

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENDLING VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:- Cllr S Warwick, Cllr M Olley, Cllr S Knight, Cllr C Foster,
Cllr J Taylor-Roberts and Cllr J Hunt

Others Present:- 10 electors, Dist. Cllrs R Atterwill and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Kemble and these were accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr. R Duffield.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

Cllr J Taylor-Roberts and Cllr J Hunt declared a Personal Interest in item no. 6 Planning Issues regarding planning application 3AG/2024/0020/AG.

3. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on 18th July.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olly proposed the minutes of July 18th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Dist. Cllr Atterwill spoke about car parking charges that are intended to come into force in the Breckland area. Breckland Council have decided to go ahead with the charges before having the consultation. The consultation should have happened first. The charges will affect the small business in Dereham.

The Boundary Commission are carrying out work regarding new boundaries, so there will be 51 councillors and not 49. Wards are going to be broken up. The Local Plan has been paused. A lot of the policies will be out of date. Regarding the RWE project, there are facts that are good and some that are not so good. The biggest issue is that the Secretary of State will determine whether it goes ahead or not. The statutory meeting is in February next year. A resident spoke about flooding and he spoke about the river, near where he lives. The culvert under the road, where Mrs Gilbert lives, needs clearing, but Highways will not deal with it. Dist. Cllr Atterwill informed the Parish Council that there is a dedicated Flood Team at Norfolk County Council and he advised that the team should be written to.

The residents from The Greenbanks Hotel spoke about the speeding of traffic coming through Wendling. Cllr Warwick spoke about the campaign that got the speed reduced down to 40 m.p.h. Station Road and Hulver Street are very busy junctions and Cllr Warwick has sent an email to the Police when a tractor landed up in a field. It was suggested that a letter be sent to

Murphy's and ask if they can speak to the drivers and request them to slow down. Also, a letter could be sent to the bus company.

The Parish Council thought that maybe getting s SAM22 speeding sign would be a good idea and this could be done through the Parish Partnership scheme.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

A donation request from Farplace Animal Rescue had been received. The Parish Council decided not to send a donation.

A donation request from Support Our Military Veterans had been received. The Parish Council decided not to send a donation.

A letter from Mr George Freeman, M.P. regarding industrial solar farm at Ashill, Necton, Bradenham, Scarning and Dereham.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2024/0189/F 2 Mill Close, Manor Drift, retrospective planning for equestrian development 20mx 40m sand menage constructed for owner's use. Application approved.

3PL/2024/0682/HOU Kenwood, Swaffham Road, demolition of existing conservatory and proposed replacement with single storey extension. Conversion off attached garage to habitable accommodation. The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

3AG/2024/0020/AG 2 Mill Close, Manor Drift, proposed hay bale storage barn. Cllr Taylor-Roberts and Cllr J Hunt left the meeting whilst this was being discussed. The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

Cllr Warwick has sent an email to Great Fransham, asking if they would like to get involved with the road surface near Greenbanks. He has asked Norfolk County Council to replace a sign, but so far nothing has happened about this, The Highways budget has been reduced and Norfolk County Council are only concentrating on winter projects.

8. To receive an update regarding the new rubbish bin proposed down Station Road.

Cllr Warwick has found someone who will move the notice board down Station Road to a better position. The notice boards need to be varnished. The Clerk would like the notice boards down Station Road and Carr Lane to have a magnetic backing, so she can use magnets and does not have to use drawing pins to put documents into the notice boards, which she finds quite difficult.

9. To discuss purchasing a Dog Litter Bin.

Cllr Foster thought putting a dog litter bin towards the end of the village, about 200 yards from the village sign would be a good idea. The Clerk will investigate whether adding a dog bin onto the licence is acceptable to Norfolk County Council or not.

10. To discuss granting a donation to the Village Hall.

At the moment the Village Hall does not need to receive a donation from the Parish Council.

11. To authorise financial payments

The Parish Council agreed the financial payments.

Clerk's net salary for August/September £,
HMRC tax for August and September Clerk's expenses for August and September £
Donation of £400.00 to Wendling Methodist Church
Cllr Foster £100.00 to be used for Halloween Trail activity

12. To receive a financial update from the Clerk

The financial update had been circulated and no one had any questions regarding the document.

13. To receive any update on the idea of putting some play equipment on some land.

There was nothing to report on this subject.

14. To discuss Wendling Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Cllr Warwick has been informed by the Diocese that on 1st December the Parish Church will cease to be a Church. The Norwich Diocese is not willing to pay for the insurance until the repairs have been done. It will be put up for sponsorship. All the Diocese will do is allow a relative to be buried in the churchyard. The Churches Trust will look at it, but they have not done so yet. Cllr Warwick still has a key. He will pass it on if someone wants to go in and carry out some cleaning. The Public Liability insurance will expire on 1st December, so anyone entering the Church after that date will do so at their own risk. The churchyard will continue to be insured. The Parish Council will pay for the churchyard to be kept clean and tidy. Cllr Warwick explained what damage there is to the church.

15. To discuss a Halloween Trail around the Village, to be organised by Cllr Foster.

Cllr Foster will organise a Halloween Trail around the village. She will obtain some pumpkins from The Greenbankss Hotel.

16. To receive information regarding the High Grove Solar Farm proposal.

Cllr Warwick had participated in 2 webinars that were available. There is no more information available than what has been printed in the leaflet. The first consultation will end at the end of October. He thought that the residents should think about what it means for the residents of Wendling and have a meeting in the Village Hall just to discuss this topic. The Greenbanks Hotel has a large notice board full of information and people will be directed to go and look at it if they want to. Those present had a very in-depth discussion regarding the proposed project and it was decided that a meeting should take place and someone from RWE should be invited to attend. The date of October 17th at 7.00 p.m. was suggested. Cllr Warwick will endeavour to set this up.

17. To receive items for the next agenda.

To set the precept for 2025 – 2026

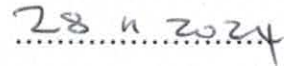
18. To confirm date, time and venue of the November meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.



Chairman



Date