

**Wreningham Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 2016
Minutes**

Held on 10 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present:

Four parish councillors, District Councillor Phil Hardy, County Councillor Colin Foulger, PCSO Darrin Sore, Mr Rob Jones and two members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Michael Hill

Apologies: Hilary Gauthier

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of this meeting and the various reports will be posted on the Wreningham website.

District Council – Phil Hardy

Phil noted that £150 was paid to the parish council from his ward member's budget during the year. This was towards the cost of a new laptop to help the parish council deal with planning applications after the District Council took the decision to not issue paper plans. Phil has £1000 to disperse throughout his parishes this year and encouraged the parish council to apply, should they have a suitable project.

County Council – Colin Foulger

Colin submitted a written report highlighting some of the issues and achievements at the County Council during the last year.

Police – PCSO Darrin Sore

PCSO Sore reported that he patrols the school at pick up / drop off time when he can, to help with traffic issues. For the year May 2014 to April 2015 Wreningham had four reported crimes and this increased to six for the year May 2015 to April 2016. PCSO Sore reported that these figures are average for a village of Wreningham's size. PCSO Sore can be contacted via the non-emergency number 101.

Parish Council – Michael Hill

Michael reported as the Chair of the Parish Council.

Wreningham School – Rob Jones, Headteacher

Rob reported that dangerous parking remains an issue at the school. PCSO Sore helps with his patrols and the problem is often referred to in school newsletters. Cones have been purchased and are deployed on the roadside near the school which may help. Parents are encouraged to park at the village hall and to adopt a one way system into and out of the village when dropping off and picking up. The children are sitting their SATS at the moment, hopefully the results will build on the strong 2015 achievements. The Government's policy for academy schools is ongoing, it appeared that schools rated "good" or "outstanding" by OFSTED would not need to become academies but recent information received contradicts this and it seems all schools may be required to convert after all. The school has established close links with Fundenhall and children

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sometimes go to the Church at Fundenhall, although the transport cost is in excess of £100 per trip. Children have also visited the Church at Wreningham this year. The school has achieved the status of an Eco-school, meaning that the children show ecological awareness.

Teachers work hard to keep the curriculum as interesting as possible: the school had a “UFO crash site” report earlier in the year; there has been a trip to Norwich Castle,;a trip to the beach is planned for the summer; and, the school hope to use Longs Wood, for some forest activities.

Ashwren Players – Val Keel

Val reported that the group now has members from Wreningham, Ashwellthorpe, Mulbarton, Tacolneston and Hethersett. The 2016 pantomime was Hansel & Gretel. The Players were pleased to attract some new members for this, especially in the form of some young people. The pantomime was a real joint effort but there was no director and it was felt that this role was sorely missed. The pantomime supported a coach from the East Coast Truckers to attend and, even taking this into account, a £5 profit was made. There may be a murder mystery put on around October 2016 and this will be followed by a pantomime in February 2017.

Wreningham Church – Christine Minns

Christine reported as Church Warden.

Last Wednesday Coffee Mornings – Christine Minns

Reported by Christine.

Village Hall Management Committee – Michael Hill

Michael Hill presented the report as the chair of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Wreningham Fuel Trust – Christine Minns

Christine reported that two payments of £250 and £200 were made during the last year, as well as 23 payments of £125 each. Michael Hill asked if the charity might consider widening its interpretation of its charitable scope to encompass “energy” and related costs. Christine felt that the Trustees would consider all fuel and energy related requests.

Short mat bowls – Sue Sayers

Sue provided a written report.

Closing – Michael Hill

Michael thanked all for attending.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm