

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
4TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

Present: Cllr S Warwick (Chairman), Cllr M Olley and Cllr S Knight

Others Present: 2 Electors Dist. and Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Jenness and Cllr C Foster and these were accepted.

Apologies for absence were also received from Dist. Cllr Robert Richmond.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

No Interests were declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 24th 2019

An amendment was made to the minutes. The sentence regarding the Village Hall Committee objecting to the defibrillator was removed and a note will be put in the magazine offering apologies for any distress caused. The Parish Council acknowledges a mistake was made and this was because of some confusion.

Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of January 24th now 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 January (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Duffield reported that the District and Parish elections are taking place on May 2nd. Breckland has committed to spend a large amount of money on sport related activities. Also Market Town initiatives are now in place. A business involving Alpacas was awarded some money for the business. Cllr Duffield delivered a comprehensive report regarding all the various initiatives Breckland are carrying out at the moment. He reminded the Parish Council that telephone scams are rife at the moment and the elderly and vulnerable are being targeted. A resident present spoke about the parking problems occurring at the Village Hall for users of the Village Hall. The users are having trouble finding spaces to park because of other people parking at the Village Hall that are not using the Village Hall. This situation will be looked into by the Parish Council.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

Donation request from Rev. Julia Hemp for grass cutting at St. Peter & St. Paul Church. Cllr Olley proposed a donation of £600.00 is given, as no donation given last year, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2018/1530/F Dykewood Farm, change of use of part of the agricultural workshop to joint vehicle motor workshop/agricultural workshop. This planning application has been approved.

3PL/2019/0257/O land east of Station Road, erection of 3 dwellings with associated garages, parking and landscaping, planning application received.

3PL/2018/0549/O land opposite The Laurels, Swaffham Road, erection of 2 dwellings. Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the Breckland decision to refuse the application.

Breckland's new Local Plan – this has been circulated.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

A fatal accident had occurred recently outside Spring Cottage. It seems there is nothing wrong with the bend and road surface and the accident happened due to the driver's driving.

The Highways Rangers are coming to the Parish soon and they will be asked to go to Grange Road and use their equipment to unblock the drains.

8. To discuss the Parish Councillor vacancy problem

This problem is ongoing at the moment.

9. 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 Feb. & March £208.00 HMRC Tax for Feb. & March £52.00

Clerk's end of year expenses £286.37 Norfolk Parish Training & Support subscription £50.00

Mr S Jackman (website) £60.00 Wendling P.C.C. (grass cutting donation for 2 years) £600.00

10. To discuss further the purchasing of a defibrillator

This idea can now proceed as there are about 10 – 12 people who have shown interest in the training. The names will need to be collated. The Clerk will start the process.

11. To discuss further the idea of a Village Litter Pick

This idea has been postponed for the time being.

12. To receive an update on the idea of solar panels to light up the bus shelter

Mr Hayton has now retired from Westcotec. Cllr Olley spoke to Westcotec regarding solar panels. To have a solar panel fitted would cost £1,700.00 plus V.A.T. It would have 5 hours of battery and it could be set on a timer. There are some alternatives to solar panels which would not be so expensive to buy. The situation was discussed and it was decided that the Clerk should try to obtain some funding to help purchase two solar panels, so one could be installed at the bus stop and one at the bus shelter. The Clerk will investigate Awards For All Big Lottery and the Breckland Lottery.

13. To receive an update on the new website

The website has now been created and now several items of information need to be put on it. Cllr Olley reported that photos had been taken and he had emailed them to Mr Jackman for installing on the website. The Clerk will put the necessary documents on it. Information regarding the Churches and the Village Hall need to be put on, as well as some personal statements regarding the Parish Coucillors. It will remain work in progress for a while

14. To receive items for next agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Adoption of Accounts

Adoption of the Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review

Adoption of the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements

15. To confirm date, time and venue of May's meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on May 16th 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall.

The meeting will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting dates and venues for the remaining meetings are as follows:-

Thursday 18th July 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall

Thursday 3rd October 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall

Thursday 21st November 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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Date