

Minutes of the meeting of Wreningham Parish Council
held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall
on Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr S Lidington, Cllr J Lambourne, Cllr H Glaves, Cllr Keith Morris

Parish Clerk Nicky Allen
District Councillors Nigel Legg, Gerald Francis
14 members of the public

1 To consider apologies for absence - Apology received and accepted from Jon Moon.

2 To receive declarations of interest – none reported

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

Cllr Gerald Francis reported that current SNDC focus is on the upcoming elections. Cllr confirmed SNDC still has grants left available that Parish Councils can apply for small projects, deadline to submit applications and have agreed resource commitments by end of December.

A member of public raised the tree planting scheme – to be discussed as per agenda.

A member of the public reported that on Thursday 7th November a road sign on Church Road knocked down by a reversing lorry. They confirmed the road sign was not dangerous and has been reported to NCC .

A member of public has submitted a request to Highways that a lay-by be extended opposite the school at the top of Mill Lane alongside the Saffron bungalows, to allow parking for residents. Discussions ensued about viability of this and issue of drain and manhole covers sited there. It was also noted that nearby drains and manholes are broken again and that building material had been left on the grass.

Action MH: To contact Saffron re lay-by, building waste and repair of manholes

The footpath warden requested NCC two months ago to make safe the public footpath off Church Road. No response from NCC.

Action Footpath Warden: to Contact NCC and report back.

4 To approve the minutes of the last meetings (17 September 2019)

Review of last minutes-noted Cllr V Clifford-Jackson posed a few questions regarding councillors attendance. Minor query regarding Clock Service supplier company name spelling. No questions or feedback came back to the Chairman. To be carried onto next meeting. Minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman. **Action NA**

5 Administrative Issues

- Review Grievance Policy – policy reviewed, agreed no amendments needed, records to be updated. **Action NA**
- Revision of Welcome Pack - Current edition is 2 years old, the Chairman has suggested updates which Cllr Morris is reviewing. Further feedback, comments and changes should be forwarded to Cllr Morris.

6 Planning

Planning applications received

Signed:
Chairman

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- 2019 / 1583 – Land adj. to Wreningham Village Hall – Extension to day room, addition of concrete pad – amended application.
- The chair invited members of the public to contribute. A lengthy discussion followed. General agreement that the parish disappointment with the SNDC's planning response and treatment of the application(s) arises from: the applicant is not compliant with the conditions imposed in previous applications; the creeping development is equivalent to a 1000 sq feet bungalow; the quality of the drawings submitted by the applicant are well short of the standard require of others - and are vague; the validity of the applicant's traveller status despite contrary evidence submitted; considered that parishioners' objections have less weight with SNDC because of this status. It was noted that the SNDC Senior Planning officer invited (by a member of the public) to tonight's meeting has not attended. Cllr Nigel Legg confirmed that planning decisions can only be "undone" through judicial review. Cllr Nigel Legg has requested that this application goes to committee for decision, and stated if it doesn't SNDC can be seriously challenged in the courts. He noted that his request is not on the SNDC website and will follow up.

Planning decisions

- 2019 / 1131 – Land adj. to village hall – discharge of conditions re lighting scheme and ecology enhancements. Approved. It was noted the lighting condition had not been met as it requires a one minute timer, but the security light is on all the time.
- 2019 / 1892 – The Poplars – details for conditions, materials, schedule of works, timetable for repairs etc. Approved.

Planning comments submitted between meetings

- 2019 / 2033 – Bramwell, Wymondham Rd – Single storey extension to front and rear (revised) - Revision was for one metre extra to the front. Parish Council did not object. Approved with conditions.

7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- Response from highways regarding 20mph speed limit in the village - confirmed NCC's Highways Engineer refused this request as per e-mail on 15 October.
- B1113 speed limit reduction - NCC have agreed to this and Highways Engineer will confirm when work is to be scheduled. To be followed up. **Action NA.**
- Annual play inspection – ordered for December 2019.
- Cutting of playing field edges and trees – approved.
- Cllr Graves reported that he was approached by a parishioner who suggested that hedge trimming in village could be done by contracting one person. The proposal was that WPC fund this through parishioners / households donating £10 each. To be discussed at next meeting. **Action NA.**

8 Finance

- To receive the financial report. Circulated prior to the meeting and approved.
- To consider the budget for 2020/21. Cllrs to review existing precept receipts of £8611 against ongoing costs to then be able to make decision on precept. *Post meeting update: precept submission deadline is 19 January 2020. Precept must be reviewed and agreed at next meeting on 14 January.*
- To consider a request for a grant towards maintenance of the churchyard. Approved. Work will be done later due to current residential bats.
- To consider requests for a grant from CIL funds:

1. Ceiling replacement works in the village hall – Clerk circulated ceiling invoice to Cllrs. WPC will pay the bill in full; reclaim VAT; grant 50% of pre-VAT charge from CIL funds; VHMC to reimburse WPC same amount (£3,213.50). **Action NA.**
2. Outdoor adult exercise equipment (proposal) - not approved.
3. Benches around parish (proposal) – Approved. Further information needed: preferred location(s); landowner consent; setting bench specifications for robustness and security.
4. Audio Visual equipment for hall (proposal) - This would involve installation of projector and screen, at a significant cost. Chairman to discuss with Village Hall Committee before decision made. **Action MH.**
5. Tree Scheme (proposal) – Approved. Chairman proposed a sub-committee to action this comprising: himself, Cllr S Lidington, Noel Course, Val Keele, Christine Bilham.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100279	£212.48	A Rayner	Salary Oct
100280	£296.16	N Allen	Salary Oct & Nov
100281	£680.00	G Lake	Grass Cutting for season
100282	£7,712.40	GY Ceilings	Village Hall new ceiling

9 Correspondence

- Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 – Deadline for comments is 10 December 2019.
- Letter of thanks received from G Lawn for mower donation for churchyard maintenance
- Buses – Parish has received notification changes to times for village bus service. Published on website.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:02 p.m.

10 Date of next meeting – 14 January 2020