

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Wreningham Parish Council
held on Tuesday November 9th 2021 at 7:30 pm

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

Parish Clerk: Nicky Allen

District Councillors: Nigel Legg, Gerald Francis,
6 members of the public

- 1 To consider apologies for absence – Cllr K Morris, 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
 - Consultants now appointed to find single office for SNDC staff accommodation review, one option identified is ex-Aviva building Horizon House at Broadlands business park.
 - Planning committee back up to 9 members from 15 November.
 - Council offering grants to shopkeepers to improve business frontage, now available
 - The Bird in Hand proprietor considering installing electric charging point for customer use.
 - Humbleyard Practice have appointed 3 more nurse practitioners to help get through workload.
 - SNC Cllr Gerald reported if residents have overgrown road/path issues to make him aware so he can lobby Highways.
 - Chair raised query regarding current vacant Community police officer post. - existing one left post and awaiting replacement. Cllr Nigel Legg confirmed current policing contacts as Local Beat Manager Stuart Barnard, Wymondham Policing Commander Inspector Burke.
 - Chair raised key points from NCC Daniel Elmer written report to the meeting
 - Adoption of overall strategy by the Norfolk Strategic Flooding alliance. They have set up a single phone number residents can call to report flooding on 0344 800 8013.
 - Free course offered by NCC to support budding business owners from 'Bedroom to Business.'
 - Chances Project – helping Norfolk residents to get back into employment through new opportunities for support and training.
 - Footpaths - Footpath Warden outlined recent completed repairs and monitoring outstanding issues with footpath off Silfield Road. These have been reported. Reports of Church Road footpath issues of mud and overgrowth. Chair to put in Mardle reminder on maintaining hedges responsibilities. **ACTION MH**
 - Member of the public raised subject of recent commissioned flood report and ongoing drain and flood issues at The Loke. Concern that recommendations in report will not address issue and will make situation worse. The Chair highlighted that all the pipes lie on private land and the various homeowners have been approached previously and not taken action. Cllr Legg to approach engineer of Norfolk Rivers Drainage Board for further advice on action needed. Agreement that next steps and Parish council involvement to be to write to the responsible householders and landowners with report copy and covering letter. **ACTION MH/NA**
 - Cllr Jean Lambourne proposed village have another Christmas lights display and asked for council for contribution towards Christmas tree of £25 and this was agreed.

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- Church Warden asked if council can pay CIL money towards providing water for graveyard. Anglia water quote plus costs to employ plumber to install water barrier expecting total cost of £3000. To be put on as agenda item for next council meeting. **ACTION NA**
- Bench installation as part of Queen's Jubilee celebrations – a location proposed and cost of bench expected to be around £500 plus installation. To be put on as agenda point at next council meeting. **ACTION NA**
- Consideration of a permissive path from Hethel /Church Road junction to opposite the Church for improved pedestrian safety. Footpath Warden to liaise with landowner and explore a potential extension to B1113 (Opposite Bird in Hand).

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

5 Administrative Issues

- To consider Council's eligibility to hold General Power of Competence - Clerk outlined council now meets the eligibility criteria to hold the General Power of Competence as per Localism Act 2011 and can now implement using this power when considering spend of council funds.

6 Planning

Applications received	
Applications received / Comments agreed between meetings	2021/1985 – Peplins Cottage, Top Row, Wreningham. Proposed single storey rear extension together with internal and external alterations. 2021/2156 – Willys Croft, Church Road, Wreningham. Proposed Installation of two additional roof windows in new extension pitched roof following 2021/1176 – meeting update- approved 29 October
Decisions	2021/1985 - Peplins Cottage Top Row Wreningham NR16 1AR. Proposed single storey rear extension together with internal and external alterations – approved . 2021/1033 – Agricultural Buildings Fir Grove, Hethel Road. Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of new garaging, demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 2 No. dwellings – approved . 2021/2156 – Willys Croft, Church Road, Wreningham. Proposed Installation of two additional roof windows in new extension pitched roof following 2021/1176 – approved

7 Village Maintenance and Highways

- B1113 Village Gates – Proposal by resident who has been liaising with NCC and secured funding to install of white fence gates on B1113 (similar to those found at Norwich side of Swardeston) designed to inform vehicle drivers they are entering a Village neighbourhood. Locations proposed – North of Mill Lane/B1113 junction by speed sign and near to the Village sign by Rose Cottage. Council supported proposal, Clerk to confirm with resident. **ACTION NA**
- Litter pickers – Council have now purchased litter picking equipment and agreed to put 2 sets of equipment with nominated households spread throughout the village for people to access. To be included in the Mardle. **ACTION KM**

8 Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Bench discussions as per Agenda item 3. Chair to invite villagers, via the Mardle, to propose and organise village celebration events. **ACTION MH**

9 Finance

- To receive the financial report – approved.
- To consider Council's budget requirements for 2022/23 financial year for Precept level. Council agreed to set the precept to £10,200. Clerk to confirm with SNDC according to their paperwork and timetable. **ACTION NA**

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- Payments raised between meetings with prior approval

Transaction ID / BACS Transfer date	Description	Amount £
07/10/21	Eastern Drainage Services- CCTV report	192.00
07/10/21	Upper Tas Valley- churchyard grant	160.00
07/10/21	Eastern Play Services- playground works	6521.99
21/10/21	A Moore Netting purchase for playing field	130.80
29/10/21	Helping Hand litter picking equipment- debit card payment	365.88
29/10/21	Value Products litter high vis – debit card payment	38.94

- The following payments were approved

Transaction ID / BACS Transfer date	Description	Amount £
18/11/21	Clerks Pay Oct & Nov	353.47
18/11/21	Gary Lake- Grass cutting	765.00

9 Correspondence

- Free Tree planting offer received from eforests. Noted these schemes are all conditional with extensive pre-qualifying criteria. The trees need to be planted on public land or to which the public have access. Chair has contacted Long's Wood landowners highlighting this to them if they need to replenish existing trees. Otherwise, agreement that could look at alternative funds to apply to use for tree planting. District councillors to review funds available for this.
- Snetterton Dog's Trust – raising awareness of canine care scheme and offer to provide talks on their work to local village groups, to be included in the Mardle.
- Meeting concluded at 20:57

10 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th January 2022