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Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14 September 2015, 7.30pm in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

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

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (clerk)

1	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received from John Staveley, Anthony Thomas and Craig O'Brien.
2	Members' Declarations of Interests
	None declared.
3	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 July 2015
	The minutes of the meeting were approved subject to the following changes:- Under "present" RG was mentioned twice in attendance. JC should be listed.
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
	Item 4 - PR advised that he had contacted Broadland District Council (BDC) regarding the noise report, who had confirmed that they had accepted the noise report submitted by Hayes McKenzie. PR had taken advice and had been told that a review of the report would cost £500 and would be unlikely to find any shortcomings. Two courses of action had been suggested: 1) to ask for confirmation that the turbines had been operating at full power during the second period of data monitoring and 2) to ask BDC why the tonals had not been considered within the study. It was agreed that PR would draft a letter for CM to send to BDC. Item 11a – PR reported that shadow flicker only occurred between November and March so the complaint could not be considered until then. Regarding the planning enforcement list from BDC which had been circulated by email, it was noted that AT was listed with an informal planning enforcement. CM to request that he responds to correspondence from BDC.
5	Review of the 2009 Parish Plan
	Councilors considered the existing parish plan, published in 2009, and whether it had met the aims put forward within the executive summary. It was noted that the majority of the actions and aims had been completed to some extent and that the parish had taken strides forward in doing so. The following aims required some more work in order to be completed:-

	3 – Parish to set up website: Parish website created but information contained therein needs updating. 5 – Parish council to encourage debate regarding the development which may be appropriate to sustain the community: CM to arrange a separate meeting for councillors to fully discuss. 7 – Take active steps to improve neglected and derelict sites: not done. 10 – Encourage parishioners to take up mobile services: to be continued through the Wensum diary 19 – Recognise that traffic is the biggest issue for the parish and develop within the next 12 months a coherent action plan for the parish: work had been carried out around this, though no clear strategy was in place. It was noted that a plan had been put in place to keep all HGV traffic on one specified route, which had resulted in HGV signage being arranged. A meeting had also been arranged with Highways to look at measures which they could provide to make other routes unattractive to HGVs. Consideration would be given to arranging a parish meeting to discuss traffic and give parishioners the opportunity to report local problems and engage with the PC. Regarding the Northern Distributor Road (NDR) which had been given the go-ahead, a principle had been agreed upon to share issues across all neighbouring parishes. A conversation was held around the businesses on Norwich Road which fall under the parish boundaries. If a boundary redesign was initiated by BDC, it would be suggested that this area should move to Great Witchingham. It was agreed to fund a renewal and update the plan. Parishioners would be asked to be involved. A separate meeting would be convened to take this forward.
6	NCC Local Traffic Management Action Plan
	PR updated councillors on the matter of signage on the HGV route. Locations and wording had been agreed with Gavin Broad at Norfolk County Council on 15 June. Thus far only one sign had been placed on Wood Lane, and was not in an easily seen location. It was important for the signs to be put in to place asap in order to establish whether they have made a difference to traffic, prior to the next traffic survey being carried out in October / November. CM agreed to chase Gavin regarding the signs and a date for the survey.
7	Feedback on Norfolk Wildlife Trust “Nature Day”
	CO reported by email that the Norfolk Wildlife Trust had already committed to a large number of events during 2016 and were unable to arrange any more. CO would look to organise a smaller, local event for the parish. He also reported on a countryside stewardship scheme, which was an incentive for land managers to look after their environment. It was noted that AT was already a member of this.
8	Highways issues
	a) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk) b) Update on NDR (John Staveley)
	a) The standing tasks would be submitted. b) RG reported that she had attended a meeting held by Taverham parish council to discuss

	options. Following this she had circulated the report and met with county councillor James Joyce and the Chair of the Environment, Development and Transport Committee, Toby Coke, and clarified to them that traffic through the parish was heavier than models indicated as demonstrated by the recent data collected from the speed sign. Following discussion about the suggested possible routes of the NDR, councilors agreed that they would support the orange routes and did not object to the red. PR would liaise with the seven local parishes in order to try and all agree on an option. PR/CM advised that they had attended an open day at the planned Royal Norwich Golf Club in the parish. 250 people will be able to play golf each day, with 150 parking spaces being provided. The entrance will run parallel with the Dinosaur Park and will affect 30 trees. Councillors agreed that CM will look at the possibility of money being made available to the PC as part of the development.
9	Village Hall and Play area a) Update (Ruth Goodall)
	RG reported that bookings were doing well. A bench had been donated to the grounds. RG would be standing down as a trustee from November.
10	Greener Weston a) To receive an update (Craig O'Brian)
	CO reported via email that there was an increase in road-kill throughout the parish and questioned whether animal signs could be placed on the roadsides. A discussion was held around cutting the hedgerow near the Parson Woodforde to improve visibility. After discussion it was agreed that better visibility could lead to faster driving so it would be left how it was. RG reported that there had not been a meeting of the greener Weston group for a while. It was agreed that CM would pass the names of the members to CO to try and reconstitute the meetings. PR advised that his ash trees had been infected by chalara, an airborne disease which could affect more trees throughout the parish. CO to be asked to look into the costs of re-planting.
11	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk) b) Impact of developments in Morton Land on road safety (Justin Cohu) c) Brownfield Sites – response from Keith Simpson (Peter Ross)
	a) 20151390 – The Barn, Morton Lane. Following discussion it was agreed to respond that the parish council did not object to the application but would raise concerns regarding the increased traffic down an already busy lane and the impact of this on road safety for pedestrian, cyclists and drivers. b) G C/5/2015/5007 - S P C Atlas Works, Norwich Road, Weston Longville: Change of use from: Warehousing to a Sui Generis use for waste processing and the production of Refuse Derived Fuel. During discussion it was noted that the site would cause 220 additional HGV movements in the area each day, but would bring with it 50 jobs. RG/CM/JC to have a detailed look at the

	reports and agree a response to be sent. They would also look at the possibility of CIL money from this being used to install street lighting in that area to improve road safety. c) PR confirmed that he had spoken with Phil Courtier at BDC and Brendon Lewis MP regarding brownfield sites. It had been confirmed by BDC that they considered the designation of the site alongside many other factors when looking to develop land but that they were not considering development of the airfield; Brendon Lewis had advised that the government was committed to urban planning on brownfield sites; Weston Longville was rural so not included within this. d) PR reported that Merry Hills had changed hands and a discussion ensued around the existing tenancy length agreement.
12	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)
	None outstanding.
13	Financial matters a) The revised accounts for 2015/2016 were received. b) The following payment of accounts were agreed: i) Clerk salary and expenses July - Sep (salary £437.80 (to be paid 1 October by standing order), expenses £26.72, tax £109.60,) ii) Norfolk Parish Training Partnership (Clerk CiLCA training)– £250 – (agreed, payment due 2016) iii) Mazars Annual Audit Fee £120 iv) Zurich – annual insurance payment £243.80 It was agreed that PR could purchase a memorial wreath on behalf of the PC in November from S137 funds.
14	To confirm the date and venue of 2015 future meetings:
	9 November.
	Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed
Chairman.