WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 22^{ND} JULY 2021

Present:

Cllr M Olley, Cllr D Kemble and Cllr S Knight

Others Present: Dist. Cllr R Atterwill, 4 Electors and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Olley welcomed those present to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Warwick (Chairman) and Cllr C Foster, and these were accepted.

There were apologies also received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on May 20th 2021

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Kemble proposed the minutes of May 20th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Mr Yaxley discussed the condition of the telephone exchange. He said it was a dilapidated building and an eye sore and gave a bad impression of the village. Cllr Knight offered to contact BT Openreach about this. He also mentioned that outside the Methodist Church down Station Road, the resurfacing has been done but the pavement and road needs to be given a hard 'sweep' as there is a lot of loose gravel and stones are flying up when cars go down the road. These are landing on the pavement.

Mrs Gilbert spoke about the condition of the seat at the St. Peter and St. Paul Church as it needs some attention. She also reported that the grass at the Church is quite high.

Dist. Cllr Atterwill spoke about Breckland's Future Long Plan for the 5 big towns, which include Dereham. Dereham needs a proper Bus Terminal. Breckland also has a Grant Fund for small environmental projects. He spoke about the problems that residents have been having with Bin collections and buying Brown Bins. Grass cutting in villages is a great problem. Road side verge cutting is very patchy and some junctions are not being cut. Also pot holes are not getting repaired so he encouraged reporting on these issues.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

No correspondence had been received that required discussion.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no planning issues to discuss.

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7. To discuss the Flooding down Hulver Street situation

There were no flooding problems at the moment as there has not been torrential rain but there has not been any progress on sorting out the problem with the blocked drains.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

The Parish Councillors did not have any specific issues to discuss. A contractor has been paid to carry out some grass cutting in Wendling. On the day of the meeting, some grass cutting had taken place from Carr Lane down to Hulver Street.

9. To discuss the Village Litter Pick and agree on a date

Cllr Foster was going to organise this but as she was not present it could not be discussed. By the time of the next meeting it will probably have been carried out.

10. To discuss the Unit for a Book Swap Project

A cabinet is planned to be placed in the bus shelter for the Book Swap Project. It will be made by a local craftsman.

11. To discuss revising the Village Directory

The Clerk will update the Directory as much as she can and then distribute it to the Parish Councillors for their input.

12. To authorize financial payments -

Cllr Olley proposed the following necessary financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for June/July £230.00 HMRC tax £30.00 Clerk's expenses £31.38

13. To receive an update on the Methodist Church situation

On the advice of the Parish Council, Mr Yaxley had spoken to the Minister asking her to write to the Parish Council regarding the financial situation but he had not persuaded her to do so.

14. To discuss further the idea of a Social Event in the Village Hall

There was some discussion about a fundraising event to be held in the future that would raise funds for both the Village Hall and the Methodist Chapel. It could be a BBQ in the garden at the back of the Village Hall with a raffle, Tombola plus some outdoor Games. In light of Covid and an ever changing situation, please look at the Wendling Face book page that Clir Olley curates for updates.

15. To receive items for the next agenda

Update on the Village Directory Update on the Litter Pick To discuss progress with the Book Swap Project

16. To confirm date and time of next meeting in September

The next meeting will take place on September 16th 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall. There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Olley declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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