

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Wrabness Village Hall.**

**Present:** Mrs. J Cole, Mr. R Colley (Chairman), Mr. H Jones, Mr. F McGowan and Mr G Watkins

**Apologies for Absence:** Miss R Thornton, Miss L Taylor and District Councillor Zoe Fairley

**3162: Declaration of interests:** none.

**Public Forum:** No members of the public were present. The Public Forum was closed

**3163: Minutes:** of the meeting held on: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed.

**3163: Matters arising and actions.**

A. LHP request. – (3151)

i) Speed Limits ii) Parking issues: Wall Lane, Church Road, Rectory Road iii) Footpaths on Harwich Road – uplifting pavement iv) Replacement Village sign – near Harwich Road/ Wheatsheaf Lane junction. An update was received. Our requests are subject to a highway officer review back to the Tendring Local Highways Panel ; our District Councillor attends and will update us.

B. Highways issues reported online. – (3151).

i: Manhole cover near Red Barn corner: still on ECC programme for repair. ii: Signage defects Harwich Road : still on ECC programme for attention. iii: damaged wall at cross roads. Update ECC have not yet repaired these defects.

C. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3151)

We have been promised a review meeting at County Hall. Outstanding.

D. Footpaths: (3151)

Better waymarking. Request for a supply of extra footpath way marker discs, suggested that the AONB Team may assist.

**Action: H Jones**

E. Monitoring highway problems arising from Bennett Homes housing development. (3151)

H Jones said liaison is ongoing with Bennett Homes as issues arise during the construction period but they are not very responsive.

**Action: H Jones**

F. Dog Poo Bins (3151): It has been agreed an additional bin should be provided at Wheatsheaf Lane outside the green graveyard. Prices to be obtained to enable an order to be placed.

**Action: L Taylor**

**3164: Village Platinum Jubilee Celebration:** An update report was given by Mr Colley about the plans for village celebration of the Queen's Jubilee over the June Bank Holiday period. It was noted that the Parish Council had received a grant offer of £200 from Tendring District Council towards the costs of local Jubilee celebrations. With the support of the Parish Council, the Playing Field Association, the Community Shop and the Parochial Church Council the Wrabness programme will comprise:

Jubilee Tree will be planted in the Station Masters Garden. Julia Prigg will lead on this, tree will be supplied by the Community Rail Partnership, planting date not known at present.

Jubilee themed flower display in the Rectory Road red telephone box display. Jane Cole will lead on this.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Between 12 noon and 3pm a celebration will be held on the Playing Field. Free tea, coffee and cake, some side shows, childrens games, raffle and grill

and between 3pm and 9 pm Community Bar will be open serving drinks, offering free teas and coffees, a grill from early evening. In addition to the bar garden it is requested to put tables and chairs in the Station Masters Garden for this community celebration.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Wrabness Church at 11am followed by a village picnic in the churchyard. All welcome.

It is proposed posters will be displayed and flyers delivered to Wrabness homes. Alice Cole is preparing the art work and Wrabness Parish Council has received a quote from Autoprint of £48 to produce the posters and flyers in the quantities required.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed:

a. To accept the £200 Jubilee grant from TDC.

b. To approve the Wrabness Jubilee programme including the use of the Playing Field and Station Masters Garden.

c. To accept the quote, order and pay for the posters and flyers.

**Action: R Colley**

**3165: Applications for Grant:** An application was received from the Wrabness Playing Field Association for £200 towards cost of staging the Village Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the playing field and the Station Masters Garden including bunting, cups and plates, tea coffee consumables. Following discussion a grant of £200 was approved subject to no grant be spent on alcohol and an account be provided to the Parish Council of monies spent.

**Action: R Colley**

**3166: Correspondence Received:**

A. Noise Complaint: A written complaint had been received from a resident regarding noise nuisance caused by rail contractors working in the vicinity of Wrabness Station. Councillors expressed surprise that the contractors for Greater Anglia do not engage or give prior notice to nearby residents when significant works are planned. This contrasts with the attitude taken by Murphy's undertaking recent work for Network Rail who did publicise the engineering operations in advance, published a timetable of works and a contact number for concerned residents. The Parish Council decided to follow up the complaint with Greater Anglia and ask them to review their approach as night time work at places like Wrabness Station can be disruptive for nearby residents. **Action: R Colley**

B. Bench Request: a written request had been received for a public bench to be provided in the eastern part of the parish. Following discussion it was decided to liaise with the resident concerned. **Action: H Jones**

C. Harwich and District Speed Watch Partnership: An update was considered from the Harwich and District Community Speed Watch Partnership. During the pandemic it was closed down for two years, but has now been relaunched. It was agreed that the Parish Council should reaffirm support for this initiative to deter speeding traffic. **Action: R Colley**

**3167: New Planning Applications:** No new planning applications have been notified since the last meeting.

**3168: Planning Application Update:**

A. The following planning applications have been determined by Tendring District Council:

22/00117/FULHH Butlers Farm Butlers Lane Wrabness CO11 2UE Proposed installation of greenhouse within grounds of listed building. Status: Approved

22/00170/FULHH 1 Grassmere Villas Rectory Road Wrabness CO11 2TX Proposed single storey rear/side extension and first floor extension. Status: Approved

21/01863/FUL - Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness CO11 2TG Proposed detached chapel of rest. Status Approved

B. The following planning applications are currently undetermined by Tendring District Council:

22/00080/FUL - Hut 16 East Beach The Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB. Proposed construction of new beach hut for holiday use.

21/01891/FUL Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness CO11 2TZ - Proposed change of use of former forge building to dwelling.

21/01567/FUL - Hut 14 Wrabness Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness CO11 2BB - Proposed reconstruction of log hut.

21/01519/FUL - Site 13 East Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB - Proposed construction of a new beach chalet on the site of a similar construction destroyed by fire in June 2020.

**3169: Parish Council Insurance:** Community Action Suffolk are arranging new group insurance for parish councils as the current insurers have given notice they will cease offering policies to councils. The Parish Council agreed that we should participate in the new group insurance as it had previously resulted in good value and cover. **Action: R Colley**

**3170: Parish Clerk Vacancy:** Following local advertising of the vacancy no applications have been received. It was agreed to re-advertise this post and maintain the temporary arrangements to cover the vacancy. **Action: R Colley**

**3171: Information Items**

A. National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury Reinforcement and New Route to link North Falls Offshore Wind to the National Grid. These two infrastructure proposals relating to the upgrade of the Norwich to Tilbury National Grid and the land based transmission route for offshore wind from Holland Haven to join the National Grid. The information includes details about public consultation. You may have seen something about this on the regional news as there is a commitment to underground any new cables in Dedham Vale AONB but communities elsewhere are worried about massive new pylons and Ardleigh/Little Bromley about a related large substation. Wrabness does not appear to be in the line of fire.

**3172: Reports:**

HIGHWAYS: See above. HJ reported that Murphy's have agreed to repair the verge they damaged at the corner of Rectory Road.	FOOTPATHS
WPFA: JC reported that an inspection had been carried out of the oak tree and it was agreed RC should contact the tree officer.	VILLAGE HALL Bookings are coming in for the Eastern Angles Theatre Night.
STATION GARDEN: looking good.	KIOSK JC the Spring display will be replaced with the Jubilee display soon.
PUBLIC HEALTH:	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HJ reported a recent spate of noisy vehicles and bikes.
TRANSPORT: The community bus service is offering a shuttle service for the rural area.	WEBSITE: RC the WPC website has attracted 17,000 hits during the past year.
FORESHORE:	

**3173: Accounts and monies received:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT
TDC precept 1 <sup>st</sup> installment	£2,922.00
Theatre Night ticket money	£24.00

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Village Hall Hire for May Meeting	£15.00	1174
Village Hall theatre night tickets	£24.00	1175
EALC Annual Affiliation Fee	£130.74	1176
Autoprint for April Village Newsletter	£140.00	1177
Julia Prigg for Station Garden tool sharpening	£6.00	1178
Wrabness Playing Field Association grant	£200.00	1179
Autoprint for Jubilee posters and flyers	£48.00	1180

**3161: Confirmation of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance as at 2<sup>nd</sup> May £6,479.81

Deposit Account: Balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> April £6,710.82

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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Meeting closed at: 9.40pm