

You are hereby summonsed to attend the meeting of WRENINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**12 September 2017 at 7.30pm Margaret Preston Room****AGENDA**

863 To consider apologies for absence

864 To receive declarations of interest

865 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors.

866 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (11 July 2017)

867 Administrative Issues

- ☞ Telephone box adoption
- ☞ CIL – suggestions received and future spending consideration – including notice-board, road signs, archaeological dig and village hall improvements

868 Planning

- Planning applications received
 - None
- Planning comments submitted between meetings
 - 2017/1711 – Fairview, Wymondham Rd – Two storey extension
- Planning decisions and other information
- Draft Norfolk Strategic Framework document consultation

869 Village Maintenance and Highways

- Church Rd
- Parish Partnership Scheme
- Asset maintenance and Millennium Clock
- Play area

870 Finance

- To receive the financial report and external audit report
- To approve attendance at the “Public Sector Mapping Agreement Conference”
- To approve the clerk’s annual increment – effective 1 September 2017
- To approve the following payments:
 - Clerks Wages – Aug & Sep £308.74
 - Clerks tax Q2 £153.40
 - Mazars – External audit £120.00
 - Upper Tas Valley Benefice £ 12.00

871 Correspondence

- CPRE – Vision for Norfolk
- Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm
- Oak with TPO on Church Rd
- Community Governance Consultation – Phase 2

872 Date of next meeting – 14 November 2017

Balance @ 16 June 2017	Community Account	£ 27,593.08
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Income received	Phone box grant	£ 100.00
		£ 100.00
Cheques presented	Village Hall	100200 £ 1,500.00
	A Rayner Jun/Jul sal	100201 £ 304.79
	Post Office Q1 tax	100202 £ 76.00
	P D Askham	100206 £ 445.00
	K Isaacs - bin stickers	100203 £ 220.00
	EPS Ltd	100204 £ 744.18
	BT	100205 £ 1.00
		£ 3,290.97
	Balance	£ 24,402.11
	Balance of bank statement	£ 24,402.11
Unpresented cheques		
Balances at end of period	Community Account	£ 24,402.11
Balance brought forward from 2016/17		£ 13,630.66
Receipts year to date		£ 15,633.41
Payments year to date		£ 4,861.96
Balance @ 18 August 2017		£ 24,402.11

	INCOME		
	Budget	Actual to 18.08.2017	Percentage
Precept	£ 8,611.00	£ 4,305.50	50.0%
C Tax grant	£ 244.00	£ 244.00	100.0%
SNC grant	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,600.00	
HMRC	£ 100.00		0.0%
CIL	£ 8,246.00	£ 9,483.91	
Sundry			
Totals	£ 18,701.00	£ 15,633.41	83.6%

	EXPENDITURE		
	Budget	Actual to 18.08.2017	Percentage
Administration	£ 1,500.00	£ 892.22	59.5%
Salary	£ 2,264.00	£ 685.78	30.3%
Donations	£ 2,460.00	£ 1,500.00	61.0%
Subscriptions	£ 180.00	£ 177.89	98.8%
Maintenance	£ 2,625.00	£ 1,446.15	55.1%
Training	£ 100.00		0.0%
VAT	£ 60.00	£ 159.92	266.5%
Total	£ 9,189.00	£ 4,861.96	52.9%

Church Road Wreningham

Nigel Rudd <narudd@sky.com>

26 July 2017 at 21:40

To: wrendriff@gmail.com

Dear Mr Hill

I do hope that you and your colleagues on the Parish Council continue to monitor the state of Church Road by the new All Saints Meadow Development because the residents concerns at the outset about the continuing decline in banks and verges have been seen to be fully justified. There has been yet further damage in the last 24 hours to parts of the trod and the bank by our oak tree. This will simply continue as the road is not wide enough for coaches, lorries the additional cars and other large vehicles and something needs to be done to protect property and pedestrians. One solution put forward is to make Church Road one way from Spratts corner through to the Bird in Hand and for Mill Road to be one way from Spratts corner to Travis Perkins depot. I and others look forward to your comments on this suggestion and any other solution you consider relevant as someone needs to take responsibility for the care and maintenance of the village.

*With kind regards**Nigel Rudd*

Mr Rudd,

With reference to your e-mail of 26th July 2017 regarding your concerns about Church Road traffic, the trod, your oak tree and the care and maintenance of the village.

The Parish Council is one venue for instigating action in response to requests by parishioners, South Norfolk Council (SNC) and Norfolk County Council (NCC) as well as other agencies. Our minutes record how we take parishioners' concerns and try to find solutions for them. Specifically, you will have read the Council's minutes with respect to the Church road development, from its earliest proposal. Indeed the minutes of the 30th November 2015 show that we objected to the development and specifically consider that a proper footpath with roadside kerbing is required for pedestrian safety, maintaining road definition and for resisting verge erosion. This is a position we have maintained with the builders, developers, SNC and NCC. I have met these organisations on several occasions to ensure appropriate care and maintenance of the whole village – including Church Road.

Three weeks ago, I invited the newly appointed NCC Highways Area Engineer to the village. We toured the village to observe and discuss a wide variety of matters. We did examine your oak tree and he was of the opinion that it was not suffering any damage. The trod he considered not fit for purpose and unlikely to be accepted by NCC Highways for their long term responsibility and maintenance. He has written, as have I, to the builders requesting a rethink and redesign of the trod to harden it (possibly by the introduction of kerbing) and help it withstand encroachment by vehicles. This action would delineate the roadside and reduce damage by vehicles. (Today, I was copied in on an e-mail from the developer instructing their project manager to investigate the trod and to report back.)

He also commented that the south side of Church Road, opposite the development, had a number of examples of overgrown hedging encroaching onto the road. This, he felt would make drivers more likely to move towards the middle of the road to avoid their vehicles hitting the hedges. This would reduce the effective width of the road. He suggested that we approach residents to trim their hedges – you will read such a request in the latest Mardle.

You suggest implementing a one way system through the village to manage traffic along Church Road. Notwithstanding any arguments for or against this proposal, it is necessary to work through NCC Highways which would involve The Highways Agency and The Department for Transport. The Parish Council has experience of liaising with NCC regarding changing road management regulations for roads near the village by negotiating inclusion of the issue in the Norfolk Traffic Management Plan (TMP). This took several years plus significant information about the road use and accidents on the B1113 (see our website for details). Once on the TMP, an issue would normally take 2 to 3 years to work through committees and decision making bodies to effect any change, if adopted, and cost in the region of £30,000. This looked hopeful for a few months but Norfolk CC made budget changes and all the funding for the TMP disappeared. We are still on the TMP, but no funding means no action.

You should be aware through the village website, the Mardle, our agenda and minutes that the Parish Council takes care and maintenance of the village very seriously. The development on Church Road (from its inception), and the state of the trod have been been a priority at Parish Council meetings. I also note, that whilst the Parish Council opposed the development, a small

number of residents were present at meetings held with South Norfolk Council. In particular, SNC's final planning committee meeting dealing with the planning application, which I attended and presented the Parish Council's rationale for opposing it.

The care and maintenance of Wreningham and Top Row has always been, and remains, the Parish Council's priority with a great deal of Councillors' time given freely to the village. We also have a small but committed group of volunteers who are equally generous with their support and time.

The Parish Council is a representative body for the village, but it does not operate in isolation. We encourage parishioners to own issues they identify and work with us to address them. You have written as the representative of Church Road residents and as such I welcome your efforts to co-ordinate your neighbours to define the traffic problem(s) and to identify the solution(s) for them. As mentioned, persuading NCC of the need to take action will require evidence to support the proposals.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 12th September at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room at the Village Hall.

Regards,

Michael Hill
Chair, Wreningham Parish Council
31st July 2017

cc: WPC Councillors
Clerk