



WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 in Wrabness Village Hall.

Present: Mr. R Colley (Chairperson), Miss R Thornton, Mr. H Jones, Mr. F McGowan, Mrs. J Cole, Miss L Taylor.

In Attendance : none

3059: Parish Councillors – i) Lisa Taylor was welcomed onto the Parish Council. RC to get the necessary forms to LT for completion before next meeting. ii) The resignation of Liz Byrne was received with regret. This creates a vacancy on the Parish Council and the Clerk will notify Tendring District Council to commence the formal advertising of this vacancy.

3060: Apologies for absence: Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk)

3061: Declaration of interests: None

3062 Public Forum: No public present

3063: Minutes of the meeting held on: Wednesday 21st July 2021. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

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LHP request. – (3047 a)

i: Speed Limits

ii: Parking issues: Wall Lane, Church Road, Rectory Road

iii: Footpaths on Harwich Road – uplifting pavement

iv: Replacement Village sign – Harwich Road/ Wheatsheaf Lane junction

RC explained that Carlo has agreed all the above items are to go to the Local Highways Panel for review but that they haven't met yet.

Highways issues reported online. – (3047 b).

i: Manhole cover near Red Barn corner: ECC inspected and programmed this for repair.

ii: Signage defects Harwich Road: waiting to be inspected by ECC. This Council considers the finger post sign at the cross roads is not fit for purpose, it is misleading for motorists. And if is not repaired it would be better to remove.

Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3047 c) A site meeting has been held to review the HGV problems attended by District Councillor Zoe Fairley, County Councillor Carlo Gugliemi, an Essex Highways Liaison Officer, Richard Colley and Ms Rachel Thornton. The ECC representatives intend to arrange a meeting with the ECC Highways Portfolio Holder and will invite WPC representatives. We have been asked to submit a brief report summarising the issues with the HGV traffic generated by the Wrabness Storage Depot. Adjoining parishes have issues with the lorry traffic and they will be contacted for their views. The conclusion of the site meeting was we might not get the storage depot closed but action would stop it from growing.

Action: R Colley

Overflowing Poo Bins Stone Lane (3047 d): Liz Byrne had spoken with the landowner of the Green Graveyard who supported the provision of a new dog litter bin on the frontage in Wheatsheaf Lane. LT has agreed to take on this role and will speak to LB to see where she got to with this project.

Action: L Taylor

Footpaths: Footpaths actioned from last meeting (3047 e)

i: Footpath clearance starting at Spring Cottages. A local resident has cut down some of the stinging nettles. ECC had removed this complaint from their on-line tracking system despite it not being resolved. **Action: Parish Clerk**

ii: Clear footpath from Red Barn corner, Wrabness Road to Butler Farm: reported, waiting for inspection from Highways.

It was noted that the crop has now been cut and therefore the footpath is clear.

iii: Footpath running from Rectory Road to Main Road. It was noted that the crop has also been cut in this field and that the footpath is clear.

Wrabness Playing Field: Recommendations from Inspection. (3047 f)

The Playing Field Committee have undertaken to progress the recommendations all of which are were of low risk.

3065: EEC: Offer for Parish Councils to take on minor highway maintenance –

EEC have provided a list of minor works that could be delegated to parish councils such as potholes and verge cutting. It is not clear what budget funds would be provided to carry out such work and pay for the related insurance liability. Given the backlog of highway complaints suitable funding needs to be given to parish councils if delegation is to work and support a

programme of delegated minor highway works. It was agreed to show an expression of interest and see what budget was available.

Action: Parish Clerk

3066: Grant Application: Wrabness Playing Field Fun Day – 23 October 2021 An application for a grant of £100 had been received on behalf of the Wrabness Playing Field Committee. All in agreement with the award of a grant of £100.

Action: R Colley

It was also noted that there was to be a Playing Field Jumble Sale on 16th October 2021 in the village hall car park.

3067: Covid19 Adult Grassroots' Clubs & Activities Fund. This new grant is designed to complement the *Contain Outbreak Management Fund* by covering Covid19 associated costs for the re-opening of small, local, non-for-profit voluntary groups and charities. Applicants will be able to apply for up to £5000 to assist with the safe management of their community activity during the post-lockdown era.

The grant can be utilised to assist with hygiene related costs, infrastructure related costs, volunteer training costs and subs for children/ young people and families struggling to pay their fees. The fund will remain open until all the money is allocated. All funds will be awarded for re-opening as and when the club has been risk-assessed and is safe to open.

To find out more about this excellent opportunity for local councils and community groups, and to learn how to apply, please visit our website [here](#). RC to include details on our website.

3068: Town/Parish Council Special Expenses 2022/2023 It was agreed to apply for special expenses on the annual return for exercising the power to provide and maintain areas of public open space, including the playing field, Station Masters garden and the proposed village green.

Action Parish Clerk

3069: TDC Planning: Site Notices, weekly lists & Application types.

3070: Planning Applications: NONE

3071: Planning Applications update:

a: 21/01060/FUL -Land at Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness Essex CO11 2TZ -Erection of dwelling to replace former blacksmiths forge. (3051). – WAITING DECISION.

3072: Notifications:

A: COMMUNITY STREET MEET Outside Wrabness Community Shop, Wrabness - 17/09/2021 10am – 11am.

B: Roadworks information: A120 Horsley Cross to Ramsey roundabout: over 1 week from Monday 13 September to Saturday 18 September between 8pm and 6am, subject to weather conditions. Eastbound traffic will be diverted off the A120 at Horsley Cross to follow the B1035 and B1352 to re-join the A120 at Ramsey. Westbound traffic will be diverted via the Oakleys and Thorpe Le Soken.

3073: Any Other Business:

It was noted that work on the railway embankment at Stour and Copperas Woods resumes in October until July 2022. HJ will complain directly to the contractor about the damage to the public highway caused by the tracked machinery. JC asked if the PC could also raise the issue of hazard for walkers due to the large stones placed on the public footpath to Strandlands.

RC explained that the Essex Wildlife Trust are planning improvements in the Wrabness Nature Reserve to benefit visitors and they have supplied a news item for the village newsletter.

3074 Reports:

HIGHWAYS:	FOOTPATHS FM noted that antisocial parking on Harwich Road seems to have been resolved. He also mentioned that the footpath to the post box on Harwich Road has still not been cleared. RT said that she would ask permission from the residents at Priory Barns to cut back the hedges. RC to request ECC whether they will supply extra footpath way marker discs.
WPFA HJ agreed to take on this role and is not aware of any outstanding issues other than the inspection improvements.	VILLAGE HALL HJ noted that there is a full agenda, with the various clubs attending once more and that he continues to regularly sanitize it.
STATION GARDEN: A hose has been donated by the Community Rail Partnership. JC noted that the 'Talking Bench' had been fitted and that the commentary will include information about the garden, railway and village.	KIOSK Everyone agreed that it continues to look lovely. JC noted that Janet was keeping it watered.
PUBLIC HEALTH Nothing to report.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Nothing to report

TRANSPORT RC noted that there is a Thursday morning village community bus service to Harwich and Manningtree that is free for passengers with a bus pass or else £5 return.	FORESHORE RC said that he had been invited to address the members of Belhaven at their AGM. He also noted that planning for replacing the five beach huts destroyed by fire has not yet been submitted. A re-charge of the beach is planned for the Autumn.
VILLAGE WEBSITE RC noted that numbers visiting the website have increased since we relaunched the site.	

3075: Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
		Village Hall Hire	£15.00	1158
		Ellison's -Solicitor fees for Transfer of open space Land South of Station Road, Wrabness	£1440.00	1159
		Wrabness Playing Field Grant	£100.00	1160

3076: Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance on 19TH July 2021 £5415.50

Deposit Account: Balance on 19th July 2021 £6695.70

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th October 2021 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Meeting closed at: 9.10pm