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Meeting held on 12th March 2013 at 7.30pm held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), Elizabeth Brake, Sheldon Durant, Jon Moon, Gill Page, Donald Whiterod, DC Webster, the Clerk and 5 members of the public.

514. Apologies: None.

515. Declarations of interest. None.

516. Open Forum. Meeting closed at 7.36pm to allow members of the public to speak.

Drainage in the village. Wymondham Road land drain is not fit for purpose and does not have the necessary capacity. Shirley Bishop, SNC Flooding Officer, has agreed to undertake a full survey of the pipes to find out their diameters and Richard Hendry, NCC, has looked at the flow issues in the culvert and will come back to look at the other further issues. The PC will provide support if requested. Hethel Road is flooding at the junction with Church Road and some 50m from there. Jon Moon has been investigating and will take the lead to explore resolution with the Highway Rangers and immediate landowners.

DC Webster informed the Council of projects within SNC. She noted that they have held their budget meeting and frozen council tax again. There is a big investment into renovating market towns leisure facilities and public toilets.

A resident asked why the directional sign which was on Harveys Corner has been moved from the triangle to the roadside verge. **Clerk to ask Highways for the reason.**

Meeting opened at 7.52pm

517. Minutes of meetings held on 8th January and matters arising.

Item 505: The clerk has spoken to SNC to report beech hedging at Harvey's Corner, and it was noted that the planning application had been amended to allow this. It was agreed that every planning application response should have a specific reference to environment policy planning. Wording to be discussed and agreed at the July meeting. **To be added to the July agenda.**

Item 506: Replacement end caps for the youth shelter received and those missing replaced.

Item 506: Skate ramp repairs are in hand. **Carry forward**

Item 506: Play area inspections are being undertaken on a monthly rota by Jon Moon, Claire Cormack and another volunteer. Reports to be completed and returned to the clerk.

Item 510: The Village Hall Committee are aware that there is a tree which may need maintenance and they will deal with it in due course.

Item 511: It was agreed for MH to redraft the wording for the playing field sign and the clerk to order two signs. Proposed: DH, seconded: GP

Item 511: It was agreed that the school should be invoiced for line marking for this financial year. Proposed: SD, seconded: JM. **Clerk to action**

Item 511: It was agreed that the contract for mole control on the Playing field should be awarded to Gary Lake, and Abate's contract should be cancelled. Proposed EB, seconded DW.

Clerk to action

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Item 513: MH to visit County Archive.

518. Planning

- 2013/0132: Beech Tree Cottage, Top Row. Demolition of existing timber outbuildings and erection of single storey extension to south of dwelling. No views or comments.
- 2013/0225: Steetley House, Wymondham Road. Enlargement of existing single storey rear extension. No views or comments.
- 2012/2262: Oak Lodge, Plot 2, Hethel Road. Change of use of land to garden land. The Council accepted the change of use in principle but were concerned about hedges both composition and as reported on the application form as item 15. MH to review Ian Dobsons & meeting's comments before responding on behalf of the Council. **MH to action. Post meeting note** – (and see item 505 above.) MH drew on the meeting's comments and the Parish Plan to respond to SDC. In particular, highlighting the need to maintain “mixed” hedging within the parish and specifically for this application. Comments agreed by all – proposed: MH, seconded: DW

It was not know if there is any specific policy to ensure that any hedges are replaced by mixed native hedges. **DC Webster to investigate and report back.**

519 Report back from Land Registry searches

The Village Hall plot is now registered with the Land Registry and the original documents will be returned to County Archive. Documents to register the ‘Reading Room’ were handed to the Clerk for the Land Registry submission. **Clerk to action**

520. Village Maintenance

- Village Sign – JM has obtained the quotes and will co-ordinate the work.
- Consideration of quotes for tree inspection by qualified Arboriculturalist – The Clerk obtained a quote for a tree survey for £252 + VAT and a second quote for £450 + VAT. She tried to obtain other quotes but no other company was able to undertake the work. It was noted that inspections should be undertaken at different times of year. Contract to be awarded to Andrew Coombes. Proposed: JM, seconded: SD
- Repainting of Village Telephone Box – The Clerk to chase BT to find when they will be repainting the box and express concerns as the box is leaning dangerously. **Clerk to action.**
- Highway Rangers – Next visit is 1st week in April. MH to update the request for work e.g. re-instate Top Row / B1113 junction displaced leading kerb-stone; inspect deterioration in carriageway approach to same junction. The pot holes on Church Road have been repaired.

521. Playing Field Update

- Playing Field signs – see item 517.
- Play Area Inspection update – see item 517.

522. Finance

Payment to	Reason	Sum £	Proposed	Seconded
HMRC	PAYE	118.05	GP	EB
M Hill	Expenses	24.14	GP	EB
H Frary	Expenses	78.27	GP	EB
Land Registry	Land Registration Costs	30.00	GP	EB
H Frary	Padlock and key	44.19	GP	EB

523. Correspondence

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- Crime statistics for Wreningham were distributed and retained by the clerk. It was noted that traffic obstructions from Travis Perkins remain a major concern and were discussed in depth. **MH to discuss with Travis Perkins.**

524. Future Business

None

Dates of Future Meetings: 14 May (**7pm start**), 9 July, 10 September and 12 November 2013. All at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Village Hall, Mill Lane.

14th May – Annual Parish Meeting 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.