

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council

Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 July 2014 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Peter Ross (PR) (Chairman), Clare Morton (CM), Ruth Goodall (RG) and Justin Cohu (JC)

Other attendance: Sonya Garland (Clerk), James Joyce (County Councillor).

1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
	Apologies had been received from Anthony Thomas, Leah Woodhouse and John Staveley.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight
	The Chairman declared an interest as a member of village war memorial committee.
3	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2014
	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment;- Item 9 – paragraph amended to read:- 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 it was proposed by Bernard Matthews that the fund would be given to the Norfolk Charity Community Foundation and any parish within a 5 mile radius could make a bid. 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.
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
4.1	Update on community benefit fund – RG had received no contact from Mr Southgate at Bernard Matthews so would call him the following week. CM had received six suggestions from parishioners as to what bids should be made including the following:- – a bus shelter in morton on the hill, the purchase of the village playing field, renovations of the war memorial, a path across Weston Hall Road, improved Broadland, and kitchen equipment for Great Witchingham village

4.2 4.3	hall. RG suggested adding equipment for youth night at the Hall for All. The Chairman gave an update of the restoration of the village war memorial. The cost would be £1600. £500 had been pledged by the parish council, with an additional £300 from the Weston church fund. It appeared unlikely that match funding would be received as it was mainly reserved for grade 1 and grade 2 listed monuments. Work had commenced already and the balance would be applied for from the Community Benefit Fund. The Memorial would be refurbished in time for the centenary of the start of World War One (15 August) and rededicated by the Bishop of Lynn in November The Chairman reported that the speed monitoring equipment purchased by the six local parish councils would be in Weston Longville the following week. He and JS would received training in the equipment.
5	To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer
5.1	The latest police report was received and read out. During May 4 calls had been received, of which 0 crimes had been recorded. During June 4 calls had been received, of which 1 was recorded (theft, other) It was noted that there had been several burglaries across the village lately.
6	Highways issues a) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk) b) Update on NDR (John Staveley)
a)	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. • Giant pothole at top of Breck Road, where it joined Honingham Breck, needed filling.
b)	NDR – The Chairman gave an update on the NDR. Ho noted that Weston Longville was working with Honingham on common issues, but that separate solutions would be sought for individual problems. The Planning Inspectorate would be carrying out site visits within the next week, which JS would accompany.

	RG reported that she had submitted a written representation. She would be attending both the site visit and a specific issue meeting being held. JJ reported that the enquiry was still ongoing on at moment and there was no indication on when the works would commence. It was important that a final route be agreed upon as soon as possible.
7	Village Hall and Play area
7.1	RG reported that final payments had now been made to the architects and Veolla. Snagging was now complete.
8	Greener Weston
8.1	a) Update (Anthony Thomas) AT reported via email that all the recently planted roses had survived. A rose grower was now in production on Woodforde Farm and so more would be planted when available.
9	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)
9.1	JC reported that there had been a change of ownership at the Weston Park Golf Club, which would possibly be expanded to become a golfing centre of excellence. The traffic entrance was likely to be changed as a result of this. JC would liaise with golf club regarding the possibility of funding towards a path being produced to Lenwade, and would invite golf club representatives to attend a future parish council meeting to discuss community involvement and implications for traffic, cyclists and footpaths.
9.2	The application for a travelers site would be before Broadland's Planning Committee on 30 July at 9.30am. PR would attend the meeting to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. JJ confirmed that he would also either attend or send written comments to be read out to the Committee.
9.3	The Environment Agency had written regarding an appeal from Marks Plant Hire Ltd, who had been refused a license. Councillors had AGREED to object to the application due to concerns around the environmental impact the site would have on its surroundings, which would be large and that more should be done to protect these areas. The site should be sited in an already designated industrial area. For the appeal the council wanted reassurance that any operating permit granted was to a suitable person who would have regard for both the locality and the environment.
9.4	The Chairman noted that wind turbines would be built near Mattishall. Councillors AGREED that they would not lodge an objection to this.
10	To note correspondence/items actioned since last meeting (Clerk)

	The list was circulated and noted.
11	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk) None.
12	Financial matters
	The revised accounts for 2014/2015 were noted. Village hall room hire – it was agreed that RG would invoice the clerk so that room hire for 14-15 could be paid at the next meeting. The cost was £8 per hour, 3x hours a meeting for 5x meeting a year (£120). It was agreed that this would be a fixed sum paid each year b) The following payments were agreed:- • Norse Grounds Maintenance £478.86 • Hurst Van Beuningen Farms – Hedgecutting £30.00 • Annual Insurance premium £243.80 c) Clerks salary (£417.68), tax (£104.40) expenses (£9) Total - £531.08 d) Recycling credits of £114.58 were noted.
13	Any Other Business
13.1	It was noted that the annual audit procedure was likely to change from 2017. No further information was available at the minute.
13.2	The Tour de Broads would take place through the parish on 8 September. Local roads would be closed and free entry was available for residents. CM would add the road closures to the Wensum Diary into Wensum Diary.
13.3	The Six Parishes Chairs group had held a discussion around affordable and social housing in the area, which was keenly wanted by Great Witchingham parish council. It was AGREED to give support to this, in principle, to be taken forward. Great Witchingham would lead on affordable housing for the area. An offer had been received from a consultant to help produce neighborhood plans for the six parishes. This was at a preliminary “in principle” stage and was being led by the Gt Witchingham PC Chair. The proposal, when prepared, would be considered by WLPC .
13.4	Overview and Scrutiny panels – the Chair advised that the O&S Panel Chairmen from Broadland Council would be holding webchats. The Chair would ask them to look at the process of complaints within the council as it was not open to outside scrutiny.
	Date of Next Meeting – 8 September 2014

Meeting closed at 20:55