

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at Wrabness Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Mr Harry Adams, Mr Gary Bowers, Mr Richard Colley (Chairman), Mr Francis McGowan (Vice Chairman), Mr Rob Southall-Edwards and Juliet Attrill Parish Clerk.

Apologies: Ms Alice Cole, Mr Graham Watkins, District Councillor Tanya Ferguson and County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi.

Wrabness Parish Council offered their congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rob Southall-Edwards on their marriage.

3461. Declarations of Interest: None.

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

3462. Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 were agreed as true record and signed.

3463. Matters arising and actions:

a. Parish Council requests to Local Highways Panel – (3452a)

i: Review Speed Limits: There have been no updates on this issue. Agreed to contact CC Carlo Guglielmi for an update on Wrabness' place on the waiting list for review. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

ii: Review Parking issues: WPC are yet to receive any further photographic evidence of nuisance parking in the village from parishioners.

iii: Harwich Road footway repair: The repair was scheduled to be completed by ECC between 01/10/24 and 08/10/24. The works remain outstanding. This is extremely disappointing. WPC will request an update from CC Carlo Guglielmi. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

b. Demolished wall at crossroads reported to Essex County Council – (3452b): CC Carlo Guglielmi passed on the following update to WPC. "The engineer for the area has advised that he shall be visiting the site to raise a job for this to be repaired". No time frame has been provided.

c. A120/Primrose Lane Junction - request for Highways England review and safety improvements (3452c). WPC has been seeking improvements to the junction following fatal accidents. DC Tanya Ferguson reports it is likely that speed cameras are to be installed between Horsley Cross and Ramsey. WPC still considers the substandard junction needs attention as acknowledged by the National Highways engineer at our site meeting.

d. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3452d): Issues continue with lorries meeting oncoming traffic on this narrow road. WPC has engaged with ECC highways on multiple occasions. Since the HGV traffic is generated by the Wrabness Storage Depot ECC are unable to find a feasible resolution. It was suggested to remove this arising item as no progress will be made. WPC urges all using the road to approach with caution.

3464. Village Green update (3454): The village green was kindly cut again around three weeks ago by Graham Watkins, his family and Richard Colley. The wildflower swathes have been cut back after summer flowering and there will be another cut back before winter. The new gates provide convenient access for users between the Village Hall and Village Green and for maintenance purposes.

3465. Request from Wrabness Community Shop: Dog Waste Bin (3460b): Advice has been sought from TDC following the decision to replace the existing open topped litter bin next to the telephone box at Rectory Road. TDC confirmed they have no funds available for the proposed upgrade which would have to be paid for by the parish council. Information was circulated from TDC Environmental Health for a combined litter bin suitable for general litter and dog waste. Two types of ground mounted bins were suggested – a large plastic bin or a medium sized black metal bin. As space is limited for the installation and the bin is emptied weekly it was decided to proceed with the floor mounted black metal bin at a cost of £279 plus £100 installation fee (ex VAT). The Parish Clerk noted that the sign on the example bin implies litter only, not dog waste. WPC will raise this query with TDC as the signage needs to encourage dog waste to be placed there and also place the order. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

3466. Request from Manningtree Museum and Local History Group: Replacement of Harwich Turnpike Road Mile Stone & Post No 65 Wrabness: Philip Cunningham has contacted WPC to restart discussions on the Turnpike Road Milestone Project. Mr Cunningham reports that the marker for Wrabness has been cast and is being painted. Mr Cunningham hopes to finalise a suitable location for the marker within the vicinity of Butlers Lane/ Cooks Corner. GB offered to meet on site with Mr Cunningham and will report back. **ACTION: G BOWERS**

3467. New Planning Application – the parish council has been notified of the following new application received by Tendring District Council:

- a. [24/01427/FULHH](#) - Strandlands Rectory Road Wrabness Essex CO11 2TX - Householder Planning Application - Proposed single storey extension. No objections. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

3468. 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: Refused on 11/09/2024. Insufficient information provided to demonstrate an established existing use whereby the static caravan has been used for overnight stays under circumstances specified in paragraphs 2 to 10 of Schedule 1 to the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.
- b. [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. Status: Approved on 13/09/2024.

3469. Polling Places Review: TDC is conducting a review to ensure there are suitable polling places. WPC agreed to participate in the survey and the following comment has been provided to TDC. *“We strongly support the retention of Wrabness Village Hall as a polling place. Wrabness Village Hall has good accessibility and is a convenient location for the polling station to serve electors resident in the parish of Wrabness. There are no scheduled bus services linking Wrabness to other polling stations in the Stour Valley Ward”.*

3470. Budget Committee: to appoint a committee to review the financial position of the council and prepare a draft budget for 2025-26. Councillors present indicated their wish to join the committee subject to availability for the chosen date. GB, RC and Parish Clerk to lead. Parish Clerk to suggest two dates to find the most suitable for the majority of councillors to attend. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**

3471. Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025: The proposed meeting dates up to July 2025 were agreed. The dates will be listed on the website www.wrabness-pc.co.uk/ **ACTION: R COLLEY / PARISH CLERK**

3472. Reports:

<p>HIGHWAYS: FM reports that a 3rd accident has occurred on Harwich Road in as many months. The car went into the ditch where the parapet wall is awaiting repair. FM feels that the speed limit along Harwich road is the cause of these incidents and should be lowered. Wrabness is awaiting a speed limit review. WPC will ask Carlo Guglielmi for an update on where Wrabness is on the waiting list for review.</p>	<p>TDALC: RC attended the TDALC meeting via Zoom. Some parishes reported to be receiving poor bin collection services with missed collections. Wrabness appears to not be having issues of this nature. The TDC Director of Planning gave a presentation about new housing targets. The Tendring District annual land availability target has recently been increased from 770 new homes a year to a district wide target of 1,043 new homes a year, an increase of 35%. An urgent District wide review of land availability is to be progressed to identify more land for new housing. Our District Councillor has offered to arrange a meeting for the Stour Valley Ward villages with the planners – this was agreed.</p>
<p>TRANSPORT: The ticket machine has not been repaired yet. It was noted again that the phone signal is not good enough in the station car park to pay for parking online.</p>	<p>WEBSITE: RC has been made aware of an upcoming offer for a '.gov.uk' web site address from the parish host. RC will inform WPC of this in due course.</p>
<p>STATION MASTERS GARDEN: An autumn working party is planned to tidy up the garden</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: There has been a rise in burglaries in the Tendring District but nothing of</p>

for the winter as part of the transition to a more drought resistant, lower maintenance garden.	note in Wrabness specifically. GB notes that a new rural police officer has been in the area familiarising himself with the village.
FORESHORE: Is very quiet now in the lead up to winter.	VILLAGE HALL: A Quiz Night will be held on 11.10.24 in aid of St Helena Hospice.

3473. 2024-5 Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
TDC Precept 2nd Instalment	£3,307.00	Parish Clerk Salary for October 2024	£215.33	1276
		Village Hall Hire for October Meeting	£18.00	1277

3474. Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 3rd October 2024 £6,749.08

Deposit Account: Balance as at 3rd October 2024 £6,876.16

3475. Any Other Urgent Business;

a. Information: Temporary Event Notice - TENOP/5288/24. 11/10/2024. Wrabness Village Hall - Quiz Night. Station Road, Wrabness, Essex, CO11 2TJ. 18:00-00:00.

b. Information: Code of Conduct: training information was circulated and councillors invited to update their knowledge on this subject.

Meeting closed at 8:37 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th November 2024 in the Village Hall.

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