

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Mr. R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr. H Jones, Ms. R Thornton, Mrs. J Cole. Mrs. L Byrne.

**In Attendance :** Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk).

**2914: Apologies for absence:** Mr. M Cole (Chairman), Mr. F McGowen

**2915: Declaration of interests:** Ms. R Thornton: item 2921 e.

**2916: Public forum:** The Public forum was closed, and meeting opened.

**2917: Approval of Minutes** - of the meetings held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### 2918: Matters arising and actions.

(2896) Speed reduction stickers. Mrs. L Byrne gave an update on having sold 15 speeding stickers in the first week. Mrs. L Byrne has kindly self-funded the stickers with any profits to going to a local charity.

#### (2896) & (2899) Playing Field

(A) crown reduction to Oak Tree – Mrs. J Cole gave an update: Crown reduction on 17<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs. J Cole has informed nearby residents. Residents are happy that the crown reduction will be done this month.

#### (B) Playing Field Action list:

At the July Parish Council meeting a report of findings was circulated and the following recommendations agreed:

- 1. Immediately commission a better CLOSED sign for the front gate (from Autoprint) to discourage unauthorised entry. Mr R Colley gave an update: Signs ordered and place on gate. **No further action.***
- 2. Install a lockable gate in the gap in the perimeter fencing to improve site security.*
- 3. Following specialist advice; repair or replace the damaged safety fence panels as appropriate. Check all fixings and tighten as necessary to ensure any fence noise is minimised.*
- 4. The goal posts will be taken down, being stored on site for future use by arrangement with WPFA.*
- 5. The lower section of the chain link fence to the eastern boundary will be reinforced by a straining wire and/or peg.*
- 6. WPFA will be requested to implement the recommendations of the Annual Inspection Report as appropriate.*
- 7. That no further action be taken about a restricted reopening of the playing field for a few families.*
- 8. The recommendations listed as 2-5 above be carried out as soon as possible to support the potential reopening of the playing field, including the play area, to the public.*
- 9. A risk assessment be undertaken to determine the special pandemic cleaning and management measures that would need to be introduced on site to comply with government guidelines and best practice.*
- 10. Publicity be given to the need for volunteers to help with the inspection and cleaning regime at the playing field to support reopening the facility to the public.*
- 11. The playing field should not be reopened to the public at the present time but be kept under review.*

It was agreed at the last meeting items 2 – 5 need to be completed before the playing field is opened.

Mr J Hockley is putting together a volunteer working party to action the above list. However, the playing field will still need more volunteers. Mr R Colley will put a notice in the next Wrabness village newsletter asking for volunteers.

A resident notified the Parish Council of anti-social behaviour incident resulting in the wooden fence being damaged. Resident reported to incident to the police, Mrs L Byrne has logged the incident. **Action: Mr J Hockley has made a temporary repair and will replace the section of fence in due course.**

Mr H Jones suggested 3-foot-high sheep netting – will discuss with Mr J Hockley – All agreed.

**Action: Mr H Jones**

(C) (2882) Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane Traffic: Ms R Thornton arranged a site meeting with Councillor

**Guglielmi, unfortunately Councillor Guglielmi didn't show and hasn't responded to Ms R Thornton's messages.**

Incidents reported this month include a near collision forcing two lorries up onto the bank, and the double decker school bus being forced to reverse to the main road due to oncoming lorry from the depot.

**2919: Wrabness Parish Council Action Plan: Storage Depot, Wheatsheaf Close.** Following the explosion in Beirut in August, it has been highlighted by Ms. R Thornton the Storage Depot at Wheatsheaf Lane Depot has a license to store ammonia nitrate agricultural fertilizer. It was suggested to contact the Health & Safety Executive concerning the safety of storing the hazardous substance. All agreed: **Action Mr. R Colley.**

**2920: Open space, land South of Station Road, Wrabness:** Mr Colley reported that TDC are arranging for the Section 106 agreement between TDC and Bennett Homes to be varied to lay out and gift the new village green to Wrabness PC. The Parish Council held a confidential discussion about the proposed land transfer and contract for sale. The developer had hoped to commence work on the housing development during November 2020. Due to the COVID-19 situation the start date has been put back and the forecast start on site is currently mid 2021. Therefore, it is likely to be a minimum of 2-3 years before the village green is made available and gifted to the village.

*All Agreed: Action: Mr. R Colley.*

**2921: Planning Applications Update:**

(a) 20/00643/FUL. (2903) Hut 50 West Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB. Rebuild of existing hut in a similar style and character. **Full Approval 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

(b) 20/00739/COUNOT Porthwen Church Road Wrabness CO11 2TQ Proposed conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Prior approval will not be required. 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (A class of application on which the parish council was not consulted.). Mr. H Jones on the TDC website it states the Parish Council didn't comment – The Parish Council was not consulted as it's Prior Notification not a planning application and therefore the Parish Council are not able to comment. Mr. H Jones suggested we contact TDC to clarify this and correct the comment page. All Agreed:

**Action Parish Clerk**

(c) 20/00779/FUL (2903) Porthwen Church Road Wrabness Manningtree CO11 2TQ Proposed agricultural building. **Full Approval 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

(d) 19/01789/FUL - Appeal ref: App/P1560/D/20/3248768 – Alta Vista, Ash Street, Wrabness – **Appeal Decision: 25.8.20 refused.**

(e) 20/01029/AGRIC Priory Farm Harwich Road Wrabness CO11 2UG - Proposed steel frame agricultural storage building. As this is a Prior Notification not a Planning Application the Parish Council are unable to comment: Suggested this is clarified with TDC. All Agreed:

**Action Parish Clerk**

**2922: Notifications:**

(a) Special Expenses: 2021/22 for Parish/Town Councils. No Changes in the functions on which expenditure is estimated to be incurred in the year 2021/22. All Agreed: **Action: Parish Clerk**

(b) Public Consultation: North Essex Local Plan. Section 1 Proposed Main Modifications: Can be viewed on the following website. <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/localplan>. All comments and objections from Wrabness Parish Council still have not been submitted. See Item 2817: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 minutes.

**2923: Information Only:**

Parish Council Meetings: Public meetings are still not possible due to the pandemic. Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom as an alternative. The Parish Council will keep the matter under review in line with EALC advice.

Wrabness Driveway Jumble sale: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September **Due to new COVID 19 guidelines the Driveway Jumble sale will be postponed until next year.**

Police Community Support Officer, Street Meet. PCSO Sue Groves (new PCSO contact for the village) will be holding a street meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 13.30 – 14.20 outside Wrabness Train station. The street meet is open to anyone. **Mr H Jones will be representing the Parish Council. Publicity via posters and on Parish Web site**

Contact details: Harwich Community Policing Team, Harwich Police Station, 88 - 92 Main Road, Harwich, Essex CO12 3LW

To find out about your local neighbourhood policing team visit [www.essex.police.uk/your](http://www.essex.police.uk/your) and enter your post-code.

**2924: Any Other Business:**

A: Invoice: Autoprint: 2 x A3 'Closed' Correx Boards £24.00: All agreed to pay invoice:

B: Mrs. J Cole reported an incident near phone box in Rectory Road: Due to cars being parked either side of the road the emergency services struggled to get through.

**2925: Reports:**

HIGHWAYS: Nothing to report	MICRO GRANTS: Nothing to report
VILLAGE HALL: meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> September. Mr H Jones will update at next meeting.	WPFA. See item 2918
FORESHORE: Nothing to report	STATION GARDEN: Mrs J Cole gave an update. (a) A water tank is being installed by Railscope this funded by Greater Anglia. (b) The garden is being used a lot; it's been a great benefit to residents during lockdown.
PUBLIC HEALTH: Nothing to report	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Nothing to report
KIOSK: volunteer watering plants: Plan to put a Christmas tree in November/December.	TRANSPORT: Mr R Colley reported; Harwich Connexions launched a new shuttle bus service as from 1.09.2020 pre-booked passenger journeys now possible from Wrabness to other destinations in the district. Free for anyone who has a bus pass.
FOOTPATHS: Essex County Council have cut back overgrowth on some Wrabness Footpaths	OPEN SPACE, Land South of Station Road: See item 2920.

**2926: Accounts and monies received:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT
	Nil

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT
Autoprint: Closed signs for Wrabness Playing Field.	£24.00

**2927: Confirmations of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance on – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - £4823.04

Deposit Account: Balance on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - £6670.69

**Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

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