

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Wrabness Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr Harry Adams, Mr Gary Bowers, Ms Alice Cole, Mr Richard Colley (Chairman), Mr Francis McGowan (Vice Chairman), Mr Rob Southall-Edwards, Mr Graham Watkins, District Councillor Tanya Ferguson and Juliet Attrill Parish Clerk.

**Apologies:** None

**3450. Declarations of Interest:** None

**Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present.

**3451. Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 we agreed as true record and signed.

**3452. Matters arising and actions:**

a. Parish Council requests to Local Highways Panel – (3440a)

*i:* Review Speed Limits: There has been no update. Wrabness is still on the waiting list to be reviewed. WPC will liaise with CC Carlo Guglielmi again.

*ii:* Review Parking issues: The Parish Clerk has not received any further photographic evidence. This is an ongoing request to all in the village so a portfolio of parking issues can be compiled.

*iii:* Harwich Road footway repair: LHP have stated that the works are to be completed between 01/10/24 - 08/10/24 “*subject to unforeseen circumstances*”.

b. Demolished wall at crossroads reported to Essex County Council – (3440b) CC Carlo Guglielmi has raised this issue again but is yet to receive a response.

c. A120/Primrose Lane Junction - request for Highways England review and safety improvements (3440c): Sir Bernard Jenkin has reported on a campaign for a speed reduction to 50 mph on the A120 from Horsley Cross to Harwich. He says he is confident that, if continued pressure is applied, this will be achieved.

d. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic (3440d): The councillors report they are experiencing encounters with lorries along the lane. Concerns were raised over the impact that heavy vehicles have on the road surface. CC Carlo and GW have reported the potholes multiple times but these are yet to be repaired.

**3453. Playing Field (3442)**

a. Oak Tree: WPC noted new documents from Trinity Claims regarding possible damage to a neighbouring property requesting the felling of the oak tree at the entrance to the Playing Field. These documents have not been received directly, but via TDC Tree Officer Clive Dawson who has the lead as the tree is subject to a tree preservation order. TDC consider the burden of proof is on Trinity Claims and the homeowner who have been informed by TDC they will need to do monitoring over a 12 month period if they wish to pursue the felling request. Concern was voiced about the fate of the tree and some non fruitful discussions that have taken place. The parish council consider the oak tree to be a positive village feature. It is subject to periodic crown reductions to keep it to a size suitable for its setting and felling the tree is not favoured in the absence of compelling evidence. Decisions made have regard to the best interests of the community of Wrabness.

**3454. Village Green: Maintenance update (3441):** The grass is being cut by volunteers every 3 weeks. The wild flower areas are to be cut back this month. Thank you to Andy Moffat who has irrigated the young trees and to neighbours who have weeded the boundary shrub strip. Maintenance has been a good communal effort, children have benefitted from playing on the green and compliments have been received.

**3455. New Planning Application – the parish council has been notified of the following new applications received by Tendring District Council:**

- a. [24/01249/NMA](#) - Alta Vista Ash Street Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TG. Non Material Amendment to 24/00606/FULHH - new velux roof window to the front porch and a solid roof covering to the balcony to the rear. **No objections.** **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

**3456. Planning Application Update:** The Parish Council has already commented on the following applications to TDC. The current position is summarised below:

- a. [24/00961/LUEX](#) - Land to The South of Wall Lane Wrabness Essex CO11 2BB - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development for Class A - caravan used for occasional overnight stay within permitted development. *Status: Awaiting Decision.*

**3457.Reports:**

<p><b>HIGHWAYS:</b> The farmers are starting to cut the hedges on the verges back so signage is becoming more visible. There is a 'fast track' on-line system to make reporting potholes and highway defects to Essex Highways easier. There was a single car accident at the cross roads on Harwich Road. The car ended up on its roof, although the driver was mostly unharmed.</p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT:</b> There are no public buses currently routed along the main road. Harwich Connexions have additional mini-buses in their fleet. These are accessible for passengers with mobility issues and available to be booked for local journeys. Bus passes accepted.</p>
<p><b>WRABNESS PLAYING FIELD:</b> The Playing Field Committee continue to maintain the open space to a good standard and reviewing the advisories from the recent inspection.</p>	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL:</b> The next VHC meeting is in November. There is going to be a fundraising quiz night for St Helena Hospice.</p>
<p><b>STATION MASTERS GARDEN:</b> Emma Francis and the team are planning an Autumn clear up. Thanks as always to Herman Ramsey who continues to cut the grass.</p>	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:</b> Police have been doing patrols to monitor reported antisocial behaviour. There was a fallen cable in the road near Butler's Lane which was repaired. The ticket machine at Wrabness station has been vandalised and is non-operational. WPC will contact the Community Rail Partnership as it has been reported people are struggling to pay to park at the station car park.</p>

**3458. 2024-5 Accounts and monies received:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Newsletter Sponsorship - Wrabness Hall Farm	£250.00	Parish Clerk Salary for August 2024	£215.33	1271
TDC Section 106 monies for new Gates at Village Green	£2,327.71	Parish Clerk Salary for September 2024	£215.33	1272
		Village Hall Hire for September Meeting	£18.00	1273
		Autoprint - Village Newsletter Autumn Edition	£249.00	1274
		Grant: Wrabness Playing Field Association - Jumble Sale.	£87.00	1275

**3459. Confirmation of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance as at 26 August £4,226.74  
 Deposit Account: Balance as at 26 August £6,867.49

**3460. Any Other Urgent Business**

- Grant Application: Wrabness Playing Field Association request £87 towards the costs of advertising and hiring the Village Hall for a fundraising jumble sale for Wrabness Playing Field. It was unanimously agreed to award the grant in full.
- Dog Litter Bin - Request by Wrabness Community Shop: The Community Rail Partnership are not willing to have a bin sited on station property. WPC had no response from TDC over this matter and asked DC Tanya Ferguson to support who reported that she has had no response as yet, likely due to the current workload within TDC following the elections. Tanya will continue to press TDC.
- Housing Targets: DC Tanya Ferguson reported that following the Government announcement of increased national housing targets, TDC is undertaking a review of housing land availability in the District.

**Meeting closed at 8:38pm**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th October 2024 in the Village Hall.**

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