

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council

Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12 May 2014 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Peter Ross (Chairman), Anthony Thomas (Vice Chairman), Clare Morton, John Staveley, Leah Woodhouse, Justin Cohu (from 9pm)

Other attendance: Sonya Garland (Clerk)

1	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Peter Ross was nominated and duly elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Anthony Thomas was nominated and duly elected as vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.
2	To receive and accept apologies for absence Apologies had been received from Ruth Goodall.
3	Welcome to new Parish Councillor and vote of thanks to Mollie Parkinson The Chairman passed the parish council's thanks and a gift to Mollie Parkinson, who was standing down as a councillor after many years. He welcomed new member Justin Cohu.
4	To review the Register of Interests: None declared
5	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight PR in respect of item 17, as a member of the village war memorial committee.
6	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2014 The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman.
7	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda CM noted that she was in the process of making the signs re dog fouling.
8	To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer
8.1	The latest police report was received and read out. 13 calls taken of which 6 were recorded as crimes. It was noted that the report contained much less detail than usual; the clerk would ask that the previous format of police reports be reverted to.
9	Update on wind turbines community benefit fund The Chairman advised that the community benefit fund totaled £10,000 per annum. It had transpired that the money was not ringfenced for those local parishes affected by the turbines. Instead the fund would be given to the Norfolk Charity Community Foundation

	and all parishes within a 5 mile radius could make bids. Norfolk Charity Community Foundation would then shortlist the applications and send to Bernard Matthews for a final decision. The parish council agreed that this was not their understanding from the original planning application. It was AGREED that the parish council would act as facilitator of bid ideas for the parish. CM would add an article regarding funding requests to the Wensum Diary and collate responses.
10	Affordable Housing The affordable housing presentation which had taken place at the last meeting was discussed. The Chairman had spoken with the Affordable Housing officer in the meantime who had confirmed that in exceptional circumstances affordable housing could be built in a parish without the parish council giving permission. Three possible locations were being considered in Weston Longville. Councillors noted that housing should be built within communities with sustainable facilities and services, such as Great Witchingham, rather than Weston which had no shop, doctors surgery, school or public transport and that a housing needs survey should be carried out within the parish to establish whether there was any need. Councillors AGREED to discuss ground rules regarding a housing needs survey via email and then contact Broadland Council to request that a survey should happen. Once a survey had been completed, a defined needs based consideration could be given to the subject of affordable housing within the parish. LW AGREED to collaborate with Great Witchingham regarding this.
11	Highways issues a) Update on NDR (Peter Ross) b) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk)
a)	The Chairman advised that a meeting would be held by the Planning Inspectorate on 2 June in Norwich regarding the NDR. He had noted that there was nothing on the agenda regarding traffic flow on adjacent roads and through adjacent communities. He has made a written submission to the inspectorate that this should be made an agenda item for the NDR Examination. JS AGREED to attend the meeting to raise these issues. Councillors AGREED that a sub group would be set up in order to manage NDR issues and to write a response to the Planning Inspectorate. JS would convene a meeting of the group before 27 May.
b)	The following tasks were agreed;- • 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.
12	Village Hall and Play area
12.1	RG was not present but had emailed the following update;- The hall had been broken into with damage to doors and windows; nothing was taken but the hall had received a bill of £470. Subsequent steps had been taken to improve security. Bookings remained steady and a part-time caretaker, Mark Tweedie, had been appointed. With the near completion of the building 'snagging' list a final claim and report to the Veolia Environmental Trust would soon be submitted. Finally RG had been nominated <i>"a community hero for being a driving force behind the Hall For All. The nominations are in celebration of Broadland District Council's 40th anniversary"</i>.
13	Greener Weston
13.1	a) Update (Anthony Thomas) AG reported that the rose bushes were still all in place and blooming. More planting was planned.
14	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)
	Councillors discussed 20130225 (Honingham Road, Weston Longville, NR9 5LB - Change of Use of Land for Residential Purposes including the Siting of Two Mobile Homes, Six Touring Caravans, Two Amenity Domestic Stores,). It was noted that the application had originally been submitted two years ago and had been rejected by the Planning Committee after being called in by Cllr Woodbridge. A new, larger, application for 6 (previously 4) touring caravans had now been submitted. Councilors were concerned that if permission was granted for this application it would set a precedent within the area there being 3 more adjacent paddocks in open countryside. The site was isolated from the main village and services and was outside of the village settlement limits. In addition this was open countryside and would be against the parish plan. This would not constitute fair and equal treatment between travel and settled communities as local residents had not been allowed to build housing on such land. It was AGREED that a group be formed to compose a response and make representations to the Planning Committee. The group would comprise of PR, RG, CM, Richard Hawker and Mark Fitzsimmons.
15	To note correspondence/items actioned since last meeting (Clerk)
	The list was circulated and noted.
16	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)
	None.

17	Financial matters
	a) The final accounts for 2013-2014 were noted. The Chairman suggested that reserves were high and could be reduced. It was AGREED that they should never go below £2500. b) The annual Audit papers were received and signed. c) The revised accounts for 2014/2015 were received. d) The following payment of accounts were agreed: - NALC £95.59 - Lady Ann Price – playing field rent £50 - East Tuddenham Parish Council (share of speed monitor) £305 - Internal auditor fee (Mr O’Leary) £35 e) The Clerks salary was agreed: (£417.60), tax (£104.40) and expenses (£41.95) Total - £563.95 f) Annual donation requests were considered and the following were agreed:- All Saints Parochial Church Council - £500 agreed. War memorial restoration – up to £500 agreed. Committee members noted that match funding may be available for work on war memorials. However responses from the trust were currently slow and as yet the committee were unaware how much they would receive. If match funding was not available other options would be sought. g) Mid Norfolk Citizen Advice Bureau £50 (previously Dereham, as agreed at a previous meeting) h) Receipt of the £4519 precept, and compensation from Lloyds of £200 were noted.
18	It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to 21 July.

Meeting closed at 21:55