



WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the meeting of Wrabness Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on
Wednesday 19th November 2025 at Wrabness Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Gary Bowers, Alice Cole, Richard Colley (Chairman), Francis McGowan (Vice Chairman), Rob Southall-Edwards, Graham Watkins and District Councillor Tanya Ferguson.

Apologies: none.

3604. Declarations of Interest: None

3605. Parish Clerk Vacancy: one enquiry had been received and their CV invited. In the circumstances it was agreed to extend the advertisement for a further period and review any applications received.

3607. Casual Vacancy: it was agreed publicise the casual vacancy for one parish councillor over the next 28 day period on the parish council notice boards and web site. Expressions of interest received will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

Public Forum – meeting open for public comment: One member of the public present. - no matters raised.

Public Forum closed

3608. Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2025 were approved as a true record and signed.

3609. Matters arising and Actions:

a. Essex Highways (3592): our recommended list of highway maintenance and improvements was reviewed. We have been informed the Tendring Local Highways Panel are not wanting requests for the run up to local government reorganisation.

b. North Essex Parking Partnership/ Essex Highways (3592) – request for review parking issues accompanied by photo evidence received from residents. No new evidence received since the last meeting. Additional evidence is needed to make a strong application. A notice will be added to the next village newsletter. Please email any photographic evidence to the parish council.

c. Highways England: A120/Primrose Lane Junction (3592) - request for review and safety improvements. No update received.

3610. New Planning Applications – the parish council considered the following new applications received by Tendring District Council:

a. 25/01577/FULHH - Strandlands Rectory Road Wrabness CO11 2TX - Householder Planning Application - Alterations and additions to existing detached garage to form ground floor annex and first floor studio - Use ancillary to existing dwelling. **Resolved:** the parish council has no objection to this application.

b. 25/01530/VOC - Land at Former The Coign Ash Street Wrabness CO11 2TG - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of application 22/02138/FUL to allow drawing references updated to reflect amendments to proposals, and Compliance of Condition 7 (CEMP) of application 22/02138/FUL to allow this condition to be omitted as this information is included with this submission. **Resolved:** the parish council has no objection to this application.

3611. Planning Application Update: The Parish Council has already considered the following Planning Application which Tendring District Council has since determined:

a. 25/01181/VOC - Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TZ - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Drawings) of application 24/01719/FUL to amend the siting of the approved dwelling. Status: Approved 07/08/2025.

3612. Reports:	
HIGHWAYS: The large pothole at the junction of Wheatsheaf Road and Wheatsheaf Close has been filled and temporary repair have been made to some of the Wheatsheaf Road potholes.	TRANSPORT: Community transport is available for residents. Seats can be pre-booked for travel to nearby towns and villages. Leaflets available from the Community Shop.
FOOTPATHS: GM reported that the ECC Rights of Way Team are improving a short section of the public footpath adjacent to the sea wall in the Wrabness Nature Reserve. FM drew attention that ECC only completed part of the previously approved Harwich Road footway resurfacing due to highway budgetary constraints.	STATION MASTERS GARDEN: AC had contacted a local fencing company about the logistics of installing an entrance gate which would not hinder access for those with mobility issues. There was discussion about the need for a gate which will be reviewed when an estimate is available for a gate and necessary fencing repairs.
WRABNESS PLAYING FIELD: The recent Jumble Sale raised £890 towards the upkeep of the playing field. GB reported the Zipline is operational and will keep it under review.	VILLAGE HALL: The fire doors are due for replacement and interior redecoration is planned during the winter
TREES: Tendring Tree Surgery have confirmed the Playing Field oak tree crown reduction will be carried out as per the £1,100 + VAT quote during December following the leaf fall. They will confirm the date, so arrangements can be made for the playing field to be closed for the day and the neighbours informed.	FORESHORE: Some building work continuing on the replacement huts, otherwise it is quiet on the shore. Some very high tides had been observed in recent weeks.
PUBLIC HEALTH: The public defibrillator outside the Village hall is regularly inspected by RC to ensure it is operational in an emergency.	TDALC: the next meeting is scheduled for 10 December.

3613. 2025-6 Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 14 November 2025 £7,717.66p

Deposit Account: Balance as at 14 November 2025 £6,996.66p

3614. 2025-6 Monies received and expenditure

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Wrabness Hall Farm sponsorship Village Newsletter winter edition	£250.00	Village Hall Hire for October 2025 Meeting	£18.00	1325
	-	TDALC 2025-6 Annual Subscription	£20.00	1326
	-	Reimburse G Watkins mower petrol cost for Village Green	£21.39	1327

3615. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee, comprising GB, FM, RS-E and RC with the parish clerk, met on 22 October to review parish council finances. The Committee had reviewed proposed expenditure and prepared a draft budget for the next council year which was circulated. This was duly noted and it was agreed the budget will be finalised at the January meeting after Tendring District Council provides information relating to the parish precept arrangements for 2026-27.

3616. Any Other Urgent Business:

a. GW advised that a neighbour had raised a boundary issue with the Village Hall Committee.

-The public meeting closed 20:35 -

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th January 2025 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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