

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022 in Wrabness Village Hall.

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

Also Present: 4 local residents

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

3147: New Councillor: Mr Graham Watkins was welcomed to his first meeting as parish councillor having completed the declaration process. During the registration with Tendring District Council it had been necessary for the acting Clerk to countersign these documents and it had been recommended that the parish council formally minute this temporary role. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Richard Colley be formally appointed as acting Clerk and Responsible Officer in the absence of a Parish Clerk.

3148: Declaration of interests: Councillor Jones declared an interest in item 10 village hall grants.

Public Forum: i) Planning: Two neighbours and the applicant addressed the parish council regarding an amended planning application 22/00170/FULHH relating to No.1 Grassmere Villas Rectory Road Wrabness. They were thanked for their comments about the application which would be taken as the next item on the agenda.

The Public Forum was closed

3149: New planning application: 22/00170/FULHH 1 Grassmere Villas Rectory Road Wrabness CO11 2TX Proposed single storey rear/side extension and first floor extension. The Council had received a letter and photographs from the applicant and had been addressed by the neighbours and the applicant regarding this amended planning application. Following discussion the matter was put to the vote and it was RESOLVED the Parish Council has no objection to the amended application.

3150: Minutes: of the meeting held on: Wednesday 16th February 2022. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

3151: Matters arising and actions.

A. Annual Litter Pick(3134): The spring parish litter pick took place on Saturday 12 March 2022, 10am – 12pm. It was well supported and cleared up a considerable quantity of litter. Arrangements had been made for TDC contractors to cart away the bags of litter and also larger fly tipped items. Councillor Harry Jones was thanked for making the arrangements. This year TDC was unable to supply all the equipment necessary for the litter pick and it was suggested we should consider purchasing our own supply of gloves, pickers and bags prior to the next litter pick. **Action: H Jones**

B. LHP request. – (3133)

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. An update was received. Our requests are subject to a highway officer review back to the LHP; they next meet on 7th April and our District Councillor expects to attend.

C. Highways issues reported online. – (3133).

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

D. W heatsheaf Lane traffic: (3133)

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

E. Dog Poo Bins (3133): It has been agreed an additional bin should be provided at W heatsheaf Lane outside the green graveyard. Prices to be obtained to enable an order to be placed. **Action: L Taylor**

F. Footpaths: (3133)

R Colley requested a supply of extra footpath way marker discs, no reply received from County Council. **Action: R Colley**

G. Offer for Parish Councils to take on minor highway maintenance. (3133)

Update from the Highways Local Devolution Project Team Essex County Council have confirmed the delegated sum to take on minor highway, verge, footpath and signage maintenance for Wrabness would be £1,000 per annum. The Parish Council considered this budget to be totally insufficient given the poor state of maintenance of these highway features in the Wrabness area. This sum is based on 68p per resident. It was RESOLVED: that Essex County Council be informed we reject the offer as the scheme budget is clearly not suited to less populated areas. **Action: R Colley**

H. Monitoring highway problems arising from Bennett Homes housing development. (3133)

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

3152: New Planning Applications: The Parish Council had been consulted on two new planning applications:
 A. 22/00080/FUL Hut 16 East Beach The Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB Proposed construction of a new beach hut for holiday use. Following discussion it was decided to inform the District Council that the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal subject to the new hut being no higher than the hut it replaces.

B. 22/00117/FULHH Butlers Farm Butlers Lane Wrabness CO11 2UE Proposed installation of greenhouse within grounds of listed building. Following discussion it was decided to inform the District Council that the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal providing it is in keeping with the listed building.

3153: Planning Application Update: The following planning applications are still outstanding awaiting determination by Tendring District Council:

- A. 21/01891/FUL Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness CO11 2TZ - Proposed change of use of former forge building to dwelling.
- B: 21/01863/FUL - Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness CO11 2TG Proposed detached chapel of rest.
- C: 21/01567/FUL - Hut 14 Wrabness Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness CO11 2BB - Proposed reconstruction of log hut.
- D: 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.

3154: Wrabness Playing Field: A written request had been received from the Wrabness Playing Field Association for funding to maintain the playing field under the terms of the service level agreement. Details of income and expenditure had been submitted for 2021. The playing field continues to be maintained to a good standard and it was RESOLVED to award the budget sum of £1,500 to the Wrabness Playing Field Association to maintain this parish open space during 2022. **Action: R Colley**

3155: Applications for Grants: Two applications had been received for Parish Council grants. Details had been submitted as required by our grants policy. Councillor Jones took no part in the discussion or vote.

A. Wrabness Playing Field Association – Application for £39 towards hire cost of Village Hall for fund raising Jumble Sale on Saturday 19th March. Following discussion it was decided to award a grant of £39 to support this fund raising event to be paid direct to the village hall to save double handling. **Action: R Colley**

B. Wrabness Village Hall Committee – Application for £100 grant towards the cost of hosting a public performance by Eastern Angles Theatre on 24th May. The Parish Council discussed the application and decided to support this event open to the public by awarding a grant of £100 as sought. **Action: R Colley**

3156: Parish Clerk Vacancy: As agreed at the last meeting the vacancy has been advertised on the parish council notice boards and website. It will also be advertised in the next edition of the Wrabness Village Newsletter. The closing date for applications is 30 April 2022. It was noted that a local government pay award of 1.75% is pending which will increase the hourly rate of pay for this post.

3157: Notification: A: Police Community Street Meet: will be held on Sunday 10 April between 10.30am – 11.30am at Wrabness Community Cafe or close by.

3158: Any Other Business:

A. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: The Parish Council is supportive of village celebrations to mark this historic occasion. At our last meeting two residents outlined their ideas for a village celebration for the Jubilee on Saturday 5th June. This is being progressed but as yet there is no firm plan in place. Additionally the church is planning a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 6th June followed by a community picnic in the church yard.

B. Ukraine: The Parish Council noted a communication from Essex Police regarding the current situation in GB relating to Ukraine.

3159: Reports:

HIGHWAYS: See above.	FOOTPATHS
WPFA: RC TDC will arrange the annual safety inspection of the playground equipment and fencing. JC TDC will also inspect the oak tree.	VILLAGE HALL HJ bookings increasing and the AGM will be held tomorrow.
STATION GARDEN: RC a jubilee tree will be planted in the Station Masters Garden; the Community Rail Partnership will kindly pay for this.	KIOSK JC the Spring display will be replaced with a Jubilee display later in the year.
PUBLIC HEALTH: RT A CHAPS health day has been arranged on 7 th April at Dovercourt Rugby Club. Free appointments are available. Posters have been displayed around the village.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HJ reports from the region of thefts of domestic heating oil since prices increased.
TRANSPORT: RC there is a much reduced bus service on the 103 Harwich – Colchester route. However the community bus service is currently offering an enhanced shuttle service for the rural area.	WEBSITE: RC the WPC website has attracted 17,000 hits during the past year, is kept up to date and has incurred no costs this year.
FORESHORE:	

3160: Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Village Hall Hire for March Meeting	£15.00	1170
Engraving Environment Award reimburse R Colley	£12.50	1171
Wrabness Playing Field Association – annual maintenance of recreation ground	£1,500.00	1172
Wrabness Village Hall Committee – hire charge grant £39 & grant for theatre £100	£139.00	1173

3161: Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 10th March £5,200.31

Deposit Account: Balance as at 10th March £6,709.11

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 in the Village Hall following the AGM at 7.00pm.

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Meeting closed at: 9.30pm