

May 2023

## WENDLING PARISH

### Chairman's Report

I was elected for the position of Chairman last May and Cllr Olley was elected for the position of Vice Chairman. Due to illness, I was not able to attend the meetings in September, November and January, so these were chaired by Cllr Olley.

Zurich Municipal continue to be our insurance provider.

The end of year accounts were adopted with no issues, as was the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The precept was set in November at £5,000.00. This was the same amount as the previous year.

Donations were given to Wendling Methodist Church, Wendling Village Hall, Norfolk Age UK.

### Planning Applications

1 Abbey Farm Cottages, Carr Lane, a single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling. Planning Permission Received.

Land north side of Swaffham Road for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling. This application was Withdrawn.

Grange Farm, Grange Road, demolition of utilitarian farm building and structure and the retention, conversion and adaption of redundant traditional barns to form 3 dwellings. Planning application still Undecided.

The Oaks, Carr Lane, removal of condition 3 on 3PL/2004/0013/0 Agricultural tie. Permission Received.

3DC/20223/0002/DOC Ashness, Swaffham Road. Discharge of condition 2 and 4 on PL.2021/0107/F (discharge condition) DOC complete.

Highways Matters. – The flooding down Hulver Street continues and the problem has not yet been dealt with.

A bike rack was purchased and installed.

Book Swap Project. – There are currently 2 plastic boxes in the bus shelter full of books for residents to borrow and donate books. One box had to be rebought as the original was stolen.

The Parish Council thinks having some play equipment in the village for the children is a good idea, but it has not yet been possible to secure the land to install it on.

The Parish Council met the criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence, so it adopted it in July, giving it more powers regarding spending.

The Parish Church is now officially closed. The roof has been repaired. The notice board outside the Church contained erroneous information and Cllr Knight dealt with this problem.

Last Easter and this Easter, Cllr Foster organised a litter pick and an Easter Egg hunt. The events were very successful. Another litter pick took place last September and was equally successful. The Parish Council is very grateful to Cllr Foster for organising these events.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June there was an afternoon tea Party with a children's entertainer and on 2<sup>nd</sup> June there was a BBQ and live music to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

To celebrate the Coronation, the Parish Council has purchased some commemorative coasters and one will be delivered to each household.

The Parish Council supported the Wendling Methodist Church with it's Christingle Service last December.

And finally, the elections took place recently and the elected Parish Councillors are Cllr Steve Warwick, Cllr Matthew Olley, Cllr Sally Knight and Cllr Christina Foster. Mr David Kemble will be co-opted back onto the Parish Council in the near future.