

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2014 at 8.00pm in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

17 members of the public. The meeting was chaired by Mr Michael Hill

Apologies: Mr Sheldon Durrant, Mr Barry Jarvis, Mr John Bligh, Mrs Claire Cormack and PCSO James King

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Parish Council - Michael Hill

Michael reported as the Chair of the Parish Council. His report is attached to the signed minutes.

Mrs Bonner reported that she and other residents are keen on replacing the telephone box as a landmark for the Parish. There have been suggestions of uses including housing a defibrillator. The project will be spearheaded by Mrs Bonner and supported by the Council.

The Clerk to find BT contacts for Mr Harvey.

Home Watch and Local Policing- Ian Dobson

Ian reported on behalf of the Homewatch scheme. The scheme has co-ordinators through the village, with a vacancy for Ashwellthorpe Road. If you see anything suspicious please call 101. He expressed his regret that the PCSO's cannot attend Parish meetings due to budget cuts and also noted that there is very little support for the scheme from Norfolk Constabulary.

ID to invite S Bett to attend a meeting to explain his lack of support.

The Clerk reported that PCSO King will not be attending Parish Meetings however distributed a report which she read to the meeting. It was agreed his offer of security marking would be taken forward co-ordinated by I Dobson. **Clerk to inform PCSO King.**

Play Ground Group - Claire Cormack

Mrs Cormack could not attend the meeting but supplied a report - attached to the signed minutes.

Last Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Irene Moore

I Dobson reported that coffee morning is still running but needs more support as attendance is generally low.

Wreningham Website - Barry Jarvis

Mr Jarvis did not attend the meeting or supply a report.

Tree Warden - Ian Dobson

Ian reported as tree warden. He noted that it has been very quiet. He is looking for signs of Ash dieback but thankfully there appears to be no sign on it in the Parish. He will be completing his annual tree inspection and completes a three yearly report for the Council. He has attended three meetings at SNC this year.

High House Farm is for sale, but I Dobson has made the agent aware of the Community Orchard on the plot and is hoping that the new owners will allow the Orchard to remain.

Village Hall Management Committee - John Bligh

Mr Bligh could not attend the meeting so Ms Minns reported on his behalf. Report attached to the signed minutes.

Wreningham Social Club - Ian Holloway

A number of activities occurred during the year including social club nights. Staffed bars are a major source of income and the club are always looking for ways to extend their offers for the community.

Ashwren Players - Val Keel

Mrs Keel reported that the pantomime this year was very well received involving 21 actors and 5 back stage crew. There are currently low numbers particularly with young / middle aged people. There are plans for this year's pantomime but the show has not yet been finalised.

Wreningham Fuel Trust - Christine Minns

Ms Minns reported as the Clerk to the Fuel Trust. Her report is attached to the signed minutes.

Planning Review Group - Ian Dobson

There have been very few applications so there is nothing to report.

Wreningham Church - Christine Minns

Ms Minns reported as Church Warden. Her report is attached to the signed minutes.

Parent and Toddler Group - Claire Cormack

Mrs Cormack could not attend the meeting. Her report is attached to the signed minutes.

Flower Club - Sue Rudd

Mrs Rudd did not attend the meeting or send a report.

Short mat bowls - Sue Sayers

Mrs Sayers reported that the bowls club is still running however she is the only member from within the Parish. There is a shortage of members and all are welcome to attend.

Wreningham School - Rob Jones, Headmaster

Mr Rob Jones, Head teacher of Wreningham Primary School reported that there are currently 94 on role with 16 planned to join in September. The school is near to capacity which helps the school budget and they are currently buoyant. The Village Hall and Church is used for various events in the school year, many of which are open to village residents. The school have links with Fundenhall and are designing a stained glass window. Future plans include linking with a school in South Africa, upgrading the computers, a didgeridoo day and developing a nature garden. There is a current shortage of MSA's and interested people to contact the school for more information. The School have an active Friends Society and School Council.

Friends of the School - Alison Thompson

Ms Thompson reported that recent events include an Easter Fair and disco. The next fundraising project will be for computer equipment and events will include a raffle.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Ian Dobson

Ian Dobson reported that the project is now complete. The remainder of the funds were due to be spent on a celebratory DVD for the village, however this project has not happened and

so passed the remainder of the Jubilee account finances (£642.41) to the Parish Council to be used for another project within the village.

South Norfolk District Councillor - Laura Webster

Laura Webster reported that SNC have frozen their Council tax again. Savings have been made by developing land for housing and commercial properties. New recycling lorries have been introduced which will be cheaper to run and allow more items to be put into the recycling bins. The Local Plan Site Specifics Policy has been submitted. Big impact on planning side – policy will give a greater weight to refuse plans which are not suitable for the area. New CIL will be introduced soon giving a levy on each new dwelling. New developments should produce £100 per dwelling for Parish Councils. The Neighbourhood Board will be changing the way they allocate funding, and every District Councillor will be allocated £1,000 for projects in their wards. This will be confirmed on 19th May and then information will be circulated to Parishes.

5th June

County Councillor - Colin Foulger

Colin Foulger reported that NCC is no longer running along a Cabinet system but is using a Widicombed Committee Structure with 5 main committees each comprising of 17 Councillors. The membership of each Committee will be finalised in due course. The County Council have a huge financial shortfall from the failed incinerator project which must be addressed in the future. MH thanked Colin for attending every Parish Council meeting becoming involved in the issues facing residents.

Closing - Michael Hill

Michael thanked all for attending.

A record of this meeting will be posted on the Wreningham websites.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm