

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Wreningham Parish Council
held remotely
on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7:30 pm

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

Parish Clerk: Nicky Allen

District Councillors: Nigel Legg, Gerald Francis, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson

4 members of the public

- 1 To consider apologies for absence
- 2 To receive declarations of interest
- 3 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors. Reports were circulated prior to meeting.
 - **SNC Cllr Vivienne Clifford-Jackson reported** that the recent bad flooding affecting many villages was discussed at 11th January cabinet meeting and enquiry to take place. Noted SNDC no longer supplying diary cards for bin collections to residents as collection days should stay the same and can be downloaded from council website. SNDC have voted to investigate viability of Hethel as a site for SNDC's 'low impact, garden village style' new residential development.
 - **SNC Cllr Nigel Legg also reported flooding** in the area and noted worst affected area Waveney Valley, with residents provided with emergency accommodation. Cllr Legg re-iterated importance of regular maintenance to gulleys, and the need for improved regular maintenance to sewers. He will be encouraging the relevant authorities to co-operate and implement more forward planning to help prevent future possible issues.
 - The Bird in Hand – it has been brought to the council's attention that it had been placed on SNDC Community Asset register in 2015 and has expired. Information and background on this to be included in the next Mardle issue to establish village support for possible renewal.
Action MH
 - Further in the meeting a member of the public observed that Openreach have installed eight direct fibre connection points on poles outside of the school, not yet live: improvements for the school could mean the village benefits, specifically for those residents in postcode NR16 1AN.
- 4 To approve the minutes of the last meeting - approved
- 5 Administrative Issues - Policy Reviews

Existing Equality Policy was adopted – it was noted that legislation has changed since this Policy was drawn up. Hence, the Council will review the 2020 NALC model policy for Equality & Diversity, as a potential replacement and consider tailoring it for this small parish council.

6 Planning

Applications received	None reported
Comments agreed between meetings	None agreed
Decisions	2020/1669-Location: Russet House Plot 3 Wymondham Road Retention of outbuilding (shed) Decision: Approval with Conditions Delegated Date of decision: 2 November 2020

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7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- NCC Ketts Walk project/Village footpaths - Footpath Warden's report was circulated prior to meeting. Footpath Warden highlighted that the Kett's Walk footpath map is out of date and inaccurate. He accepted the action to contact NCC for a replacement. Noted Long's Wood bridge very dilapidated, Footpath Warden to take photograph and send to Highways to get estimate of repair cost. **Action: Footpath Warden**
- Request for a dog bin on Hethel Road - council voted not to progress this.
- 1. Playground Inspection report/Consider equipment replacement - The inspection report was circulated prior to the meeting. Agreement that remedial and repair works are needed and that Parish reserve funds will need to be spent in addressing these. The Chairman highlighted main areas of report that need addressing:
 - Corner swing and baby swing highlighted as moderate risk, agreement that remedial or replacement equipment needs to be considered and researched.
 - Plastic safety matting (Grass Matrix Tiles) - professional services required to lift and relay matting. Previously quotes had been obtained. Clerk to find past costs quoted believed to be circa £4000. **Action NA**
 - Zipwire - Risk Assessment not undertaken on this, visual inspection carried out only, recommendation that further inspection is required of cable and fixings. Zip wire supplier to be contacted to arrange inspection and quote for any remedial work. **Action NA**
 - Other minor works highlighted to be carried out internally by working party. Council member to supply and help fit fixings for skate park. **Action KM**
- Trees & Hedges -The Chairman confirmed new Tree warden appointed; writing and agreeing Terms of Reference; considering role and local council training courses available. **Action Tree Warden**

8 Finance

- To receive the financial report - approved
- Update on Parish online banking – Clerk reported currently arranging for changes to bank mandate to enable online banking.
- Finalise precept for 2021/22 - With increased spends agreed needed on playground council approved new annual precept of total £9,200. This equates to an increase on Parish precept of 5.25% per household. Clerk to inform SNDC. **Action NA**
- Consider request for Church maintenance grant - £160 approved
- The following cheques were raised between meetings following council spend approval;

Cheque 100322	Jean Lambourne- purchase of lights and supplies for Christmas Tree for Reading Room	£116.69
Cheque 100323	Jill Hustler- Purchase of Christmas Tree for Reading Room expenses	£65.00
Cheque 100324	South Norfolk District Council-Annual dog bin charge	£131.28
Cheque 100325	Playground Inspection Report	£162.00

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- The following payments were approved;

Cheque 100327	Keith Morris- purchase of paint and bolts to complete install of replacement football nets and stanchions	£25.07
Cheque 100326	Clerk's pay Dec / Jan	£440.08
Cheque 100328	Upper Tas Valley- Churchyard grant	£160.00

9 Correspondence - Concerned residents have e-mailed the Clerk in regards to the recent flooding in the village, specifically Wymondham road. Hethel Road also affected, and a corner on Church road. Issues with flooding exacerbated by lack of ditch maintenance, development, poorly connected water courses, and standing water in ditches and culverts. It was noted that some ditches have recently been cleared. The Chairman and a village resident will provide feedback and keep this council updated on flooding matters which are to be considered following an SNDC Cabinet meeting appointing a working party. The Chairman wished to be advised of any other flooding issues in village.

10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th March 2021

Meeting concluded at 8.38pm.