

Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr K Morris, Cllr H Gauthier, Cllr H Glaves, Cllr S Lidington

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Phil Hardy
County Councillor Colin Foulger
40 members of the public

- 1 To consider apologies for absence** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Moon.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest** – Councillor Gauthier declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda – planning application 2019 / 0471.
- 3 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors** – County Councillor Colin Foulger reported that Norfolk County Council are beginning the procedure to reduce the 50mph speed limit on the stretch of the B1113 at Wreningham, to 40mph.

District Councillor Phil Hardy summarised the recent planning committee meeting regarding application 2018 / 1658 and expressed his disappointment that the application was approved, with 6 members voting for approval and 3 members objecting.

The Chairman asked about the procedure for ensuring that suitable tenants are placed in the Saffron Housing property opposite the school. Councillor Hardy confirmed that he will speak to Saffron Housing regarding this matter.

Members of the public present spoke about the possibility of moving forward with a judicial review, following the decision by South Norfolk Council to approve planning application 2018 / 1658. A quote of £1250 plus VAT has been received to give a legal opinion on whether or not there are grounds for a review. The parish council agreed that they would listen to all of the relevant information and then make a decision as part of point 6 on the agenda. The matter was discussed at some length.

Another member of the public asked if anything could be done to resolve problems caused by parking in and around the school at pick up / drop off time. Unfortunately, drivers are blocking drives, sometimes even parking in driveways and when challenged, residents are subject to a volley of abuse. The clerk said that she has written on multiple occasions to the police, the district council and the county council and recently to Richard Bacon MP, regarding this matter. The response from all of them has been disappointing and there seems little appetite from any of the public services to tackle this issue. One resident suggested that parking on the village hall car park has been more awkward since the far end was blocked off. The Chairman advised that this was only done to try to stop 'boy racers' meeting on the car park at night but that he would pass the suggestion for change to the village hall committee. Others present felt that this would have little effect, as it appeared that most people dropping off / picking up are unwilling to walk the short distance to the village hall, even when there are ample spaces available. **Action MH.**

4 To approve the minutes of the last meetings (8 January 2019) - The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.

5 Administrative Issues

- **Policy Reviews – Financial Regulations, General Risk Assessment, Play Area Inspection Policy, Statement and Review of Internal Control** – Some minor amendments were suggested to the General Risk Assessment and the Play Area Inspection Policy. The other two documents need no changes. The clerk will update the policies. **Action AR.**
- **To hear information relating to the forthcoming elections** – The clerk highlighted the important dates in relation to the elections in May. Councillor Gauthier confirmed that she will not be standing, after 6 years as a member of the parish council. The Chairman thanked Councillor Gauthier for all her work. The Chairman also appealed to the members of the public present that, if the existing members all stand again, there will still be two vacancies on the parish council and anyone interested in applying can contact the clerk for more information.
- **To agree the appointment for the 2018/19 internal audit** – The parish council resolved to ask Trevor Wadlow to undertake the internal audit again this year. The clerk will send the appropriate appointment letter. **Action AR.**

6 Planning

- **Planning applications received**
 - **2019 / 0471 – Applewood, Wymondham Rd – Erection of two storey extension and single storey rear extension with external alterations** – Councillors agreed they had no objections to this application.
- **Planning comments agreed between meetings:**
 - **2019 / 0118 – Beaumaris, Ashwellthorpe Rd – Replace flat roof with apex roof on extension and coal store attached to garage** – Councillors did not object to this application.
- **Planning information**
 - **2018 / 1658 – Land adjacent to Village hall** – The Chairman gave a brief summary of the planning committee meeting and also noted the conditions attached to the planning permission granted.
 - **To consider a potential Judicial Review** – Following discussion, the parish council agreed to support the first stage towards a judicial review, i.e. obtaining a legal opinion from a Barrister as to the likelihood of success. The parish council agreed to pay 50% of the fee, to a maximum of £750 including VAT.
 - **To consider the payment for the village group's advisor** – The Chairman confirmed that the invoice had been received from the advisor acting on behalf of the village group. Contributions from those who had indicated that they were willing to pay could now be received. The Chairman recommended that they contact Masha Smith to make arrangements.
 - **Planning decisions – none**

7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- **To consider purchasing a noticeboard for Penny Green** – It was agreed to purchase a new noticeboard from CIL funds. **Action AR.**

8 Finance

- **To receive the financial report** – The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved.
- **To approve the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100261	£ 393.60	A Rayner	Feb & Mar salary
100262	£ 16.80	HMRC	Q4 tax
100263	£ 26.39	B Jarvis	Web hosting

All payments were unanimously approved.

9 Correspondence

- **Complaint to Barclays Bank** – The clerk reported that a complaint has been raised with Barclays Bank following an issue raised regarding the mandate change that took place in October 2015.

10 Date of next meeting – 14 May 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.