

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH 2022

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

Others Present: 1 Elector, Rev. Miriam Fife, Dist. and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr M Olley, the Vice Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr S Warwick and this was accepted.

Cllr R Duffield, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr R Atterwill also sent apologies for absence.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllr D Kemble declared a Personal Interest in item no 6 Planning. 3PL/2022/0186/HOU

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 27th 2022

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Kemble proposed the minutes of January 27th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

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

A Village Litter will hopefully be taking place on Saturday April 16th from 10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon. The meeting point is the car park at the Methodist Church. After the litter pick is finished, refreshments will be provided at the Methodist Church. Cllr Foster is also organising a Village Easter Egg Hunt on 16th and 17th April.

Children will have to follow Easter Bunny Footprints, starting from Carr Lane and going around the village to a finishing point.

Cllr Olley proposed a donation of £20.00 be given to the Methodist Church for the hiring of it for refreshments, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The Parish Councillors present wished for it to be minuted that they all wished the Chairman, Cllr Warwick, a speedy recovery.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

Thank you letters for donations had been received from Priscilla Bacon Hospice, Support Our Military Veterans and Norfolk Citizens Advice.

The Clerk had received an email from Maya Knight from Momentum Processes. She is organising an event in Wendling spread over 4 days in September and was enquiring about music and sound policies. She did not state where the event was going to take place but the Parish Councillors assumed it was probably going to be The Fire Pit. The Clerk will contact her and if it is there, she will be advised to liaise with The Fire Pit directly.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2021/1708/VAR Kulnura, Hulver Street, Variation of Cond. 2 on p.p. 3PL/2020/1369/HOU, Planning Permission received.

3PL/2022/0186/HOU 1 Abbey Farm Cottages, Carr Lane, single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Cllr Kemble vacated the Church whilst this planning application was discussed. The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

3PL/2022/0309/F Land North Side of Swaffham Road, NR19 2AB Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling. The Parish Council has no objections to this application at the moment, but it awaits feedback from the community.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

There were no matters to discuss. Abby Close no longer has pot holes.

8. To discuss the leak in the Parish Church

The Church is now deemed unfit for purpose. Currently there is no Wendling P.C.C. Cllr Knight thought setting up an Action Group to help the Church would be a good idea. She felt the residents were not aware of the plight of the Church and they should be informed. If they were aware of the problem, then a concerned resident could make decisions regarding the problem, if they wanted to. If some residents showed some interest, then an Action Group could be formed.

9. To discuss further how to obtain a Unit for a Book Swap Project

There was no progress regarding a wooden unit for this project so the Parish Councillors decided to buy a large plastic box with a lid and use it for 3 months as a trial period. Depending on how much the Book Swop is used, further decisions will be made.

10. To discuss further a Bike Rack at the Village Hall

A decision was made regarding what Bike Rack is required and the Clerk will contact Norfolk Community Foundation regarding funding.

11. To discuss the Queen's Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Olley thought it would be a good idea to buy some bunting to decorate the village and the other Parish Councillors agreed. He will organise this and plant some sunflower seeds as well. The Clerk will contact Mrs Gilbert and inform her she can apply for some funding from Breckland for the Queen's Jubilee Celebration costs.

12. To discuss Charity Donations

Cllr Knight proposed a tiered system in future for Charity donations and that each request is discussed and a decision on amount is made on its merit. So the amount given would probably be £25.00, £50.00 or £100.00. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

13. To authorize financial payments

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

- Clerk's net salary for February & March £230.00 HMRC tax for February & March £30.00
- Clerk's expenses for February & March £38.65
- Norfolk Parish Training & Support –subscription £50.00
- Wendling Methodist Church (donation for hiring for Parish Council meetings) £60.00
- Wendling Methodist Church (donation for hiring for Parish Council meetings) £60.00
- Wendling Methodist Church (donation for hiring for Litter Pick Refreshments) £20.00

The Clerk had received notification that local government staff were to receive a 1.75% pay rise from 1st April and the Parish Council agreed to this rise.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.
Adopt the end of year accounts

15. To confirm date and time of next meeting in May 2022 – May 26th at 7.30 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting and it will be held on Thursday 26th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and proceeded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no other business to discuss Cllr Olley thanked everyone for attending and said the Parish Council wished to acknowledge the sad loss to the village of Mrs Molly Gooch. She had been a huge support to the village for many years, especially her involvement with the News and Views Magazine. Cllr Olley declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.



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Chairman

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Date