

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council

Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 February 2014 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Anthony Thomas (in the Chair), John Staveley, Anthony Thomas, Clare Morton, Leah Woodhouse, Mollie Parkinson.

Other attendance: Sonya Garland (Clerk)

1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
	Apologies had been received from Peter Ross and Ruth Goodall.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight:
	None declared
3	Affordable Housing
	Kay Oglieve-Chan from Broadland District Council (BDC) attended the meeting. She advised that she was the affordable housing enabler at BDC. Although the Parish Council had previously decided not to pursue affordable housing in area, she was attending to see if Councillors would like to pursue the idea, particularly for people with links to the village. Mrs Oglieve-Chan reminded Councillors that in 1990 15 affordable homes had been built in the village; by 2007 only 7 of these were still affordable housing, all owned by Wherry Housing Association. These were all 2-3 bedroom properties, nothing was available for single households. If the housing was built it would be for "local need" i.e. for people with connections to the village, which had never been built in Weston Longville before. It was not possible to give exact numbers but this would probably be for 6-8 houses of varying sizes. A plot of land has been put forward at the junction of Honingham Road and Rectory Road. Councillors advised that this piece of land regularly flooded and that there was different land in the village, which was more suitable. If Broadland wanted to move ahead with this they agreed to contact the parish council to make the most of such local knowledge. LW asked what provisions would be put in place to support the local school if extra housing was built, as it was already oversubscribed. Mrs Oglieve-Chan responded that there would not be a requirement for the council to make a contribution as the housing would not be on the open market. Councillors thanked Mrs Oglieve-Chan for attending and agreed to discuss further and then contact Broadland for more information or with an agreed outcome.
4	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2013
4.1	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman.
5	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5.	Item 4.1 – wind turbines. JS reported that he had attended the Planning Committee at BDC and had spoken regarding the conditions which had been imposed by the planning

	inspector regarding noise. He had failed to get the Committee to agree that any noise should be measured in the worst position and was very unhappy at being previously misled by BDC as there were now no actions that could be taken if and when the turbines exceeded the noise level. There was no right of appeal available. Broadland had agreed to let the Parish Council know when they were taking measurements.
6	To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer
6.1	The latest police report was received and read out. 10 calls had been made to the control room between 1 November 2013 and 31 December 2013 with 5 crimes being recorded.
7	Weston Longville War Memorial
	An application had been received, asking the parish council to make a donation towards cleaning the village memorial in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Advice was being sought regarding whether this was a specialist task or whether it could be undertaken by volunteers; a quote had been received for £1075+ VAT. Councillors acknowledged that this was a valuable cause and AGREED in principle to contribute, once a final cost was obtained.
8	Highways issues
	a) To receive an update (John Staveley) b) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk)
a)	JS reported that the signs had been replaced, which had been removed in order to get turbine parts into village. There was no more equipment due to arrive.
b)	• 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. • The speed sign entering the village on Honingham Road was overgrown and could not be seen. • The hedging on the Wood Lane bank, turning into the village, needed trimming to aid visibility for drivers. • Potholes
9	Village Hall and Play area
9.1	RG was not present but had emailed the following update;- 1. Karen Bell has been elected Chair of the Management Committee 2. The Trustees were currently advertising for a part-time caretaker (2/3 hours per week) 3. Bookings were good, particularly for family and children's parties 4. The Hall for All had been awarded first prize in the Rural Placemaking Category in a national competition organised by Planning, the independent newspaper for planning professionals. The purpose of the awards was to recognize and publicise projects, plans,

	people and organisations that were making places better. The award for rural placemaking was awarded to Hall for All because it was able to show how it has contributed to the physical, social and economic well being of its area.
10	Greener Weston
10.1	a) Update (Anthony Thomas) AT was pleased to report had positive meeting with the rose grower who will donate some rose bushes to be planted at random around the village by AT. AT will pass his information to CM who will pass thanks on via the Wensum Diary
11	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)
	The clerk updated that the 19 proposed loud speakers in planning application 20140084 had been removed from the application.
12	To note correspondence/items actioned since last meeting (Clerk)
	The list was circulated and noted.
13	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk) Nothing now had been received in addition to the agenda items.
14	Financial matters
	a) The revised accounts for 2013/2014 were received and noted. b) The following payments were agreed • Dereham Citizen Advice Bureau £50 • CPRE Annual Membership £29 • Clerks salary (£408.12), tax (£102) and expenses (£ 10.00) £520.12 • Ladywell Payroll 2013-14 £55
15	Dog bin for the playing field Further to the last meeting of the Parish Council a discussion was held around the problem of dog mess on the playing field. Councillors considered installing a dog bin on the field, moving the current dog bin from Dark Lane, or banning dogs from the field. Finally councilors AGREED to install signs requesting that dogs be kept on the lead when on the field and away from the children's play area. CM would make the signs and AT would supply the posts to attach them to. A note regarding this would be added to the Wensum Diary.
16	Glass Bank Provision Correspondence had been received from BDC advising that from October 2014 glass and plastic would be collected in residents recycling bins. BDC would carry on supporting village recycling banks until March 2015. After that time parish councils could decide if they wanted to run recycling banks themselves and enter into a private contract with recycling bank providers. After a discussion councilors agreed that the banks would

	receive extremely limited use once recyclable goods could be collected from villagers recycling bins, and AGREED not to enter into a contract.

Meeting closed at 20:35