

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON
26TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.15 P.M.

Present: Cllr S Warwick (Chairman), Cllr C Foster, Cllr M Olley, Cllr S Knight
and Cllr D Kemble

Others Present: Dist. Cllr Roger Atterwill, Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield, Rev. Julia Hemp and
Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman, Cllr Warwick, welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence from Parish Councillors.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on August 6th 2020

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of August 6th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris had produced a report and it will be circulated. It will be attached to the minutes. The report covered Covid 19, the Flu, the Budget, the Boundary Review, County Farms and the Parish Partnership. Grass cutting is going to be reduced to one cut per year on C and U roads and urban cuts will only be 4 per year. He encouraged Parish Councils to email objections if they wished.

Cllr Atterwill reported that Breckland have been paying out grants quickly to those that applied. Regarding Breckland Planning, and the White Paper response, he felt the situation would not be good if it went through as it was. The number of houses in Breckland will be reviewed.

Cllr Duffield said he agreed with Cllr Atterwill regarding the White Paper. Hopefully the Government will change its mind on the subject.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from NALC regarding plastic visors becoming available to Parish Councils to distribute amongst their residents. The cost was £25.00 for 100 visors. The Clerk will notify NALC that Wendling Parish Council will buy 100 at a cost of £25.00 and the Chairman will speak to a Village Hall Committee member regarding the visors being kept at the Village Hall for a while. The Clerk will contact surrounding Parishes to investigate whether any other Parish would be interested in purchasing a few from Wendling Parish Council at a nominal sum and the proceeds will go to the Wendling Relief Charity.

6. Planning Issues

No new planning matters notified.



7. To discuss Highways Matters

The resurfacing problem regarding the 'gritty stuff' from the resurfacing that was left behind by Highways has been dealt with. The Chairman has sent 2 emails regarding over-ground foliage but he thinks it will be next year before any cutting is carried out.

8. To discuss the update regarding the Codling Pond situation

The Chairman has been informed that minor rural work is on hold so nothing will be done for a while.

9. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Olley suggested that the Parish Council purchase some lights, which he will use to decorate trees at Carr Lane. He proposed a maximum of £60.00 to be spent on lights, seconded by Cllr Kemble and carried. The idea of purchasing a Christmas tree to be sited at the top of Carr Lane was discussed and Cllr Olley is still investigating this. It would cost about £50.00 for an 8ft tree.

Rev. Hemp spoke about the difficulties the Church is facing. Cllr Warwick proposed a donation of £600.00, instead of the usual £400.00 be given to the Church, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

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

Clerk's net salary £334.00 HMRC tax £56.00 G Hubbard expenses for Sept. - November £34.50

10. To set the Precept for 2021 - 2022

The Clerk had distributed a Budget document for discussion. Cllr Foster proposed the Precept be set again at £5,000.00 and this was seconded by Cllr Knight and then carried.

11. To discuss further the purchasing of a Red Telephone Box

No firm decision was made on this subject, so it will continue to be discussed.


12. To receive items for the next agenda

To discuss the idea of a Spring Litter Pick around the Village
To discuss the idea of a Book Swop

13. To set date and time of January meeting and decide if it is to be another ZOOM

The date was set for January 28th 2021 at 7.15p.m. and it will be a Virtual meeting through Zoom.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.


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Chairman

28.1.2021
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