

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 in Wrabness Village Hall.

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

Apologies for Absence: Miss L Taylor, District Councillor Zoe Fairley.

3195: Declaration of interests: none.

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

3196: Minutes: of the meeting held on: Wednesday 22nd June 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3197: Matters arising and actions

A. LHP request. – (3177)

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/ W heatsheaf Lane junction. Our requests are the subject to a highway officer review back to the Tendring Local Highways Panel. Our District Councillor attends the LHP we have requested an update about progress on these highway issues.

B. Highways issues reported online. – (3177).

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: accident damaged wall at cross roads. Update ECC have not yet rebuilt this wall.

C. W heatsheaf Lane traffic: (3177)

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

D. Footpaths: (3177)

Better waymarking. Request for a supply of extra footpath way marker discs. No response has been received from the ECC footpath team.

Action: H Jones

E. Monitoring highway problems arising from Bennett Homes housing development. (3177)

H Jones said liaison is ongoing with Bennett Homes as issues arise during the construction period.

Action: H Jones

F. Dog Poo Bins (3177):

The additional dog poo bin for W heatsheaf Lane has been supplied. L Taylor is liaising with land owner re siting prior to installation.

Action: L Taylor

G. Noise Greater Anglia contractors (3177): Greater Anglia (Customer Engagement Manager) responded to the matters raised by the Parish Council stating he had *'made contact with the resident some time ago now and having heard nothing recently, that they were satisfied with his response. When any works are taking place every effort is made to contact local residents if any noise or potential disturbance is involved. I am sorry that the resident had recourse in this instance to make a complaint.'* Parish Council noted the response but considers the prior liaison re overnight works was clearly inadequate on this occasion.

H. Bench request: (3177) H Jones is progressing this on a private basis.

Action: H Jones

3198: Planning Application Update: The Parish Council has previously commented on the following planning applications awaiting determination by Tendring District Council:

A. 22/00824/FUL Land at East Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness CO11 2TG Proposed construction of a fire safety access track. Status: Approved

B. 22/00720/FUL Fields off Harwich Road Wrabness CO11 2UA Proposed erection of two barns including solar panels and rainwater storage. Status: Pending Consideration

C. 22/00420/FUL Woodlands Black Boy Lane Wrabness CO11 2TP Proposed replacement of existing single timber garage with a block built double garage and proposed rear balcony. Status: Approved

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

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

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

G. 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. Status Pending.

3199: Non-Designated Heritage Assets: Tendring District Council is proposing to compile a list of buildings and structures of local rather than national importance in terms of heritage value. Stage 1 of the process is settling the criteria for the assessment of the properties for inclusion in the list. The Parish Council is aware of some buildings of local heritage value and supports this initiative and the proposed criteria for assessment. **Action: Parish Clerk**

3200: Annual Playground Inspection: The Council received the annual report on the Rectory Road playing field arranged via TDC, Generally the playground is in good condition and attention was drawn to some minor issues. It was agreed to provide the report to the Playing Field Association so that the matters raised can be addressed as ongoing maintenance items. **Action: H Jones**

3201: Village Hall Defibrillator: The Council noted that the public defibrillator is regularly inspected, is in full working order and the registration has been updated on the national public defibrillator data base used by Essex Ambulance Service.

3202: Harwich Road Mile Stones: At the last meeting the Parish Council received the Manningtree Museum & Local History Group publication 'The Harwich Turnpike Road, Toll gates, houses, Mile Stones & Mile Posts'. Minute 3182 refers. The Parish Council had commended the research and the project, and decided that a replacement mile post on Harwich Road is not a local priority in relation to highway issues or the limited local budget.

The Group has since asked the parish council for support in principle for the replacement of the missing milepost on Harwich Road near the parish notice board and requested information re ownership of land. Following discussion it was resolved to inform the Group that we are generally supportive of this proposal to replace the mile stones as local heritage assets and the proposed siting of the Wrabness replacement mile post would be on highway land. **Action: Parish Clerk**

3203: Wheatsheaf Pedestrian Level Crossing: Following a lengthy public inquiry in 2018 attended by the Parish Council notification has been received that Grant Shapps, the Secretary of State for Transport, has authorised Network Rail to permanently close 37 pedestrian level crossings in the region on safety/cost saving grounds including the Wrabness Wheatsheaf Crossing. This will result in the permanent closure of the crossing on the footpath route Brakey Grove – Wheatsheaf Lane in due course. A replacement footpath route promoted by Network Rail is proposed from Church Road – Wheatsheaf Lane which would require Essex County Council to make the necessary order. The closure was opposed by Essex County Council, Wrabness Parish Council, the landowner and some local residents.

3204: Parish Council Annual Accounts 2021-22: The annual governance and accountability return 2021-22 has been sent to the external auditor and published on the website in accordance with national arrangements.

3205: Parish Clerk Vacancy: It was agreed to re-advertise this post, follow up any applications received and maintain the temporary arrangements to cover the vacancy. **Action: R Colley**

3206: Information Items

A. Police Street Meet: Our next 'Community Street Meet' at Wrabness will take place on Saturday 6th August in the Tea Room of Wrabness Community Village Shop between 10.30am – 11.30am.

B. DEFRA Project Funding: Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) is a grant programme focussed on supporting farmers during the transition from EU Common Agricultural Policy schemes to the new Environmental Land Management programme. It is intended to support farmers and land managers who carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage. It's geographical focus is our Protected Landscapes – National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. FiPL can support projects which contribute to specific objectives under any of the following four themes: Climate, Nature, People, Place. You can find out more about the programme on the [Coast & Heaths AONB website](#)

3207: Any Other Business

A. Mr McGown referred to recent news items that TDC intend to sell off some plots of open land for development to raise funds. The Chairman commented that Wrabness public open space land is controlled by Wrabness Parish Council and is unaffected by this Tendring District Council initiative. Mr McGowan also referred to the village hall owned by the village hall charity.

3208: Reports:

HIGHWAYS: See above.	FOOTPATHS
WPFA: playground inspection report to WPFA. TDC requested to review oak tree.	VILLAGE HALL annual art show next month.
STATION GARDEN: looking good. Our thanks to all involved. Informal enquiry from bar to a parish councillor about occasional use.	KIOSK the flower display has been refreshed for the Summer.
PUBLIC HEALTH:	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
TRANSPORT:	WEBSITE: the WPC website is up to date and receiving additional visits during the summer period.
FORESHORE: much quieter on the shore this year.	

3209: Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Wrabness Village Hall -July Meeting	£15.00	1186
Glasdon UK Ltd – supply dog poo bin and post	£472.33	1187
Tendring District Council- annual playground inspection	£56.80	1188

3210: Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 3rd July £5,729.77
Deposit Account: Balance as at 19th June £6,714.19

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Meeting closed at: 9.15pm