



# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting of Wrabness Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday 8th October 2025 at Wrabness Village Hall.

**Present:** Councillors Mr Gary Bowers, Ms Alice Cole, Mr Richard Colley (Chairman), Mr Francis McGowan (Vice Chairman), Mr Rob Southall-Edwards and Juliet Attrill Parish Clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr Graham Watkins and District Councillor Tanya Ferguson.

**3590. Declarations of Interest:** None

**Public Forum – meeting open for public comment:** There were no members of the public present.

**3591. Approval of Minutes** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 were approved as a true record and signed.

**3592. Matters arising and actions:**

a. Parish Council previous requests to Local Highways Panel – (3577a)

i: Review Speed Limits : No update

ii: Harwich Road pavement repair : No update

iii. Highways: consideration of new requests for highway maintenance and improvements: WPCs list of requests remains unchanged. It appears that LHP are not taking new requests due to the upcoming Local Government Reorganisation.

b. North Essex Parking Partnership – request for review parking issues accompanied by photo evidence received from residents (3577b) : New evidence has been received via email. More evidence is still required to build a solid portfolio.

c. A120/Primrose Lane Junction - request for Highways England review and safety improvements (3577d) : No update.

d. A thank you card was received from the Playing Field Association for the grant they were awarded at the previous meeting (3579).

**3593. Local Government Reorganisation:** Alternative proposals for Essex have been published and submitted to Government for the amalgamation of Essex County Council and all the Districts into all purpose unitary authorities. Tendring District Council are encouraging local town and parish councils to support their proposal for five unitary councils including one for north east Essex amalgamating Tendring District, Colchester Borough and Braintree Councils. Whereas Essex County Council are promoting Essex being split into three areas, including a 'North Essex Unitary Council' comprising Tendring, Colchester, Braintree and Uttlesford Councils.

**3594. Wrabness Train Services:** It has been announced as from 12 October 2025, Greater Anglia train services will be operated by a new company – GA Trains Limited – as part of the planned transition into public ownership. The Community Rail Partnership is still active.

**3595. Planning Application Update:** The Parish Council has already considered the following Planning Application:

- [25/00390/FUL](#) - Malkins Coat Harwich Road Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2UG - Detached double garage and change of use of agricultural land. **Status: *Approved on 05/08/2025.***
- [25/01181/VOC](#) - Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TZ - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of application 24/01719/FUL to amend the siting of the approved dwelling. **Status: *Awaiting Decision.***

<b>3596. Reports:</b>	
<b>HIGHWAYS:</b> The large pothole at the junction of Wheatsheaf Road and Wheatsheaf Close and numerous potholes on Wheatsheaf Road are still not repaired.	<b>TRANSPORT:</b> The disused bus stop is looking overgrown and untidy. GB will contact highways using their online form.



<b>WRABNESS PLAYING FIELD:</b> The pedestrian gate to the playing field has been repaired. The zipline appears to be sagging excessively. GB will assess.	<b>VILLAGE HALL:</b> The projection wall has had its second coat of paint. The AGM is coming up and it was suggested the date should be publicised to encourage attendance.
<b>STATION MASTERS GARDEN:</b> There is some division over the need for a gate. It was suggested to reach out to a local fencing company to discuss the logistics of installing a gate that does not hinder access for those with disabilities and also does not jeopardise the fence.	<b>VILLAGE GREEN:</b> When the final home on the Nightgales estate is sold Bennett Homes are to be contacted to remove their advertising from the village green frontage.
<b>TREES:</b> The TPO oak tree crown reduction will take place next month. WPC to ask Tendring Tree Surgery to confirm the date, so arrangements can be made for the playing field to be closed for the day and the neighbours informed.	<b>FORESHORE:</b> Storm Amy, the first bad storm of the autumn season, caused havoc on the river. GB reported several boats broke free from their moorings and had to be retrieved. 1 boat is still missing.
<b>TDALC:</b> RC attended a recent TDALC meeting and reports the Chairman of Tendring LHP, Councillor Mark Stephenson, was present who stated the LHP are not accepting new requests due to the Local Government Reorganisation, unless they relate to safety. RC raised the issue of transparency and the LHP chairman explained minutes/notes from the quarterly LHP meetings are posted on the ECC website at <a href="https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/tendring-lhp-archive-and-meetings">https://www.essexhighways.org/highway-schemes-and-developments/tendring-lhp-archive-and-meetings</a> However on checking the most recent published LHP information relating to highway schemes date back 10 months to December 2024.	

**3597. 2025-6 Confirmation of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance as at 30 September 2025 £3,758.66p

Deposit Account: Balance as at 30 September 2025 £6,979.28p

<b>3598. 2025-6 Monies received and expenditure</b>				
<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CQ No.</b>
Parish Precept - Second Instalment	£3,727.00	Parish Clerk Salary for October 2025	£234.14	1322
		Village Hall Hire for October 2025 Meeting	£18.00	1323
		Reimburse J Attrill - Stamp and Minute Book	£22.12	1324

**3599. Budget Committee:** to appoint a committee to review the financial position of the council and prepare the draft 2026/7 budget and report back to the next Council meeting. GB, FM, RS-E and RC indicated their interest. Date to be confirmed.

**3600. Casual Vacancy:** One Casual Vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mr H Adams' resignation from the parish council. In accordance with formal procedures, public notice was given. The notice period concluded on 24/09/2025. The TDC Election Office has since confirmed that the vacancy may be filled by local co-option. It was resolved that public notice be given of the casual vacancy for one parish councillor and during a 28 day period expressions of interest be invited from local electors. Expressions of interest can be emailed to [wrabness.pariahclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wrabness.pariahclerk@gmail.com).



**3601. Parish Clerk Vacancy:** It was reported the forthcoming vacancy has been advertised, a recruitment update was given and it was decided to extend the advertising period for applications and review applications received and next steps at the Budget Committee.

**3602. Farewell to the Parish Clerk:** The Parish Council formally thanked Juliet Attrill for the excellent service and support she had provided as Wrabness Parish Clerk since her appointment in January 2023. The parish councillors are sad she is leaving and had clubbed together to fund a leaving present which was presented to Juliet with our best wishes for the future.

**3603. Any Other Urgent Business:**

- **Temporary Event Notice** - TENOP/5578/25: Wrabness Village Hall - 14/11/2025 - Sale of alcohol only on the premises between the hours of 18:00-23:00.

-The public meeting closed 20:35-

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Juliet Attrill - Wrabness Parish Clerk

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