

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 in Wrabness Village Hall.

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

Apologies for Absence: Mr. H Jones and District Councillor Zoe Fairley.

3211: Declaration of interests: none.

Public Forum: A member of the public reported:

1. They had reported safety concerns to and were awaiting a reply from Essex Highways Department about the state of the upper section of Wheatsheaf Lane, including excessive dirt on the road, large stone blocks adjacent to the narrow carriageway, lack of visibility at the junction with Harwich Road and the seasonal growth around the telegraph pole adjacent to the junction which impedes vision in an easterly direction.

2. On Google Maps no 2 Wheatsheaf Close is marked as a free car park. A camper van has parked on the private green outside the houses to which residents object. It is understood that there is a free app that enables visitors to promote tourist features. Since the adjacent Essex Wildlife Trust Car Park has no postal address it is thought the address of the nearest house has been identified.

The Public Forum was closed.

3212: Minutes: of the meeting held on: Wednesday 27th July 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed.

3213: Matters arising and actions

A. LHP requests – (3197): the Parish Council made the following requests to the Tendring Local Highways Panel. These have been reviewed by ECC highway officers and the up-to-date position as reported by our Tendring District Councillor is as follows:

- i) Review of Speed Limits – Archived. ECC Highways is taking taken no action on our request for a review of village speed limits.
- ii) Review of Parking issues: Wall Lane, Church Road, Rectory Road – Awaiting Funding. ECC Highways will action this at a future date when funding is allocated by the LHP.
- iii) Footpaths on Harwich Road – uplifting pavement – Funded. ECC Highways have been allocated the funds to action the pavement repairs during the current funding period.
- iv) Replacement Village sign – near Harwich Road/ Wheatsheaf Lane junction – Funded. ECC Highways have been allocated the funds to replace the 'Wrabness' sign during the current funding period.

It was agreed to seek clarification about the work proposed for the funded schemes.

B. Highways issues reported online. – (3197).

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. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3197)

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

D. Footpaths: (3197)

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. (3197)

Liaison is ongoing with Bennett Homes as issues arise during the construction period.

Action: H Jones

F. Dog Litter Bins (3197):

Councillor Taylor reported the additional dog poo bin for Wheatsheaf Lane has been installed. Arrangements to be made with TDC for it to be added to the weekly dog waste collection round.

Action: R. Colley

3214: Planning Application Update: No new planning applications have been notified. The current position on outstanding applications is:

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

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

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

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

E. 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 **3215 Planning Application Types:** Tendring District Council had circulated to all parish councils a list of the different types of planning applications. The list highlights the categories of application on which parish councils may comment and those that are for information only. Parish Councillors commented that the list of applications on which local communities are not consulted seems to be growing longer.

3216: Membership of the Tendring District Association of Local Councils: an invitation has been received to renew our affiliation with TDALC, based on an annual membership fee of £20. Meetings are currently held by Zoom attended by representatives of town and parish councils to discuss issues within Tendring District. Following discussion it was resolved to renew our TDALC affiliation and nominate Council Harry Jones to continue to be our representative. **Action H Jones**

3217: Parish Clerk Vacancy: The post had been re-advertised following the July meeting but no further applications had been received. The vacancy had been recently publicised in the September edition of the Wrabness Village Newsletter. It was agreed to re-post the vacancy on the parish council notice boards and follow up any applications received. In the meanwhile the temporary arrangements to cover the vacancy will be maintained. **Action: R Colley**

3218: Information Items

A. Tendring District Council is conducting the annual review of the Register of Electors by contacting individual households throughout the District and asking for their existing entry to be updated if necessary. In order to vote at elections it is necessary to be included on the Register of Electors.

B. The Coasts and Heaths Project Team is drawing up a practical programme of work to run from October this year to the end of March 2023. Normally, they get between 3 and 10 volunteers attending and are looking for projects suitable for up to 10 people between 9:30am and 3pm. They are keen to help if the job is right! The work must meet the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty priorities and have landowner support. Contact their Countryside Projects Officer on 07920 577271 if you would like to volunteer or have a project in mind.

3219: Any Other Business

A. A letter had been received from a local resident suggesting a substantial donation be made to the Citizens Advice Bureau. This suggestion was discussed and it was noted whilst residents are at liberty to make charitable donations as they see fit, the scope for parish councils to make donations is defined by law. Given the limited size of our budget we have a published grants policy and do not ordinarily give grants to the multitude of good causes beyond the Wrabness administrative area.

B. Beach Clean Up 2022 Notification has been received that there are opportunities to participate in the Marine Conservation Society Beach Clean between Saturday 16 – Monday 25th September on the Stour Estuary northwards. Information and registration of a clean up event direct via the MCS website or phone 01989 566017. The AONB Project Team will help enquiries from individuals or organisations.

3220: Reports:

HIGHWAYS: Councillor Watkins had conducted a survey of road defects in the parish. There is a current ECC scheme relating to potholes, however most defects identified were other problems such as broken edges and humps and bumps. It was agreed that direct contact will be made with the highways office. Action: G Watkins.	FOOTPATHS
WPFA: TDC requested to review oak tree. Vandals lit three small fires on the playing field during July. Residents reacted promptly and extinguished the fires. Community policing stepped up patrols through village.	VILLAGE HALL
STATION GARDEN: As requested at the public forum at the last WPC meeting a factual article about the history of the Station Garden has been prepared & published in the latest village newsletter.	KIOSK the flower display will be replaced by a Christmas tree later in the year.
PUBLIC HEALTH:	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Police Street Meet held on Saturday 6 th August. Next Meet 26 October. Time to be confirmed.
TRANSPORT:	FORESHORE: Balhaven have reported a recent visitor incident on the shore to the police.
NEWSLETTER: September edition distributed. Closing date for next edition 25 th November	WEBSITE: During 2022 15,000 visits made to the WPC website.

3209: Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Wrabness Village Hall - September Meeting	£15.00	1189
TDALC Annual Affiliation Fee	£20.00	1190
Autoprint Village Newsletter	£155.00	1191

3210: Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 1st August £5,702.77

Deposit Account: Balance as at 21st August £6,719.44

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12th October 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Contact Wrabness Parish Council: Email: wrabness.parishweb@gmail.com Telephone 01255 880868

Meeting closed at: 8.50pm