

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 11 September 2017, 7.30pm in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

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

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (clerk)

Members of the public

1 Chairman's welcome and to receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Gary Cannell, John Staveley and Ruth Goodall.

2 Members' Declarations of Interests

None declared.

3 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

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

4.1 None raised.

5 To receive an update on the application for the Parson Woodforde to become a community asset

Broadland Council had written to confirm that, following WLPCs application, the Parson Woodforde had been listed as an asset of community value. WLPC now had six weeks to decide whether to make a written request to be treated as a potential bidder. Following discussion it was **agreed** that, regretfully, it would not have either the budget or the required skill-set to run the establishment as a public house. Therefore an application would not be submitted. It was hoped that the building would still be sold as a public house; comments would be made to Planning on any applications as and when received. Clerk to advise Broadland and the owner. ACTION CLERK.

6 To consider the future of the parish telephone box

Discussions had been held with nearby residents regarding the future of the telephone box. Councillors **supported** their request that it be removed, the area grassed over and wooden posts placed along the edge of the road to prevent cars mounting the verge.

ACTION – CM to discuss posted with NCC / CLERK to discuss removal of box with BT.

To receive an update on Broadband within the parish

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Better Broadband for Norfolk had advised that the box had been installed. It was expected to be online by the end of the year. JC also noted that the Government had stated that fibre-optic internet would be made available in all properties within the next few years.

8 Highways issues

8.1 a) To receive an update

Nothing to report.

b) To consider tasks to be reported to Highways

All signs throughout the parish required cleaning – ACTION CLERK.

c) NNDR and traffic calming

NCC had reported in the local newspaper that it was considering opening parts of the NNDR early. This could have a detrimental impact on other routes, including that through Weston Longville. It was noted that there had been an increase in large lorries cutting through the village recently. The police would be contacted and asked to carry out some monitoring / enforcement on the route during the morning rush hour and between 3-7pm ACTION CLERK.

d) To receive a report on the multi-parish A47 dualling meeting

CM reported on the recent meeting which looked at proposals for the duelling at the A47. Disappointingly most parishes had wanted to keep the junction from the A47 with Wood Lane open, with junctions at Easton and Lynn being closed, to move traffic away from these parishes. This would be the worst outcome for WL. CM had lobbied NCC and Highways England to state that all routes should stay open until the Western Link route was decided, to share the traffic across all junctions. A report would be added to the Wensum Diary. ACTION CM.

e) To consider the WLPC policy towards the HGV route.

CM reported that the Western link was likely not to be finished until 2025, with the village HGV routed being used until this time. A discussion was held around whether to press for improvements to this route in the meantime. It was felt that if improvements were carried out this would encourage Highways to keep the route open permanently. Therefore it was **agreed** that this would be looked at again once the route for the western link had been decided.

f) To discuss the overgrown hedge opposite Woodforde Close

A complaint had been received about an overgrown hedge on Woodforde Close.

Councillors agreed that this was not a cause of concern at the moment but would be monitored.

9 Village Hall and Play area

RG not present.

10 Greener Weston

No update.

11 To consider Planning issues:

Planning Applications/Enforcement –

- 11.1 20171398 - Land Adjacent 6 Church Farm - Application for minor-material amendments to planning permission ref. 20151556 including to reposition the dwelling, alter fenestration, provide a conservatory in the courtyard area, excavate ground floor levels north of the entrance hall to accommodate a central gallery, and provide an outhouse for borehole plant. No objection.
- 11.2 20171435 - Norfolk Dinosaur Park, Morton Lane - Access Road Widening. No objection.
- 11.3 20171436 - Norfolk Dinosaur Park, Morton Lane - High Ropes Course with Ancillary Building. No objection. It was noted that the application included a footpath around the edge of the park. CM **agreed** to write to Martin Goymour to request that this be extended to the A1067. ACTION CM.
- 11.4 Clerk to submit responses to Broadland. ACTION CLERK.
- 11.5 PR gave an update on 20170173 - traveller pitch at Honingham Road. He advised that the report and opinions from Broadland's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) had been incorrect as data had been used for a wind turbine which had not been installed. WLPC had had to pay a specialist to look at the data in detail and correct the detail within. This had proven that the statutory noise limits would be breached if the caravan was given planning permission, meaning that the resident would not be able to open their windows or doors – breaching their human rights. If they then made a noise complaint, Broadland would have to look to close the turbine which would leave them open to legal action as they had granted the caravan planning permission.

It was agreed that the EHO would be invited to the next meeting to discuss this. ACTION CLERK. In the meantime PR would draft a response to Planning, requesting that it not be taken to Committee until he had been met with. ACTION PR.

12 To receive correspondence and agree action/response

- 12.1 Hornsea Project Updates. It was noted that DONG would be in the Hall for All the following day to make a presentation. Parishioners were asked to attend and lobby for the works compound to be based at Atlas Works, rather the airfield on Rectory Road.

12.2 Norfolk County Council had given notice of a proposed 20mph limit from Marl Hill through to the oak tree, and on Post Office Lane.

13 Financial matters

13.1 The updated accounts were noted.

13.2 The following payments were **agreed**:

- i) Sonya Blythe - Clerk expenses £10.43
- ii) HMRC - Clerk tax £115
- iii) Zurich – annual insurance policy £257.60
- iv) Mazars – annual audit fee £120
- v) Robert Davies Associates -consultancy fee £867 (to be paid from Solar Fund as for environmental work)
- vi) Ruth Goodall – Hall for All bin store £84.31
- vii) Norse – grounds maintenance £500.66
- viii) CPRE – annual membership £36

13.3 Income of £1167.34 (VAT return) was noted.

13.4 CM reported that Attlebridge Parish Council had received money from the wind turbine fund for a new footpath. However due to a delay in receiving the money the asphalt price had increased by £500 in the meantime. The fund would not pay the difference as they were unable to make two payments for the same task. CM **agreed** to clarify the status of the existing grant and, if it had not be paid, request that the fund make up the difference as it was not Attlebridge’s fault that there had been a delay. If they would not then the difference would be paid from the solar fund. ACTION CM.

14 Any Other Business (items for information only).

14.1 CM to write to the Dinosaur Park to request that they officially change their address from Morton Lane with Royal Mail; this could prevent cars incorrectly coming through the parish whilst looking for it. ACTION CM.

14.2 It was noted that planning permission had been granted for the burial ground extension and new house, subject to conditions.

15 To confirm the date of the next meeting:

Monday 13 November 2017.

Meeting closed at 21:15

Signed
Chairman.