

Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall
on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr J Moon, Cllr K Morris, Cllr H Graves

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
County Councillor Colin Foulger
8 members of the public

883 To consider apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr

Gauthier.

884 To receive declarations of interest – None to declare.

885 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors – District Councillor Foulger reported that he has been discussing the issue of a school safety barrier with the Highways Officer, following an incident where a car mounted the pavement at the school, last year. The cost is £1800 and Councillor Foulger has confirmed he will fund this project from his Member's allowance. This was gratefully acknowledged by Councillors. Councillor Foulger also reported that he has received complaints from a resident relating to the state of the verges along Top Row. Councillors confirmed that this is due to the works being carried out by Anglian Water but that Anglian Water are expected to make good the verges when the work in particular areas is complete. Councillor Foulger confirmed that Highways would inspect such work prior to the contractors finishing completely. The Chairman reported that he has written to our contact at Anglian Water regarding mud left on the several roads in the village. This was acknowledged on 2 January but there has been no further feedback since then.

Whilst discussing Highways issues, the Chairman reiterated the current status of the trod path on Church Road. Our Highways Engineer has acknowledged that the maintenance of the trod does lay with Highways but there are simply not the funds available to upgrade it from a trod path, certainly not during this financial year. The Highways Engineer had reported that he expects to restore the trod to the agreed planning application specification. The Chairman considered that in the long term we would return to this position repeatedly. Councillor Foulger agreed to speak to Highways about an alternative and longer lasting solution.

886 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (14 November 2017)

The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.

887 Administrative Issues

After the publication of the agenda, the parish council received confirmation that the consultation period relating to the Greater Norwich Local Plan was open between 8 January and 15 March 2018. The link to the website is: <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/> Comments can be submitted.

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The Chairman also reported that South Norfolk Council asked for feedback on how the £1500 for the Broadband Community Hub was spent and if any points of interest were noted during the project. A report has been drafted and will be submitted to SNC. The Chairman passed on his thanks to David Kirk for all his help with this project and his contribution to the report.

888 Planning

▪ Planning applications received

- **2017 / 2828 – Land adj Fairlands, Top Row – 1.5 storey domestic dwelling and garage** – Councillors objected to this application on the grounds that is outside the development boundary for the village.
- **2017 / 2831 – Land adj to Village Hall – Change of use to paddock & stable (revised)** – Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the comments submitted from the parish council in relation to the previous application (2017/1979) still stood with the addition that a connection to mains sewerage is unnecessary.
- **2017 / 2769 – Honeysuckle House, church Rd – single storey rear extension** – It was noted during the meeting that this application has already been approved by South Norfolk Council. Whilst Councillors did not object to the plans, it is concerning that the parish council did not get an opportunity to comment. The clerk will write to South Norfolk Council regarding this, with a copy to District Councillor Hardy. **Action AR.**

▪ Planning comments submitted between meetings – None

▪ Planning decisions and other information

889 Village Maintenance and Highways

- **Church Road – trod path etc** – Discussed during the open forum.
- **Play area surfacing** – An alternative quote has been received regarding the surfacing at the play area, and, on 9 January the full annual inspection of the play area had been received. This highlighting the surface area issues, all of which were listed as low risk or very low risk. The Councillors agreed that although this needed to be addressed the inspection report indicated the surface was not a matter for urgency. Since both quotations offered different approaches, it was agreed that the clerk will look at other surfaces, possibly Bracon Ash and Mulbarton, and report back at the next meeting. **Action AR.**
- **Church Road hedge trimming** - This project has been completed, thanks to all those involved.
- **Continuing Anglian Water works** – Discussed during open forum.
- **SAM2** – Barnham Broom Parish Council have indicated they would be interested in buying Wreningham Parish Council out of their shared ownership of the SAM2. Councillors agreed that cost of that should be £287.50, which was the original amount paid. **Action AR.**
- **Footpath 10** – The footpath warden reported that a letter sent to the landowner by NCC's Countryside Access officer has not been responded to. The question is whether or not to pursue the case of access to FP10 on the side of the ditch where it is originally shown on the definitive map. It was agreed that the Chairman and the footpath warden will try to make contact with the landowner one more time before a final decision is made. **Action MH & FW**

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- **Telephone box** – Progress is being made, with thanks to Cllrs Glaves and Morris and residents David Minns and Noel Course. The quotes to replace glass panels and install shelving have come in at a little higher than the original grant of £150 and Cllr Morris asked the parish council if they would support the project to a total sum of £400. Councillor Foulger advised he has some funds available from South Norfolk Council and would be happy to support this project. Cllrs gratefully accepted this offer and the clerk will write to Cllr Foulger formally requesting the funds. Councillors agreed that they are happy to proceed on this basis, with Cllr Foulger contributing £200, the original grant of £150 and they would increase to £200. **Action AR.**

890 Finance

- **To receive the financial report** – The report was received and approved.
- **To agree the precept level for 2018 and complete SNC documentation** – The budget and precept level were discussed at the last meeting, however, a final decision was not made as the tax base figures were not available. Some items within the budget were analysed again, including the funds set aside for a WW1 centenary commemoration event. The Chairman advised that, should anyone wish to organise this, initial details would need to be heard at the meeting in March. It was agreed to leave the precept level at £8611. The clerk will submit the documentation to South Norfolk Council. **Action AR.**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100215	£312.68	A Rayner	Dec & Jan salary
100216	£ 78.20	HMRC	Q3 tax
100217	£120.00	South Norfolk Council	Dog waste bin

All payments were unanimously approved.

891 Correspondence

- **Norfolk Playing Fields Association** – The parish council have been invited to join the Norfolk Playing Fields Association. Annual membership is £20. The Parish Council agreed to join for one year to assess the benefits of membership. Payment is due on 1 April 2018. **Action AR.**
- **Taxi service to Wymondham** – Some time ago the owner of a taxi firm in Ashwellthorpe, First Class Taxis, offered to take residents of Wreningham to Wymondham and back on a nominated day of the week for £1. At least four residents have expressed an interest in this idea. The clerk will speak to the owner to see how to proceed. **Action AR.**

892 Date of next meeting – 13 March 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.