

Wreningham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr K Morris, Cllr H Graves, Cllr S Lidington, Cllr J Lambourne

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillors Nigel Legg, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson and Gerald Francis  
County Councillor Colin Foulger  
8 members of the public

**1 To consider apologies for absence – None to report.**

**2 To receive declarations of interest – None to report.**

**3 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors –** County Councillor Colin Foulger reported that the new cabinet system being operated by Norfolk County Council has resulted in fewer committee meetings. The next full council meeting is on 15 July and, until then, there is little to report.

All three District Councillors, Nigel Legg, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson and Gerald Francis, were present but reported that the intention is for one or two to attend future meetings. Councillor Clifford-Jackson reported that Funding is available for large projects from the South Norfolk Council Community Action Fund. The deadline date for applications for this is 20 August. Each member has a grant budget of £1000. Precepted organisations can no longer be awarded grants from the member's budget but they can accept funds temporarily, for example, on behalf of organisations who are in the process of setting up a bank account. 'Go for it' and table tennis grants are also still available. Councillor Legg reported that the GNLP sites put forward are being considered and there should be a further consultation period in September / October. Councillor Clifford Jackson asked if the parish council had considered a neighbourhood plan. The Chairman confirmed that the parish council had considered the option in the past but the parishes such as Cringleford which do have a neighbourhood plan, do not seem to be protected from unwanted planning, so there seemed to be little benefit.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden, reported that the gentleman who cuts the grass in the Churchyard has recently had to trade in his mower for an alternative second hand machine. As the amount he charges for grass cutting is very reasonable, Christine asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute anything towards the cost of the replacement mower. Following discussion, Christine was asked to establish the cost of the mower and related on-going costs. The Parish Council would consider this further at their next meeting.

The Chairman asked the District and County Councillors present if either authority had a policy or a plan relating to Ash dieback. It appears that whilst neither authority does, the most recent advice from Defra is not to cut the trees down as some do seem to be regenerating.

**4 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (14 May 2019) –** Councillor Lidington reported that the item in the May minutes regarding responsibility for the hedging in front of the houses on

Church Road was not quite correct. The clerk will revise this item and the minutes can be approved at the September meeting. **Action AR.**

Whilst discussing hedging, it was noted that hedges and foliage are encroaching on to the highway in some parts of the village. It was agreed to place an item in the Mardle, reminding householders to keep their boundary foliage from overhanging and encroaching into the road. Councillor Graves confirmed he would be happy to undertake a leaflet drop.

## 5 Administrative Issues

- **To co-opt, following vacancies not filled as a result of the recent uncontested election** – Jon Moon was co-opted back onto the parish council and signed the declaration.

## 6 Planning

- **Planning applications received**
  - **2019/1287 – Oak House, Wymondham Rd – Rear extension** – Councillors agreed that they had no objections to this application.
- **Planning decisions – None to report**
- **Planning comments submitted between meetings – None to report**

## 7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- **Parish Partnership Scheme 2020/21** – The clerk reported that the Highways Parish Partnership Scheme is running again this year. The Parish Council has until December 2019 to submit a bid. Councillors agreed to identify appropriate projects.
- **Noticeboard** – The new noticeboard has been delivered, unfortunately with the wrong lock. The company have offered a partial refund or a replacement lock but the board would need to be sent back in order to do this. Councillors agreed they would prefer to have the correct lock. The clerk will arrange for the company to contact Councillor Graves to make the arrangements for the board to be collected.
- **Church clock service and consider re-sync unit** – The clock is due to be serviced in August, which the parish council agreed to proceed with. There is also the option of having a re-sync unit fitted. This would restart the clock after a power failure and would also automatically carry out the Summer and Winter time changes. The cost would be £560 plus VAT. The parish council opted not to purchase a re-sync unit.
- **Grit bin** – The clerk has asked Highways about the installation of the grit bin again. Highways have confirmed that the bin will be in place before the grit is delivered this year but it is not seen as a high priority or urgent job, hence the delay.
- **Drainage** – There is a major drain which funnels from the west side of the village into a gully under the railway cutting and then on to Wymondham Road. It appears that the developers working at the site of the new houses at the top of Wymondham Road may have filled this drainage channel in. The clerk will contact SNC regarding this. **Action AR.**
- **Top Row / Mill Lane maintenance** – The Chairman reported a damaged manhole cover to Highways this time last year. Cones appeared at the site and have remained there ever since. On chasing this up recently, the Chairman received a response

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stating 'the landowner has been written to'. County Councillor Foulger asked the Chairman to pass this information on to him, for further investigation.

## 8 Finance

- To receive the financial report – Noted.
- To acknowledge notification of exemption status from the external auditor - Noted
- To approve the following payments:

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100270	£1005.00	Acorn Workshop	Noticeboard
100271	£ 424.96	A Rayner	Salary Jun & July

## 9 To consider correspondence

- Review of polling districts and stations - No change is proposed for Wreningham.

## 10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17 September 2019.

Just before the meeting closed, the issue of noise from the Lotus track was raised. It was reported that excessive noise, particularly on Sundays, is being heard by Church Road / Hethel Road residents particularly. A calendar of events is available online and Councillor Legg confirmed he would raise the matter at the forthcoming Bracon Ash Parish Council meeting and report back.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm**