

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Wreningham Parish Council
held on Tuesday September 14th 2021 at 7:30 pm

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

Parish Clerk: Nicky Allen
District Councillors: Nigel Legg
County Councillor: Daniel Elmer
7 members of the public

- 1 To consider apologies for absence - SNC Cllr Vivienne Clifford-Jackson apologies received.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest – none.
- 3 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors
 - SNC Cllr Nigel Legg reported
 - accommodation review amalgamating SNDC & Broadland DC offices is ongoing
 - proposed major roadworks on A11 Spooner Row to Thickthorn will go on until next year, expected increase in traffic
 - A further 65 applications received by SNC for village clusters scheme, display of proposal can be viewed at SNDC house.
 - Flooding works for South Norfolk, Long Stratton area allocated £1.25 million. Cllr expressed concern with planning situation as only 5 senior staff are making decisions and not enough public inclusion.
 - Health Scrutiny committee at County Council concerns raised at lack of GP resources and staff shortages, including cancer services.
 - New NCC Highways Engineer – focussing on macro works with a budget of £1million
 - NCC Cllr Daniel Elmer introduced himself to the Parish. In post since May 2021.
 - circulates regular reports - encouraged requests for specific areas the parish would like his reports to focus on
 - Discretionary spend budget of £10,000
 - SNC Cllr Nigel Legg encouraged Parish Councils to develop emergency plans for flooding, Shotesham Parish has developed one. Chair outlined understanding that unless very extreme flooding events County Council will not get involved. Highlighted ongoing drainage issue at the Wymondham Road Loke, this Council has commissioned a survey report and results received today to be on next meeting's agenda. NCC Cllr Daniel Elmer outlined no longer have resources and teams to look into smaller flooding issues and posts are not filled. The Chair requested County and District councils work together and engage with small communities.
 - Drainage report as outlined above - member of public asked if available. Chair confirmed will look into publishing on website. **Action MH**
 - Swardeston site now proposing use of batteries - proposers say will not affect surroundings, however noted site is over 50 acres.
 - NCC Cllr Daniel Elmer outlined £10,000 discretionary grants are available to parishes for small highway works.
 - Member of the public updated on County Broadband progress - understanding that nearly at the 25% threshold to enable install, and a few weeks left before decision made.
 - Hedges around village - a member of the public offered to cut back hedges – preferred offer circulated by word of mouth instead of a general announcement. **Action MH**

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- Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration, Sunday 5 June 2022. The Chair outlined the national events happening: closing roads, bunting, balloons and street parties. Member of the public offered to donate an oak tree and agreed this could be used as part of village celebration, location to be decided. New bench(es) as part of celebration, possible locations were discussed to be confirmed in a future meeting. Invitations for volunteers to create and manage a village event will be placed in the Mardle **Action MH**

4 To approve the minutes of the last meeting - approved and signed by Chair.

5 Administrative Issues

- Policy reviews
 - Website Privacy Statement
 - Proposed revised publication scheme
 - Standing Orders.

Councillors confirmed reading these policies and approved. Clerk to ready them to replace equivalent out-of-date documents on the website **Action NA**

6 Planning

Applications received	
Applications received / Comments agreed between meetings	2021/1696 Pear Tree Cottage, Wymondham Road- removal of an existing two storey dwelling and associated single storey outbuildings and two new detached dwellings with detached double garages - approved with conditions. 2021/1864 Laburnums, Church Road, Re-roofing with rooms in roof, front porch extension and rear two storey extension and double garage
Decisions	2021/1183 The Brambles, Ashwellthorpe Road, Cart Lodge, approved.

7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- Playground update - Councillors visited the site and discussed work with the contractors. Late due to supply issues, however expect to be completed within the next week.
- Review of revised supplier quote for remaining playground works for the 3-way Springer re-surface treatment - approved. **Action NA**
- Play Area Inspection – existing supplier quoted £139 increase and 10–12-week timeline - approved. **Action NA**
- Playing field football issue - Proposal to erect a nylon net (3m x 20m) above the existing west end fence, with the upper end attached to trees. This will reduce incidence of footballs entering residents' gardens. A resident volunteered to install the netting and maintain it, provided the parish council cover cost. Cost approved. Cllr Morris to liaise. **Action KM**
- Defibrillator - pads and battery- Cllr Lidington confirmed battery recently replaced, does not require changing. New pads to be ordered as current ones run out in November. **Action NA / MH**
- NCC Ranger defects reporting system - Clerk confirmed raised the 4 requested defects on new reporting system. However, 3 defects returned as general village wide repairs/ maintenance required. For future reference noted system requires specific locations as need to drop a pin on the map when reporting. Chair will contact NCC regarding the difficulty of reporting non-

location specific requirements.

Action MH

8 Finance

- To receive the financial report – approved.
- To consider budget for 2022/23 financial year – Clerk to present suggestions discussed as an input to budget figures for finalising at next meeting.

Action NA

- Following payments approved:

Payment type	Description	Amount £
BACS Transfer	Clerk pay July & August	353.47
BACS Transfer	Employee tax payment to HMRC April-September	120.00

9 Correspondence

- Street Naming in future developments - The Chair made council and parish aware SNDC are proposing community involvement in naming new streets for any future new village development. The Chair invited suggestions, based on local history, landmarks, etc.
- Upper Tas Valley Benefice (Wreningham Church) churchyard maintenance and insurance grant requests received - Council approved maintenance grant for £160 as in previous years. Insurance grant not approved, council does not currently hold the general power of competence power needed to authorise type of spend. Clerk to investigate if council now eligible to hold this power and to be an item at next meeting.

Action NA

- Meeting closed at 8:30pm

10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th November 2021