

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

**of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Wrabness Village Hall.**

**The meeting opened at 19.10 following the 7.00pm Annual Assembly.**

**Present:** Mr Harry Adams, Mr Gary Bowers, Ms Alice Cole, Mr Richard Colley, Mr Francis McGowan, Mr Rob Southall-Edwards, Mr Graham Watkins, District Councillor Tanya Ferguson and Parish Clerk Juliet Attrill.

**Apologies:** None

Councillor Alice Cole and her new son, Douglas Cole, were welcomed to their first meeting since Douglas' birth.

**3402. Declaration of Interest:** None

**Public Forum:** There were 7 members of the public present

- John Acton requested information on where the sponsorship money from Wrabness Hall Farm for the Spring edition of the Village newsletter had gone as it was not shown on the March agenda accounts. The Chairman stated the sponsorship for this edition was shared between Wrabness Hall Farm and Dedham Vale Tree Surgery. Each payment has been gratefully received and recorded. The Wrabness Hall Farm payment was recorded on the February agenda accounts as confirmed in minutes of the February meeting (3399) which also record, "Kind thanks to Wrabness Hall Farm and Dedham Vale Tree Surgery for their shared sponsorship of the full colour edition of the Spring edition. This will be printed and distributed by volunteers shortly" (3396). The Dedham Vale Tree Surgery payment was made on the evening of the February WPC meeting so receipt was recorded on the later March agenda accounts.

- Public Forum closed -

**3403. Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed as true record and signed.

**3404. Matters arising and actions:**

- A. Parish Council requests to Local Highways Panel – (3390b)
  - i: Review Speed Limits: WPC is still awaiting a response from Essex County Council.
  - ii: Review Parking issues: There is a standing request to residents to supply the parish council with photographic evidence of nuisance parking.
  - iii: Harwich Road footway repair: The repair is in the funding programme for this financial year. However, the work has not yet been started.
- B. Demolished wall at crossroads reported to Essex County Council – (3390c) The rebuilding of the wall is the responsibility of ECC and is an ongoing issue
- C. A120/Primrose Lane Junction - Meeting with National Highways (3390d): RC and GW attended the meeting with Steve Thulborn from National Highways Eastern Region on 13/03/2024. Mr Thulborn said following a spate of road traffic accidents there was mounting public pressure for highway safety measures on the stretch of the A120 between Horsley Cross and Ramsey. He indicated there are good prospects of measures being implemented in the near future and a speed reduction scheme would be a first step. The A120/ Primrose Lane junction is substandard and in view of the recent fatal accidents a review could be carried out by National Highways as improvements may be possible within the highway boundaries. There are currently no National Highway funds available for Primrose Lane junction improvements, but preparing a scheme is the first step to enable this to be considered against other funding priorities in the region. District Councillor Tanya Ferguson suggested that information about this meeting be shared with other councils to help maintain pressure for safety improvement to the A120 road.

It was agreed Mr Thulbron be thanked for attending the meeting and be asked to commission a review of the A120/Primrose Lane junction as it is an accident black spot. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

D. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3390e) There have been no changes on this matter.

**3405. Wrabness Spring Litter Pick:** The litter pick took place on Saturday the 9th of March. The weather was fine and it was well attended. A small skip worth of rubbish was collected. Soup after the litter pick was provided by Fi Caslake and Gary Bowers. Thanks to Harry Jones for organising the litter pick.

**3406. Village Green (3391):** The Village Green has not yet been transferred to the parish council. The new transfer plan submitted by Bennett Homes resulted in delay. Four local firms have been invited to quote for the boundary gates. One quote has been received, WPC will wait to receive more quotes to ensure best value and for the land to be transferred before commissioning the gates.

**3407. Planning Application Update –** the Parish Council has previously commented to Tendring District Council on the following current applications:

[24/00195/FULHH](#) - Fir Cottage Harwich Road Wrabness. CO11 2UD Single storey rear extension. **Status: Awaiting Decision.**

[24/00193/FULHH](#) - Wrabness House Wheatsheaf Lane Wrabness Manningtree - Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of 3 bay garage.(resubmission of 23/01420/FULHH). This application was **approved on 08/03/2024** after the agenda was written and distributed.

[24/00156/FULHH](#) - Porthwen Church Road Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TQ - Proposed single storey rear extension to form dining area, rear dormer to existing bedroom and replacement porch. **Status: Awaiting Decision.**

**3408. Amended Planning Application –** the Parish Council has been notified and invited to comment on the following amended application received by Tendring District Council:

- a. [23/01215/FUL](#) - Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness Essex CO11 2TG - Proposed detached green crematorium building with staff office, kitchen, bathroom and storage above. **Status: Awaiting Decision.** Amendment noted, no additional comments.

**3409. Reports:**

HIGHWAYS: The potholes on Wheatsheaf Lane were reported and they have been marked. RC contacted ECC Highways to request repairs to the 30 mph sign on Station Road as it was falling down.
WRABNESS PLAYING FIELD: It was agreed to accept the offer of TDC to complete the annual inspection of play equipment for £58.00 +VAT. <b>ACTION: Parish Clerk</b>
STATION GARDEN: A notice was included in the Spring Edition of the Village Newsletter looking for volunteers to maintain the Station Garden. An offer was received from a group of residents of Station Road to take on task which was agreed with alacrity. <b>ACTION: Parish Clerk</b>
PUBLIC HEALTH: The defibrillator at the Village Hall was recently accessed in an emergency and taken to a casualty but was not used. The defibrillator is back in place and is in working order.
TRANSPORT: There have been no changes but there is still disappointment in the loss of the 103 scheduled bus service.
VILLAGE NEWSLETTER: The Spring Edition was published in full colour. Congratulations and thanks given to Danielle Williams for editing the newsletter to a high standard. Thanks again to Wrabness Hall Farm and Dedham Vale Tree Surgery for their shared sponsorship of this edition.
KIOSK: The display continues to be well maintained.
FORESHORE: The foreshore is quiet in the closed season. There have been very high tides, and damage is occurring to the sea wall. There was mention of a distant but loud banging noise heard in parts of the village at odd

times and intervals but no one is sure what it is.

WEB SITE: Continues to be kept up to date. Information posted on upcoming events include:  
-An illustrated talk at Wrabness Village Hall about the Wrabness Nature Reserve at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 March  
-Jumble Sale in the Village Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd March

**3410. Accounts and monies received:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Dedham Vale Tree Surgery – newsletter sponsorship	£125.00	Parish Clerk Salary for March 2023	£215.33	1249
		Village Hall Hire for March Meeting	£18.00	1250
		Autoprint Invoice - Village Newsletter Spring Edition	£249.00	1251
		Playing Field Annual Rent	£1.00	1252

**3411. Confirmation of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance as at 4 March £3,973.92  
Deposit Account: Balance as at 4 March £6,816.80

**3412. Any Other Urgent Business**

Internal auditor: In previous years, Chris Orlopp has been the internal auditor for WPC. This year, Gill Moffatt has kindly volunteered and her appointment was agreed as the new internal auditor.

**Closed at 19.52.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 in the Village Hall following the Annual General Meeting at 7pm.**

Juliet Attrill - Wrabness Parish Clerk

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