



## WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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.

**3092: Apologies for absence:** Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Zoe Fairley

**3093: Declaration of interests:** None

**3094: Public Forum:** No public present

**3095: Minutes:** of the meeting held on: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

**3096: Matters arising and actions.**

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/ W heatsheaf Lane junction

RC reported liaison with District Councillor Zoe Fairley who confirmed the Parish Council requests are to be discussed at the Tendring Local Highways Panel meeting to be held in December. Our District Councillor will be present at the LHP meeting; attendance is by invitation only.

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 : This Council considers the finger post sign at the crossroads is not fit for purpose, it is misleading for motorists. If not repaired it would be better to remove.

W heatsheaf 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. No invite to County Hall has been received as yet.

**Action: R Colley**

Overflowing Poo Bins Stone Lane (3047 d): Carol is ordering a new bin.

**Action: C Greenwood**

Footpaths: Footpaths actioned from last meeting (3047 e)

i: Footpath has been cleared at Spring Cottage, presumably by the neighbour.

ii: R Colley has requested a supply of extra footpath way marker discs, he has not yet received a reply from County Council.

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

H Jones reported the recommendations will be carried out as part of the on-going maintenance programme.

**3097: EEC: Offer for Parish Councils to take on minor highway maintenance –**

Parish Councils have been invited by Essex County Council to take on responsibility for minor highway maintenance. Our Parish Clerk has checked with ECC what funding would be made available for Wrabness and they have confirmed the sum of £1,000 would be allocated annually if the Parish Council agrees to take responsibility for minor highway maintenance under contractual terms for the parish. The contract would include responsibility for repairs to roads, pavements, verge cutting, maintenance of public footpaths and road signage.

Given the poor state of these assets the Parish Council was horrified about the derisory sum offered for the ongoing minor maintenance. The Parish Council noted it would need enhanced insurance cover for this responsibility and that monies for highway minor repairs would be reimbursed in arrears after work had been carried out and inspected. R Colley stated the annual budget sum of £1,000 was insufficient to maintain the highways assets to a good standard and the Parish Council should not take on this responsibility unless adequate funding is provided by ECC. It was agreed to ask ECC to justify the basis of the financial offer and to ask our District Councillor how this compares with the amount offered to other parishes.

**Action: R Colley**

**3098: Vacancy of Wrabness Parish Council (3081):** Tendring District Council had confirmed that the casual vacancy on the Parish Council can be filled. It was agreed that local publicity should be undertaken and notices displayed on our noticeboards outside the Village Hall and in Rectory Road, in the next village newsletter and on our web site. The closing date for applications will be set prior to the January meeting so applications can be progressed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Action: Parish Clerk**

**3099: Budget Committee Budget Report 2022/2023:** R Colley reported the Budget Committee had prepared a draft budget and details had been circulated. It was noted that TDC had yet to announce the 2022/3 council tax formula and the draft budget will have to be reviewed when this is known. Following discussion the draft budget was agreed as a working document pending the receipt of further information from TDC.

**Action: R Colley**

**3100: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Section 14(1) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order of Station Road, Dimbols Hall Lane.** Notification had been received from ECC of a 43 day road closure to 13 December 2021 to enable service connections and highway works to be carried out for the new Nightingales housing estate. It was noted that following local requests a pedestrian footpath link is available past the site. It was reported that on one Sunday the water supply had been cut off to Church Road homes without prior notice. H Jones to ask the site manager why the Company showed such little courtesy and gave no warning.

**Action: H Jones**

**3101: Superfast Essex Countrywide Parish Engagement Event (virtual/online).** To take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 6-8pm.

**3102: Planning Applications:** The Parish Council considered three current applications:

A: 21/01786/FULHH – Claremont Rectory Road Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TX – Proposed two storey and single storey rear and side extensions for private use. Following discussion it was decided the Parish Council have no objections to this application.

B: 21/01863/FUL – Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness Essex CO11 2TG – Proposed detached chapel of rest. Following discussion the Parish Council decided to object to this planning application on the following rounds 1. The proposed building is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a designated special landscape area where built development should be strictly controlled. 2. Planning permission exits for a large ceremony hall at the burial ground and the addition of a chapel of rest building will urbanise the frontage of this rural site. 3. The proposed chapel of rest building includes residential accommodation at first floor level. New residential development should be discouraged outside the Wrabness Settlement Limits. 4. This building at the burial ground is not justified in relation to the use opportunities of the ceremony hall, and the potential afforded at nearby Wrabness Hall, which already includes the operational base for the burial ground, an estate office and staff accommodation.

C: 21/01567/FUL – Hut 14 Wrabness Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness Essex CO11 2BB – Proposed reconstruction of log hut. Following discussion the Parish Council decided it has no objection providing the new hut is no higher than the hut it is replacing.

**Action: Parish Clerk to notify TDC of the three consultation replies**

#### **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) – Application withdrawn

B: 21/01519/FUL – Site 13 East Foreshore Wrabness Essex CO11 2BB – Proposed construction of a new beach chalet on the site of a similar construction destroyed by fire in June 2020 – Awaiting decision

#### **3103: Notifications:**

A: **Community Street Meet:** Outside Wrabness Community Shop Cafe, Wrabness – 21.01.22 10am – 11am. To be advertised in the Village Newsletter.

**ACTION: R Colley**

B: **Roadworks information:** A120 Horsley Cross to Ramsey roundabout: Essex Highways plan to complete this work over 4 months from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 15 February 2022 between 9pm and 5am, subject to weather conditions.

To complete the work safely, Essex Highways plan to close the A120 and divert traffic. As with their recent survey works, they have agreed different diversion routes for eastbound and westbound A120 traffic with Essex County Council to reduce the overall impact on the local communities. Their work will be carried out in a number of phases as detailed below:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – full closure between Pellens Corner and Horsley Cross in both directions.** Eastbound traffic will be diverted off the A120 at Pellens Corner onto the A133, B1033, B1035 to re-join the A120 at Horsley Cross roundabout.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 15 February 2022 – Full closure between Horsley Cross roundabout and Ramsey in both directions.** Eastbound traffic will be diverted off the A120 at Horsley Cross roundabout onto the B1035 and B1352 to re-join the A120 at Ramsey. Westbound traffic will be diverted off the A120 at Ramsey onto the B1532, B1414, B1033 and the A133 to re-join the A120 at Pellens Corner.

No work to be carried out over the Christmas/New year period, between Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**3104: Information only****Covid 19: Boosting Winter Immunity**

This autumn and winter it's important you protect yourself and others against both flu and Covid19. If you are over 40, you are eligible for a free flu vaccine and a Covid19 booster. So to ensure your safety and the safety of others, book your flu vaccine appointment now and your Covid19 booster when you're offered it. Please share this information with residents if you have not done so already. To find out more details, please click [here](#).

**Free Covid 19 Self-Test Kits**

Alongside the vaccine and booster jab rollout, regular twice-weekly LFT testing for all is at the heart of the governments Covid19 Winter Plan to help suppress the virus and control the spread of variants. Essex residents without symptoms have access to free, rapid Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) from Essex Libraries, so be sure to pick yours up and let's keep Covid in check. For details about local collection sites, please click [here](#).

**3105: Any Other Business:**

Chris Orlopp is to retire from his voluntary services as internal auditor for Wrabness PC. It was agreed to present Chris a gardening voucher as a Thank You. H Jones to check availability and costs. A decision is to be made before the end of the financial year. **Action: H Jones**

Recycling bins: F McGowan noted that new domestic waste recycling bins can be picked up (free of charge) from any library.

R Colley had made enquiries about a brown tourist sign on behalf of the Community Shop and that although it is possible, under the Essex scheme it would cost £600 plus £1400 for ECC design supervision.

R Colley will make enquiries of Bradfield PC how they managed to get a new metal fingerpost sign in the village with a view to replacing the defective ECC one at the crossroads.

**3107: Reports:**

HIGHWAYS: HJ to write to Murphy's (and cc the railway) to complain about their vehicles running down the verges as they enter the lane to do the railway repairs.	FOOTPATHS
WPFA It was agreed that the Sports and Fun Day was a great success	VILLAGE HALL HJ reported that the Committee propose to fit more sound proofing
STATION GARDEN: RC is preparing the script for the commentary about the garden, railway and village to be recorded for the 'Talking Bench'. The timetable sign on the frontage is to be replaced by Greater Anglia and the reverse will be decorated as it can be seen in the station garden.	KIOSK JC explained that the season display will be a decorated Christmas tree
PUBLIC HEALTH Nothing to report.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Noted that recent fly tipping in Wall Lane was reported and removed within 24 hours
TRANSPORT RC publicity is being given to pre-Christmas excursions from Wrabness and other villages to destinations including Colchester town centre.	FORESHORE The beach recharge will be taking place soon.
VILLAGE WEBSITE Is up to date.	

**3108: Accounts and monies received:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
		Village Hall Hire	£15.00	1164

**3109: Confirmations of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance on 19<sup>TH</sup> October £6096.71

Deposit Account: Balance on 19<sup>th</sup> October £6700.77

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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Meeting closed at: 9.15pm