

Wreningham Parish Council - Minutes

Meeting held on 13th January 2015 at 7.30pm held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), Elizabeth Brake, Sheldon Durant and Hilary Gautier, Jon Moon and Donald Whiterod.

In attendance

CC Foulger, the Clerk and two members of the public.

660. Apologies. DC Webster

661. Declarations of interest. None.

662. Co-option onto the Council. Paul Dalmazzo-Auckland wished to be co-opted onto the Council and the Councillors agreed. Proposed: DW, seconded: EB. He will complete his declaration of acceptance of office and pecuniary interests forms outside the meeting.

663. Open Forum. Meeting closed at 7.37pm to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident asked about the status of Fibre Optic Broadband. MH reported that BT published on their website that the upgrade is now scheduled for March 2015.

Meeting opened at 7.40pm

664. Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2014 and matters arising

The minutes from the meeting were agreed as a true record. No matters arising.

665. Administrative Issues

- Millennium Clock Service Report – Shared with the Council and retained by the Clerk.

666. Planning

- 2014/2574: Land North of Church Road – erection of new detached dwelling with double garage. Wreningham Parish Council do not support this application. The previous application for this site was considered in the light of the Parish Plan and the fact that the buildings' sale would provide financial underpinning for the developments required to sustain business at the Bird in Hand public house. Hence the Parish Council agreed to support the application for two detached and two semi-detached houses. Replacing the semi-detached houses with a detached house is contrary to the original approval and the parish plan where the intent is to downsize houses built in the village to enable younger people to remain there.
- 2014/2634: Land East of Snowdrop House, Top Row – new detached dwelling. The Parish Council request that the applicant produce a street view of the proposed development to show the roof line in relation to surrounding buildings and wish to re-iterate their desire for smaller houses as written in the Parish Plan. However, in this instance the Council do not object to development of the site as long as it is in keeping with the grade one listed cottage opposite.
- 2014/2474: Oaklands, High Road, Hapton - Conversion of barn to dwelling. Before the application for retrospective approval Wreningham Parish Council was unaware that this barn had been converted for residential use. The Council cannot say whether individuals on-site have actually lived within it nor for what period. The Council expressed concern that this should happen outside planning regulations.
Proposed: MH, seconded: DW

667. Village Maintenance

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- SAM2 data review – There were concerns that the sign is not sited in the best position within the village. MH will summarise the data for the Mardle and the website. **MH to action.** It is noted that the device has been stolen whilst in another village. An insurance claim is pending.
- Drainage in Wymondham Road – Residents have reported that the drains appeared to cope well with the recent heavy rain.
- B1113 update – In continuing the dialogue with NCC Highways, MH reported on a meeting with Highways to discuss their boundary survey (document with Clerk) and its implications. Some of the highway boundaries are encroached by hedges and vegetation and hence affecting sightlines from the junction. Landowners who need to cut back their hedges are being written to by Highways. Highways expressed concern about the fence next to Travis Perkins and will write to them too. This junction will be included in next year's Highways Road Management planning and the road surface may be upgraded in the next round of projects. However the road signs will be cleaned and repaired sooner.
- DW reported part of the road subsiding adjacent to a ditch close to his house. **MH to report to Rangers**

668. Playing Field Update

- New Play Equipment – the equipment has been installed and safety checks completed. This represents the end of the project to improve/upgrade facilities in the playing field. The 'springy' is suffering from rabbit damage around its base. **Clerk to obtain a quote for repair.**
- Dog bin update – the bin has been installed, is in use and is on the SNC schedule for emptying.

669. Finance

- Agreement of Precept 2015/16 – There was lengthy discussion and the Council identified that its unallocated reserves may not be sufficient to meet financial demands anticipated in the year ahead. It was agreed that the precept is set to ensure a £4,000 unallocated carry forward for the end of the year. The Clerk to complete the calculations and submit the request form. Proposed: SD, seconded: DW.
- A precept update was circulated and the following payments made.

Payment to	Reason	Sum £	Proposer	Second
H Frary	Expenses (November / December)	103.32	DW	HG
Zurich	Insurance for new play equipment	58.41	DW	HG
S Michlymayr	Millennium Clock Service	168.00	DW	HG
Glasdon UK	Dog bin	100.80	DW	HG
M Hill	Expenses	15.02	DW	HG
NGF Play	New Play Equipment	12,151.58	DW	HG

670. Correspondence

- SNC – Big litter pick: Taken by JM
- Local Council Award Scheme. The Clerk explained the accreditation scheme. It was decided not to proceed at this time.

671. Future Business

None

Date of Future Meetings: 10th March, 12th May (AGM and APM), 14th July, 8th September and 10th November, all at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Village Hall, Mill Lane.

Meeting closed at 8.57 9.35pm.