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Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 12 September 2016, 7.30pm in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Clare Morton (CM), (Chair), Ruth Goodall (RG), Peter Ross (PR), John Staveley (JS), Anthony Thomas (AT), Justin Cohu (JC).

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (clerk), James Joyce (County Councillor)
Members of the public, Karen O'Kane (Norfolk County Council).

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Gary Cannell.

2 Members' Declarations of Interests

None declared.

3 Better Broadband for Norfolk

Karen O'Kane from the Norfolk County Council Better Broadband for Norfolk team attended and gave a presentation on the scope of the project and options for the parish. The object of the project is to deliver as much coverage as possible for the money available. This is done by looking at each new cabinet, how much it will cost and how many people will be provided broadband by it. The cabinets that give best value through this method would be prioritized.

Within the parish specifically there are 130 properties in total; a new cabinet will be installed in 2017, which will serve 49 properties. Other properties will be moved onto improved existing cabinets in 2019. Properties can be moved within the same exchange area but not outside. There are four to ten properties that may not be close enough for any improved service; this will be known once a survey is carried out. The survey will also denote where the cabinet is to be placed.

KO'K agreed to circulate details of a website where existing speeds could be checked and details of a funding voucher available for properties on less than 2 mega bits per second for set up and installation. This would need to be applied for before the formal survey was carried out.

The programme timings were currently under consideration.

Finally KO'K offered to check sample addresses for likelihood of receiving the improved Broadband if the parish council furnished her with addresses.

KO'K was thanked for attending. She left the meeting at 19.55.

4 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

5 To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

12.6 – Red Triangle had advised CM that they did not intend to pursue a photovoltaic farm at Weston Equestrian Centre as the subsidy has been removed.

9c - There had been no follow up from the EDP.

14f – The resident had not yet reported back on the suggested bus scheme

15b - DONG energy had advised that they were in the early stages of looking to place a buried cable route from North Norfolk, which would run through the parish.

6 Land to Rear of Church - Update

John Hurst gave an update to the parish council on the derelict land behind the church. A developer who was likely to submit an application for one house on the land had purchased it. A request had been made to the developer to extend the burial land at the back of the church onto this land as only seven spaces remained in the existing ground. Following discussion it was possible that this land would be sold to the church for £1. The draft plans for the property were considered and councillors agreed that they were broadly supportive subject to seeing the formal application.

7 To consider and reconfirm the risk register and internal controls

The risk register and internal controls were considered. These were agreed by councillors.

8 Highways issues

a) To receive an update

b) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit

c) NDR and traffic calming in Weston: Progress Report (Ruth Goodall)

a) An email had been received from Mr Cripps commenting on overgrown areas within the parish. The areas reported would be passed to the Parish Rangers for their next visit.

b) Not due at the current time. It was noted Woodyard Corner had been cut on the last visit.

c) CM and PR reported on having attended the NNDR meeting at North Tuddenham with David Allfrey. They had restated the parish council's desire for the Weston Link and the council's disappointment with their proposed timescale to look at it. The link route will not be decided upon until the dueling is completed.

A meeting had been held in August with Mouchel to raise the concern that Weston Longville had no representative on the working group to discuss the link route. James Joyce advised that he had been invited to a meeting on the subject this week and he hoped to be invited onto the working group as a result.

Nothing had been heard from NCC regarding traffic calming. RG had written an article for the Wensum Diary explaining the dangers of increased traffic through the parish and suggesting that the traffic calming offered is accepted.

RG reported that the Food Hub planning application was going through a consultation process.

9 Village Hall and Play area

a) Update (Ruth Goodall)

RG advised that some large costs had been recently incurred due to maintenance. The balance stood at £23k.

Two picnic benches had been stolen from outside.

10 Greener Weston

a) To receive an update

10.1 RG to look into the possibility of an autumn litter pick.

10.2 AT to approach bulb wholesalers regarding purchasing flower bulbs to enhance the look of the village.

10.3 CM issued an apology for a recent article on dog fouling in the Wensum Diary.

11 To consider Planning issues:

11.1 Planning Applications/Enforcement - no applications outstanding.

11.2 Current enforcement cases being actioned by Broadland Council were noted.

12 To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)

12.1 Correspondence had been received from CPRE regarding housing development targets within Norfolk. Councillors agreed to sign the objection pledge.

12.2 A Greater Norwich Local Plan workshop had been arranged at Broadland Council on 22 September to discuss development options to 2016. JS or Robert Briggs to attend

13 Financial matters

a) The updated accounts were received.

- b) The following payment of accounts were agreed:
- i) Clerk expenses £12.15 tax £3.40
 - ii) CPRE (annual membership) £36
 - iii Zurich Municipal (annual insurance) £251.85

14 Any Other Business (items for information only).

PR confirmed that the 7 parishes meeting had been held. The route of the NNDR link had been discussed with the orange route favoured; all had gone back to their parishes to formalise.

15 To confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 14 November

Meeting closed at 21:00

Signed
Chairman.