

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mr. R Colley (Vice Chairman), Ms. R Thornton, Mr. F McGowan, Mrs. J Cole.

In Attendance : Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

2843: Apologies for absence: Mr. M. Cole (Chairman), Mrs. L Byrne.

2844: Declaration of interests: Mr. R Colley: item 2853

2845: Public forum: The Council invited members of the public to address the Council, raise or ask questions on matters relating to the parish. The Council reserved the right not to answer questions but will respond in writing as soon as it is practical after the meeting.

i: A member of the public spoke about 900th anniversary of the churches' construction. The church is holding a special service on Sunday 17th May and a parish lunch in the Village Hall to mark the occasion.

The Public forum was closed, and the meeting opened.

2846 Minutes of the meeting held: on Wednesday 20th November 2019. The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2847: Matters Arising and Actions:

i: **Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane (2830)** Parish Clerk contacted school bus operator Panther Travel Ltd last week, who confirmed no known incidents have occurred with lorries from the depot since last meeting. Ms R Thornton reported that the school bus had to reverse back to the main road to allow a lorry from the depot to pass, on the afternoon of 21st November.

Update: Ms R Thornton: Contacted Essex Highways Liaison Officer and explained the Parish Council have an issue with the size of the lorries. Response from Essex Highways: The lorries cannot be rerouted so an option is for the Parish Council to liaise with local businesses to see if small vehicles could instead be used. This is an impractical suggestion as the site is a bulk storage depot served by HGV's. Ms. Thornton has emailed Essex Highways Liaison Officer.

Action: Ms. R Thornton.

ii: **Cllr Fairley (2839).** At the last meeting the Parish Clerk received an email regarding District Councillor attendance at Parish Council meetings for Stour Valley Ward asking how many times the Councillor has attended Wrabness Parish Council meetings since the Elections in May: The Parish Clerk responded with the date of the occasion Cllr Fairley attended during this period. "Cllr Fairley attended the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2019 but unfortunately hasn't attended any meetings since"

No further action.

2848: Playing Field Oak Tree: Playing Field Oak Tree (2831) Waiting for quotes, carry forward to next meeting.

Action: Mrs. J Cole.

2849: Wrabness Litter Pick 2020: Mr H Jones confirmed that this year's Litter Pick would be held on Saturday 7th March commencing at 10.30am, meeting at the Village Hall. Soup and rolls/lunch will be provided afterwards. Volunteers are asked to contact Mr H Jones, 07813116813.

Action: Mr H Jones, Parish Clerk, Posters

2850: Wrabness Environmental Award 2020: After discussion it was proposed that Sid & Lesley Rowland should be put forward for this year's Wrabness Environmental Award in recognition of their contribution to village life and their annual special Christmas light display. The Award will be presented at the Parish Annual Assembly on 8th April. All agreed.

Action: Mr R Colley

2851: Open space, land South of Station Road, Wrabness (2832) The Parish Clerk replied to Bennett Homes that the Parish Council are still interested in principle, to owning and managing the open space but would like to arrange a further meeting with Bennett Homes before instructing solicitors. Mr. R Colley will speak to Tendring District Council regarding section 106 agreement.

Action: Mr. R Colley.

2852: 2020/2021: Wrabness Council Budget for 2020/21: At the last meeting the Budget had been set for 2020/21, information was awaited from Tendring District Council before the precept calculation could be finalised. This has now been received and it was agreed the precept for 2020/21 will be £5,545.00. This represents a standstill budget with no increase in Parish Council tax precept for Wrabness households.

Action: Parish Clerk

2853: Grant Application for Wrabness Village Hall – Wrabness Village Hall Committee requested a grant of £100.00, to support the next Eastern Angles Theatre production at Wrabness Village Hall on Tuesday 31st March. All agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2854: Wrabness Playing Field Annual Management Fee: The Playing Field is maintained by W.P.F.A under terms of a Service Level Agreement. Carry forward to next month's meeting.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2855: Planning Application: 19/01789/FUL - Proposed detached garage - Alta Vista Ash Street Comments need to be in by 10.1.20. – no objections. All agreed.

Action Parish Clerk.

2856: Planning Application Updates: No updates received since 20.11.19

2857: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business to report.

2858: REPORTS

<p>HIGHWAYS: Mr R Colley gave a report:</p> <p>i: Verges in Church Road were badly damaged by contractors and delivery lorries to the building work. Write to Essex County Council and ask them to inspect the damaged verges with the view to properly reinstate them. Action: Parish Clerk.</p> <p>Ditches running to the sea wall not being maintained, write to the Environmental Agency. Action. Action RC</p>	<p>FOOTPATHS:</p> <p>i: The Parish Council would like to thank Herman Ramsey for volunteering to maintain the verges and hedge opposite the village hall.</p> <p>Mr F McGowan gave a report:</p> <p>ii: Stile along Essex Ways, just off Church Road, needs to be repaired. Action: Mr F McGowan</p> <p>iii: Contacted TDC regarding tyres along Primrose Lane, they have now been removed.</p>
<p>VILLAGE HALL: Mr. H Jones gave a report.</p> <p>i: AGM 5th March,</p> <p>ii; lights changed to LED.</p>	<p>W.P.F.C. Nothing to report.</p>
<p>FORESHORE/LIASION:</p> <p>Mr. H Jones gave a report: Someone put superglue into the gate locks end of Wall Lane.</p>	<p>STATION GARDEN:</p> <p>Mrs. Cole gave a report: Wix & Wrabness Primary School Christmas Carol Service in Station Garden was well supported. The school made £100.00, which was sent to the Salvation Army.</p>
<p>PUBLIC HEALTH: Nothing to report</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mr. H Jones gave report: Three burglaries took place in the early hours of the morning 25.12.19, in Church Road, Station Road and Rectory Road Write to Inspector at Clacton Station and ask for more police patrols through village.. Action: Mr. R Colley</p>
<p>KIOSK: –Mrs. J Cole gave a report: A resident donated a Christmas tree and put it in the Kiosk and Mrs. J Cole added the lights. The steps will be put back and donations for plants welcomed.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT: Mr R Colley gave a report: Harwich Connections is promoting rural dial-a-ride service as they have just purchased another bus.</p>
<p>MONTHLY MICRO GRANTS;</p> <p>Applicants can apply for up to £500 per project.</p>	

2859: ACCOUNTS AND MONIES RECEIVED:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	
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DISBUREMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ
Wrabness Village Hall Hire 8.1.20	£15.00	1120
Wrabness Village Hall Grant application to support next Eastern Angles Theatre production	£100.00	1121

2860: Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account: 19th December 2019 - £4892.48

Deposit Account: 19th December 2019 - £6630.13

The meeting closed: 20.36

The next Wrabness Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 19th February 2020 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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