broads would take place, a collaboration between the Parson Woodforde, Norfolk cycling academy and the Hall for All. More detail would be added to the Wensum Diary.
9	Greener Weston
	a) To receive an update (Anthony Thomas) Councillors AGREED that AT would acquire bulbs from suggestions which LW had emailed to him, then distribute them to parish councilors for planting.
10	To consider Planning issues:
	a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)
10.1	C/3/2013/3005- Monk Plant Hire waste transfer station application. Hockering Parish Council had been notified of an application to change the use of part of Monk Plant Hire depot to a waste recycling centre with the erection of a profiled metal recycling building. The clerk had requested the application from NCC but it had not yet been received. The clerk would circulate the application once received and collate comments.
10.2	The Chairman gave an update on the planning conditions for the 125m wind turbines on the airfield. The application was CONSIDERED TO BE invalid as the correct PLANNING fee, WHICH IS LAID DOWN IN STATUTE WAS not paid. Legal and council advice had been sought BUT and it had been FOUND agreed that, despite this, the decision was not reversible THIS MEANT THAT THE APPLICATION FOR THE TURBINES COULD NOT BE CONTESTED ON PLANNING FEE GROUNDS and ALSO THAT so 2/3 of the airfield was now REclassified as suitable for light industrial use instead of agricultural USE. This meant that it would be almost impossible for turbine applications to be turned down. IN GRANTING PLANNING PERMISSION ON APPEAL 26 conditions had been imposed by the planning inspector AND THESE HAD TO BE FULFILLED BY THE DEVELOPER but no independent scrutiny would be carried out. Agreement had been reached that, if turbines were built, a device would be installed WHICH WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MODELLING THE DELOPER HAD ALREADY CARRIED OUT FOR SHADOW FLICKER WOULD to turn it off when the WIND DIRECTION AND CLOUD conditions were right for shadow flicker SO NO HOME

	WOULD SUFFER THIS EFFECT. The size of the proposed turbine blades had been increased and the swept area would now be 24% bigger, which may influence the decisions of the MOD and Norwich Airport, due to ITS EFFECT ON radar PERFORMANCE masking. IT WAS POPOSED THAT THE DEVLOPER CARRY OUT A TV signal survey would be carried out in SPECIFIED houses in the AREA LIKELY TO BE EFFECTED BY TURBINES village to form a comparator for if any properties had signal problems once turbines were built. The turbines would be operational by the end of March 2014. They would have to be removed after 25 years. Thanks were passed to the County Councillor who had helped to have the conditions set, which would protect the parish.
11	To note correspondence/items actioned since last meeting (Clerk) The list was circulated and noted.
12	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)
	A letter had been received from Lady Prince Smith confirming that a permissive footpath would be available to the general public from 1 July 2013 alongside Marl Hill Road. The permissive footpath could be withdrawn at any time. It was noted that during the summer an irrigation pipe would be laid adjacent to the footpath. A consultation on preferred options for the site allocation development plan had been received from Broadland Council. The clerk would email the portal link to councilors for comment. A parish councilor casual vacancy had been advertised on the village notice board; the closing date was 24 July. A request had been received from Great Witchingham Playgroup for a donation towards a new shed as theirs had been vandalized. The playgroup was staffed by volunteers and well attended by parish residents. The shed would cost £120. Councillors AGREED to donate £30.
13	Financial matters The revised accounts for 2013/2014 were noted. The following payments were AGREED:- Norse Commercial Services £469.48; All Saints PCC £500; Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service £50; Citizens Advice Norwich £50 Clerks salary and tax £521.31
14	Any Other Business
	A discussion was held around making payments via online banking. It was agreed to

	keep with cheques as they provided an audit trail.
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