

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council

Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 September 2014 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Peter Ross (PR) (Chairman), Clare Morton (CM), Ruth Goodall (RG), Anthony Thomas (AT), Leah Woodhouse (LW) (from 8pm) and John Staveley (JS).

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

1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
	Apologies were received from Justin Cohu.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight
	AT – declared an interest in relation to planning application C/5/2014/5009, as an employee.
3	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 July 2014
	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment;- 6b – this should read Hockering, not Honingham 13.2 – the Tour de Broads came to the village on 7 September, not the 8 th .
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
4.1	The war memorial had been completed by 15 August, ready for the anniversary of the start of WW1.
4.2	JJ reported that scoping of the NNDR route between the 1067 and A47 roads had not commenced yet.
4.3	1300 riders had taken part in the Tour de Broads. The Parish Council asked that thanks be passed on thanks to volunteers who had helped make the event possible.
4.4	Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Weston Longville and Great Witchincham Parish Councils had submitted both complaints and the planning process forward for scrutiny topics - both subjects had been rejected from this years programme. The Chairman AGREED to email Councillor Riley, Chair of the O&S Panel, to enquire why.
5	To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer

5.1	<p>The latest police report was received and read out.</p> <p>July – 7 calls were received with one crime being recorded (burglary non dwelling).</p> <p>August - 6 calls were received with one crime being recorded (theft from motor vehicle).</p> <p>It was AGREED that the crime reports would be added to the next agenda, to reach agreement on whether these should be circulated in between meetings, or remain on the meeting agenda.</p>
6	<p>Neighborhood Plan</p> <p>The possibility of a joint approach to neighborhood planing with five other local parishes was considered. Each parish would have its own individual parish plan but these would be within a common framework to give unity and strength. Only three parishes had shown interest in principle, meaning that the consultant would cost an estimated £1000 per parish, although some funding maybe available from Broadland Council but the central Government locality fund had now been closed. Only one bid per parish could be made to the Broadland fund and this could not be for work already carried out which created a catch 22 situation regarding consultancy fees .</p> <p>Following conversation councilors agreed that the consultants offer would not be taken forward as this would use too much of the money saved in reserves. The Chairman would write to him to confirm the decision. Instead the decision was made to consider re-visiting aspects of the existing Parish Plan in 12 months time, after carrying out discussions regarding whether this was required, how effective neighborhood plans had been for other similar pathfinder parishes and what resources were available.</p>
7	<p>Highways issues</p> <p>a) To receive an update b)To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk) c) Update on NDR (John Staveley)</p>
a)	<p>JS reported that give-way lines had been re-painted.</p> <p>It was noted that there were potholes throughout the village. CM would ask for them to be reported to her via the Wensum Diary, for JS to compile a list.</p>

b)	<p>The following tasks were agreed;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
c)	<p>RG reported that she had registered to speak at the NNDR meeting on 18 September regarding the Weston Longville junction. RG agreed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting also as JS was not available. JS would pass her relevant points beforehand.</p>
8	Village Hall and Play area
8.1	<p>RG reported that the bank account was healthy after summer events.</p>
9	Greener Weston
9.1	<p>a) Update (Anthony Thomas)</p> <p>AT noted that he had placed an advert in the Wensum Diary requesting assistance in planting daffodil bulbs which had been received free of charge.</p> <p>RG advised that a litter pick would be organized during autumn.</p>
10	<p>To consider Planning issues:</p> <p>a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)</p>

10.1	The Barn, Morton Lane, Weston Longville, NR9 5JL – ref 20141356 – no objections.
10.2	TMA Bark, Woodforde Farm, Weston Longville, NR9 5LG2 – ref C/5/2014/5009 - no objections.
10.3	The Cart Lodge, Weston Hall Road, Weston Longville, NR9 5JJ – 20140005 – no comment to make on the appeal that had been lodged.
10.4	<p>The Chairman reported that the traveller site application (20130225) had been given full refusal on the basis of turbine noise. As a result of this the planning policy arguments put forward by the Parish Council had not been considered. The Clerk would contact NALC to ascertain whether, in the light of the noise decision being appealed against, the Parish Council would be able to put its policy arguments forward, as they had not been formally considered by the Planning Committee, despite the Parish Council registering to speak on the matter. The Parish had sound planning arguments and it was of great concern that these had not been minuted by Broadland Council's Planning Committee.</p> <p>It was noted that, although a complaint could be made, the decision could not now be reversed.</p>
10.5	<p>The wind turbine community benefit fund of £10,000 from Bernard Matthews was considered. Originally the proposal was distance based for a fixed 10 mile radius (which included most of Norwich) but this had been progressively reduced and finally a nominated local parish based model had been put forward by the donors. This consisted of the nominated local parishes of Weston Longville, Morton, Hockering and Attlebridge. A representative panel would be put together to make decisions on how the funding would be spent. As the parish with the wind turbines within it, Weston Longville would have the controlling interest on the panel.</p> <p>Councillors AGREED to accept the funding proposal as it stood. WL would have 4 representatives on the Panel and initially it was proposed that these would be JS, RG, LW and PR. Each other parish would have one representative. This membership representation would stand for 25 years.</p>
11	To note correspondence/items actioned since last meeting (Clerk)
	The list was circulated and noted.
12	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)
	None.
13	Financial matters

	<p>a) The revised accounts for 2014/2015 were noted.</p> <p>b) The following payment of accounts were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Churcher (War Memorial restoration work) £500. This had been agreed at a previous meeting. A discussion was held around the outstanding £800 which Mr Churcher had paid for the memorial restoration; it was AGREED that the Parish Council would pay the remainder of the costs (£800) at the next meeting. • Norfolk RCC Subscription £20 • Mazars (External auditor) The clerk advised that the charge of £120 on the agenda was incorrect; the charge was actually £0. <p>c) The Clerks salary was agreed as follows – salary (£417.68), tax (£104.40) expenses (£9.53) Total - £531.61</p> <p>d) Receipt of allotment payments of £60 (£30 for 2013 and £30 for 2014) were noted.</p>
14	Any Other Business
14.1	It was reported that there had been an attempted fuel theft from a car within the village.
14.2	JS advised that it was a condition of the caravan site at Merry Hill that all caravan holders had to leave the site for a day per month. As a result residents were looking to buy the land.
14.3	JS reported that Attlebridge had some success placing signs throughout the village, advising that HGVs cutting through the area would be reported. LW would find out the cost of similar signs prior to the November meeting, where this idea would be discussed in detail.
14.4	The Chairman advised that unfortunately he would be unable to attend the next two meetings. After four years as Chairman he advised members that he would not be seeking to be re-elected to the position in May 2015.
	Date of Next Meeting – 10 November 2014

Meeting closed at 21:30

