

Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the Council meeting

Held Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7:30pm
in the Margaret Preston Room, Village Hall

In Attendance: Cllr M Hill (Chairman), Cllr J Lambourne, Cllr Tancred, Cllr Glaves
District Councillors: Nigel Legg, Ian Spratt
Parish Clerk: Tina Higlett
5 members of the public

- 1 To consider apologies for absence- Cllr Morris.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest- none received.
- 3 Open Forum, including reports from District & County Councillors.
 - District & County Councillors reports
 - SNC Cllr Ian Spratt advised that South Norfolk Council have now vacated their premises in Long Stratton. They are temporarily located at Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich. South Norfolk Council and Broadland District Council will move into Horizon Lodge, Broadland Business Park early 2023.
 - Positive information around the pylons and it is hoped that National Grid will take notice of the public who are pushing for offshore. Council to draft a response.
 - Funds are still available from Members Ward Grant.
 - SNC Cllr Nigel Legg spoke about the Warm Spaces Grant. For people who are financially challenged grants are available and they should contact the South Norfolk Help Hub.
 - There have been management changes at Saffron Housing. It is hoped to reinstate walkabouts around Saffron properties e.g. those in Wreningham.
 - The housing development on the Spratts site has been held up due to Nutrient Neutrality. Consultation on Nutrient Neutrality may come to a conclusion by the end of the year, but it could go on for longer.
 - The proposed expansion at Hethel Engineering Centre may impact Wreningham with an increase traffic. There is talk of a roundabout being built on the B1135 Wymondham Road at the junction with the B1113.
 - Increase homeless people numbers. SNC are considering buying homes to alleviate this. 100 homes have been mentioned; additional administration staff will be required.
 - Greenery around the ditches has started growing and the question was asked who has the responsibility for the watercourse. It is the landowner's responsibility and only small area is covered by the drainage board.
- 4 To approve the minutes of the last meeting. These were agreed as a true record of proceedings.
 - Matters arising from minutes
 - Chairman advised he missed deadline for editorial for the Mardle. Next issue to include a reminder for residents to keep their hedges trimmed.
 - Council's bank account is now accessible by clerk.
 - Clerks contract will be updated by Chairman and forwarded to clerk for signing.
 - Playing field inspection has been arranged.

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5 Planning

| Applications | Description |
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| Applications received. | 2022/2031/2032 Fir Grove, Hethel Road, Wreningham Removal of thatch, repairs to timber roof structure, re-roof with plain red tiles, new rainwater goods, and removal of eastern and western lean-to's. Council discussed application and agreed that building is listed for a reason and feelings were that the thatch roof should not be replaced with tiles but remain as thatched. Council had no objection to removal of lean-to's and new rainwater goods. |
| | 2022/1940 Former Site of Pear Tree Cottage Wymondham Road Discharge of Condition 5 of 2021/1696 - vehicular access crossing over verge. Council had no comment to make |
| Decisions | 2022/0419 Land West of The Cottage, Top Row which was for a new dwelling and detached double garage. Application refused |

6 Correspondence

- o South Norfolk Warm Spaces Grant – previously discussed by Cllr N Legg
- o Correspondence from the Treasurer, All Saints Church, Wreningham - request for contribution towards church yard maintenance. Proposed £250, to include £90 towards tree maintenance. **Council unanimously agreed**
- o Grant for Mardle production – proposed a grant of £100. **Council Unanimously agreed**
- o It was proposed to budget £200 towards a Christmas tree for the village and an additional set of tree lights. Councillors to arrange this. **Council Unanimously agreed**
- o Transport East, Rural Mobility Survey. Chairman advised survey had been completed online as requested.

7 Finance

- a) Financial report.

Business Community account balance as at 7th November is £30,404.83

Income £7237.91, Outgoings £549.47

- b) To approve payments

| Payee | Description | Payment method | Amount |
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| G Lake | Grounds maintenance | Bacs | 915.00 |
| T Higlett | Salary | Bacs | 507.28 |

- c) To note payments raised between meetings – None.

- d) To note receipts

| Payee | Description | Payment method | Amount |
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| South Norfolk | CIL | Bacs | 1917.91 |
| South Norfolk | 2 nd half precept | Bacs | 5100.00 |

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| South Norfolk | Litterpick | Bacs | 220.00 |
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- e) It was proposed to give the village hall £50 from the Litter pick funds. **Council unanimously agreed.**

f) Draft budget for 2023/24. Council reviewed and proposed no increase in the rate per house from the 2022/23 tax base figure. This figure is calculated on Band D equivalent properties. The tax base is a measure of the taxable capacity of the parish. The council feels there is no need to increase this from last year. **Council unanimously agreed.**

8 Village maintenance and Highways

- a) Annual Playground inspection – contractor has been advised to go ahead with inspections
- b) Footpaths are maintained by NCC Highways. Pot hole on Ashwellthorpe Road previously seen by highways is now in need of attention. **Action Clerk**
- c) Annual Flood check – The old railway line by the lode needs to be running free otherwise it will cause a flood, Wymondham Road and Ashwellthorpe Road also needs to be kept clear. Folgate corner is also prone to flooding.

9 Administration Issues

- a) Purchase of computer for Clerks use. Budget has been set aside of £800. Clerk has advised she is looking at the various offers available at this time of the year and would hope to purchase one around £500.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th January 2023

Meeting closed at 20:35