

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENDLING METHODIST CHURCH
ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:- Cllr S Warwick, Cllr D Kemble, Cllr S Knight, Cllr C Foster and
Cllr M Olley

Others Present:- 6 electors, Dist. Cllrs R Atterwill, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and
Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Dist. Cllr R Duffield.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept minutes of the 18th January meeting.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Warwick proposed the minutes of January 18th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Kemble and carried.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of January (not on the agenda).

There were no matters to discuss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris apologies for not being able to attend some meetings for a well, but he had had some health problems. Norfolk County Council are setting budgets at the moment. The budget for 2024 -2025 includes an additional £60m for adult social services and £35m extra for children's services and savings from transforming how the Council operates. There is a proposed 4.99% increase in the County Council's share of Council Tax, in line with the Government's capping level (2.99% for general Council Tax and 2% for adult social care). This would increase the Council's share of band D bills to £1,672.11. A 4.99% rise would generate £24.9m Last October there was an overspend of over £3,000,000. Dealing with flooding is a problem. Small pipes under the road no longer can deal with flooding. N.C.C. are asking land owners to look after their ditches and if not N.C.C. will deal with the problem and send the invoices for the work to the land owners. The drains are collapsing in some places and they are very old, so this is a problem. Cllr Kiddle-Morris had produced a report, which will be attached to the minutes.

Dist. Cllr Atterwill reported that Breckland has a challenging budget this year. Soon residents will receive their council tax bills.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2023/1172/F Land North Side of Swaffham Road. Change of use of land for a proposed new dwelling and part retrospective in relation to siting of a temporary static caravan. Planning Application refused.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

The flooding in the village is a problem. Hulver Street and on the Main Road is never going to be resolved without a huge amount of work happening and a high expense. The flooding is a big problem outside the property know as The Firs. There is also an issue outside the Methodist Church as this is affected by flooding. There are some large pot holes at Carr Lane and Abbey Close and these will be reported. The village sign near The Greenbanks Hotel has been cleaned and the foliage has been removed.

8. To receive an update regarding the new rubbish bin proposed down Station Road.

The Clerk did not have an update on the situation nor did Cllr Olley, so the Clerk will chase up the situation.

9. To authorise financial payments and receive a financial update from the Clerk

The financial update had been circulated and no one had any questions regarding the document.

Cllr Warwick proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Kemble and carried.

Clerk's net salary £243.00 HMRC tax £60.80 Clerk's expenses for Feb/March £55.39
Norfolk Parish Training and Support subs. £60.00 Wix.com £180.00
The Community Heartbeat Trusty £162.00 Cllr Foster – easter egg event £79.11
Donation to Wendling Methodist Church £42.00

10. To receive an update on the Easter Event idea

Cllr Foster has bought the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt event in Wendling. Fifteen bunny rabbits will be hidden around the village and a golden egg needs to be found. She will be reimbursed for the costs.

11. To receive an update on the Village Litter Pick proposed for the end of the month.

This is arranged for Saturday 30th March starting at the Methodist Church. It will start at 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or thereabouts. Arrangements have been made for the litter pick equipment to be collected from Breckland Council. Refreshments afterwards will be available at Wendling Methodist Church.

12. To receive any update on the idea of putting some play equipment on some land.

Cllr Warwick is still trying to sort out where it might go and who to approach to see if the Parish Council can afford to buy it. He is thinking about the piece of land at Carr Lane. Cllr Kemble will pass on Cllr Warwick's telephone number to the landowner to see if he will consult with Cllr Warwick. There is a piece of land that is Charity land and the Charity holds the rights to the land and the Charity Commission oversees the situation. It might be possible to rent it so this will be investigated when necessary.

13. To discuss possible funding opportunity re Wendling Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

There is an opportunity via the Bishop of Norwich to apply via the Restart Trust to apply for some money but there needs to be some people willing to help. Up to this point people have not come forward to help. Cllr Warwick will put something in the magazine but he needs the backing from a member of the Clergy and the person involved is not involved with Wendling Church at the moment. Cllr Warwick is willing to send a letter to the Diocese to try to find out what is happening with the Wendling Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. Cllr Warwick does not think the Church is in too bad a condition at the moment.

14. To discuss the idea of purchasing the picture for sale

The Clerk had received some emails regarding the opportunity to purchase a picture from a gentleman who had a picture which he thought would be of interest to the Parish Council. The picture is a copy of a painting of 578th Sqdn. Airplane. As it will have to be put onto the wall inside the Village Hall, the Parish Council thought the Village Hall Committee should have the opportunity to purchase it, so the relevant emails will be sent to Mrs Gilbert.

15. To receive items for the next agenda.

Election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the forthcoming year.
Adopt the Parish Council's end of year accounts

16. To confirm date, time and venue of the May meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date