

Wreningham Parish Council - Minutes

Meeting held on 13th March 2012 at 7.54pm held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), Elizabeth Brake, Sheldon Durant, Gill Page (until 8.45pm), Donald Whiterod, DC Webster, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

445. Apologies: Cllr Barry Jarvis

446. Declarations of interest:

None

447. Open Forum

Meeting closed at 7.58pm to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Dobson reported that there is much erosion along Church Lane. **Mr Hill to add to the Highway Rangers itinerary.**

Lucinda Leonard from the Rural Development Council addressed the meeting. She spoke about the Good Neighbours Project where villages set up volunteer community support projects aiming to address the needs of the vulnerable in the village, for example befriending, transportation and pet care. Funding is available from SNC in the first year, and assistance will be given to secure funding for future years. If the Parish Council feel it is suitable, she can arrange a public meeting to gauge interest and look to starting a scheme within Wreningham. Once a scheme is started, there is training and police checking for volunteers and then flyers in the newsletter give contact details for people to make requests. There was discussion about the viability and need of the scheme. It was felt that the Last Wednesday Coffee morning would be a good place to find out what needs there are in the village, however an evening public meeting might be a better place to find volunteers.

The meeting was opened at 8.15 pm.

Mrs Leonard and the Clerk to liaise about an article in the Mardle (copy date 3rd week in May), and Lucinda to visit the Last Wednesday Coffee morning.

448. Minutes of meetings on 10th January and 20th February 2012

Agreed as a true record.- Proposed: Mr Durant, seconded: Ms Brake.

Item 430: Abate have provided copies of their insurance, and their agreement was signed.

Item 429: The Clerk has reported the planning concerns. SNC were aware of the issues and were already looking into any potential violations.

Item 432. The Clerk reported that the Play Project Account is now running, the signatories are the same as for the main Parish Council account.

Item 432: Mr Hill contacted Highways to discuss lowering the speed limit, however it was not fruitful.

Item 437: The Clerk to inform the Diss, Wymondham and Attleborough Mercury that all minutes are available on the village website if they are required. **Clerk to action**

449. District Councillors Report

This was given as a report at the Annual Parish Meeting

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450. Village Activity Reports

- Village issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting
- Meeting with Lotus Group plc regarding track noise – reports are on the website and the Chair informed the Council of the main issues raised. **Mr Hill to approach Lotus to ask for support for local projects.**
- Meeting held on 20th February regarding PC Planning strategy. Mr Hill reported that the Councillors had met and agreed that there was a need for the Council to consolidate their ideas. Since then he has attended training about Neighbourhood Planning, which will be rolled out into South Norfolk from March. He reported that the Parish Plan, whilst being a useful document, is not legally binding. A better alternative is a Neighbourhood Development Plan which feeds directly into South Norfolk planning procedures. He explained the process to create this document, and the possible stumbling blocks the Parish might find. There was lengthy discussion about the money and time that the Parish should commit and the level of depth needed to produce a useful document.

Mrs Gill Page left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Council should arrange a meeting to agree the way forward and look at the resources the village will need to produce the document. Proposed: Mr Durant, seconded: Mr Whiterod. **The Clerk to find a suitable date for the Councillors to meet.**

451. Planning

None.

452. Finance

- Agreement of 2012/13 budget lines. Lines were agreed as circulated. Proposed: Mr Whiterod, seconded Mr Hill
- Mrs Minns approached the Council to ask for financial support in paying the insurance to insurance costs to maintain the historic building within the village. It was agreed that as there was support from the Parish Plan, the Council would support a one off payment of £1,049 to cover the insurance. The newly appointed incumbent will be asked to speak to the Council to discuss other commercial ways to help the building to become a viable concern. Proposed: Mr Durant, seconded: Mr Whiterod.
- To consider the purchase of new Village Entry signs. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received quotes for new 'please drive carefully' signs. There was discussion about the project and it was agreed to consider in the future if the need arises. It was agreed that painting slow on Mill Lane, Church Road near the school would be positive. **Clerk to action.**
- The clerk distributed a receipts and payments summary for the year to date. The following cheques were agreed and signed.

Payment to	Reason	Sum £	Proposed	Seconded
H Frary	Expenses January / February	99.83	Mr Whiterod	Mr Durant

453. Correspondence

- None

454. Future business

Clerks appraisal to be conducted by Mr Hill and Mr Durant.

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Broadband to be added to the next agenda

Dates of Future Meetings in 2012: 15 May (Ms Brake apologies), 10 July, 11 September and 13th November all at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Village Hall, Mill Lane.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.