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Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14 November 2016, 7.30pm in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Clare Morton (CM), (Chair), Ruth Goodall (RG), Peter Ross (PR), Gary Cannell(GC), Justin Cohu (from 8pm) (JC)

James Joyce (from 19:45) (JJ)
Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (clerk),
2x members of the public,

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Anthony Thomas and John Staveley.

2 Members' Declarations of Interests

None declared.

3 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed subject to the following correction:

Item 14 – should read “red”, not orange

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

4.1 Item 3 – The Better Broadband for Norfolk team had since advised that a broadband cabinet would be installed in the parish within 6-12 months.

4.2 Item 6 - Agreement had been reached between the church and the applicant regarding providing land for a burial ground. The application would shortly be submitted to Broadland District Council at which point WLPC would discuss it formally.

4.3 Item 5 - Potential bus scheme. The resident who had suggested had agreed to work out costings and then approach WLPC.

5 To confirm the asset register

The asset register was considered and agreed, subject to the laptop and printer purchased in April being added on.

It was noted that a new notice board was required. CM to send the clerk details on a suggested one. ACTION: CM

6 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) JS not present.

b) The tasks had recently been sent. The silt build up by the post box on Morton Lane would be reported.

c) CM would chase Gavin Broad regarding traffic claiming options. ACTION: CM.

RG reported that an article had been placed within the Wensum Diary regarding the options for the western link road.

JJ reported that he was now a member of the Western Link Group. He will clarify reports seen in the press regarding reduced options for the western link road and report back.

7 Village Hall and Play area

a) Update (Ruth Goodall)

RG reported that:

- the village hall clean up will happen on Sunday 20 November.
- the costs of electric blinds was being sought.
- The hall would cover its costs this year but it was unlikely that it would make a profit due to some high bills.

8 Greener Weston

a) To receive an update

8.1 A litter pick had been arranged for 27 November.

9 To consider Planning issues:

Planning Applications/Enforcement -.

- 9.1 CM reported that she had contacted BDC regarding the outstanding case in the latest enforcement report (mobile home on Honingham Road) as it implied that no attempts had been made to contact the owners. BDC advised that they had made more attempts to visit but the resident had not been home.
- 9.2 20161760 – Anglia Coldroom Maintenance, Station Road (small light industrial unit). – no objections
- 9.3 20161416 – Mid Norfolk Shooting Ground, Fakenham Road (variation to hours of operation). It was agreed to object to the application due to the fact that alternate

Saturdays plus an additional six Sundays would be used for shooting throughout the year, leaving very few “quiet” weekends for residents. If the application was granted then it would be requested that the six Sunday openings occur on the same weekend as an open Saturday, rather than on alternate weekends, to allow for some full weekends of peace to occur within the parish and nearby villages.

JC arrived.

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

- 10.1** Broadland Council - Greater Norwich Food Enterprise Zone - It was reported that BDC have decided to go out to consultation on a draft Local Development Order for the Food Hub in Honingham from Monday 9 January 2017 for six weeks. This would allow all development for the site to be approved under one far-reaching planning application. CM reported that she had attended a meeting at Easton PC about the Hub and they would appreciate support against the local development order due to the huge variety of businesses which could be opened on site.

It was thought that the additional HGV movements caused by this would impact on the parish severely. It was proposed and agreed that, once the consultation was open, a substantial response would be submitted, opposing the development order and instead requesting that all planning applications for the site be considered on their own merits. More information would also be requested on infrastructure for the site as currently there was a lack of drainage, a danger of light pollution and inadequate roads. The proposed western link road would help with the traffic issues and so it was vital to press for this.

- 10.2** NNDR – Development Consent Order. A draft document had been received from Norfolk County Council highlighting areas where traffic monitoring would be carried out once the NNDR was open, with Weston Longville having several locations within the plan. Baseline counts had already been carried out. RG took the document to monitor it against information that was already held on traffic data at these points. ACTION: RG
- 10.3** Norse had written to confirm that prices for grounds maintenance in 2017 would not increase above inflation levels.

11 Financial matters

- 11.1** The updated accounts were received.

- 11.2** The following payment of accounts were agreed:
- i) Clerk salary and expenses £458.99, tax £112.80),
 - ii) Norse (grounds maintenance) £500.66
 - iii) Mazars (annual audit fee) £150
 - iv) Peter Ross (remembrance Sunday wreath) £25

- 11.3** The draft budget as circulated by the clerk was considered. It was agreed to keep the precept at £4473 for 2017/18, subject to the tax base being confirmed by BDC in December.

- 11.4** d) The external audit report from Mazars was read out and accepted.

12 Any Other Business (items for information only).

- 12.1** GC reported that Bernard Matthew company, a large employer within local parishes, had been taken over. The new owners had a refurbishment plan in place.
- 12.2** PR advised that the 7-Chairs meeting had been held recently where the following items had been discussed: NNDR and the need for further details about the consultation meetings being organised by NCC; the western link road; the travellers site on Honingham Road and enforcement issues generally; the food hub; the potential off-shore wind farm and the mid-Norfolk shooting school planning application.
- 12.3** JC reported that the Tour de Norfolk bike ride had been carried out from the Parson Woodforde and had been a great success.

13 To confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 13 February 2017.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signed
Chairman.