

Minutes of the Weston Longville Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12 May 2014 in the Hall for All.

Peter Ross (Chairman), Anthony Thomas (Vice Chairman), Clare Morton, John Staveley, Leah Woodhouse

Other attendance: Sonya Garland (Clerk)

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2013

These were agreed and signed.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The chairman reported on a largely very positive year:

- The first full year of the village hall had been successful and financially viable.
- There had been continued community involvement in activity such as litter picks and flower planting.
- The 6 Chairs meeting had continued with sharing best practice and coordinating our collective limited resources and a shared speed camera had been purchased.
- The playing field was immaculate and well used.
- The wind turbines had caused a division of opinion within the community. Noise and shadow flicker may be continuing issues for some residents. It was considered that Broadland had not discharged the planning conditions effectively.
- £10,000 had been promised as a community benefit fund, which anyone within a 5 mile radius would be able to bid for. More details were awaited but it was felt this was too great an area.
- A 50-acre solar farm near Willows Farm had been objected to but passed by Broadland . A stream of requests to vary planning conditions had been received from the developers and the planning conditions to plant screening trees had not been complied with.
- Another bid, for a solar farm on the old airfield, had been made and passed by Broadland.
- If built the NDR would double traffic through the village and this needed to be addressed
- All in all Localism (local people making local decisions) had proved to be unhelpful in addressing critical local issues which impact our community.

Grateful thanks were passed to those who had contributed to the community within the past year.

4. Matters raised by members of the public

One resident noted that turbines did not disturb and were not disliked by all residents. It was important that the local voice should be heard on both sides of issues.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.