

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Others Present: Dist. Cllr R Atterwill, 2 Electors and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Warwick, the Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting.

There were apologies 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 July 22nd 2021

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of July 22nd be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Kemble and carried.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Mr Yaxley thanked the Parish Council, especially Cllr Knight, for contacting B.T. because of the need for repair to the Exchange, but to no avail so far.

Cllr Atterwill reported that Serco think it will be 12 – 18 months before they can provide a proper service again. Staff shortages apparently are a big problem in the organisation. They cut only a very small amount of grass in Wendling and do not cut hedges. They cut the grass on behalf of Breckland Council. From next year, Norfolk County Council are going to bring all the cuttings back 'in house' but this job will be reduced by 50%. The Parish Council will deal with the grass cutting problem itself and contractors will be paid to do the job. Brexit is the cause of a lot of the problems. Those present had an in-depth discussion regarding various problems surrounding Brexit, Serco and waste collections.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

There was no correspondence that required discussion

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

No new planning applications had been reported. Planning Approval had been granted for 3PL/2021/0107/F Ashness, Swaffham Road, retention of the existing bungalow.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

Most of the Highways problems have been sorted out. There is still the need for the resurfacing of Station Road where it joins Swaffham Road. The job was done not very well because it was a very hot day and it would have been more sensible to have done it when it was cooler. Ridges were formed on the tarmac because of the heat. There is still flooding down Hulver Street and the Chairman is still trying to get something done about it.



8. To discuss the Village Litter Pick

Cllr Foster proposed the 9th October as a possible date for the Litter Pick. The Clerk was not sure if she was going to be able to collect the Litter Pick equipment from Breckland, as she has done in the past. Cllr Atterwill will make enquiries and let her know.

9. To receive update on progress on the Unit for a Book Swop Project

The cabinet is ready to be put up, so it is a case of waiting for the person who made it to be not quite so busy and to find the time to erect it. It is hoped it will not be too much longer.

10. To discuss revising the Village Directory

The Clerk has started work on this, it is work in progress and should be completed by November.

11. To authorize financial payments

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

Clerk's net salary for August /September £230.00 HMRC tax for August /September £30.00
 Clerk's expenses for August/September 30.05 Wendling Village Hall (recycling credit) £250.10
 Wendling Village Hall (Hall Hire) £36.00

In August T H Scott & Son was paid £376.20 for hedge cutting. The Parish Council will ask the company to do hedge cutting again.

12. To receive an update on the Methodist Church situation

As Mr Yaxley has had no success persuading the Minister to write a letter to the Parish Council, something that the Chairman wished to receive, the Parish Council did not think it was going to be possible to help the Methodist Church. It can easily help with grass cutting but the Chairman needed more clarification from the Methodist Church as to why it was seeking a donation from the Parish Council. Cllr Atterwill suggested the Parish Council hold a Special Meeting to adopt the General Power of Competence and then it may be possible to give a donation to the Methodist Church. The Clerk will seek advice from NALC and Norfolk Parish Training and Support.

13. To receive an update on the BT Exchange Repair

This was discussed under Public Participation. Cllr Knight will continue to try to get something done about this. Cllr Atterwill offered to send a letter to B.T. and Cllr Knight will send him some photos to accompany the letter.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

To set the Precept for 2022 – 2023 To discuss the outcome of the Litter Pick
 To discuss the BT Exchange Repair situation To receive an update on the Methodist Church situation

15. To confirm date and time of next meeting in November

The next meeting will take place on November 18th 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church. There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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 Chairman

28 November 2021
 Date