

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST
CHURCH ON THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

Others Present: 1 Elector, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris. Rev. Anne Richardson, Mary Rudd and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

The meeting commenced with the Parish Council receiving from Mary Rudd, a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk, the specially commissioned Plaque to commemorate the Community's resilience during the time of the Pandemic. She explained why it had been decided to create the plaque and how communities had pulled together in such a strong way during the Pandemic. The plaque will be placed on the Village Hall wall.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Warwick, the Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr D Kemble and these were accepted. Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield also sent apologies for absence.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on September 16th 2021

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of September 16th 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 September (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Foster asked if it might be possible to have a bike rack at the Village Hall for children to use. Cllr Warwick will speak to Mrs Gilbert about the situation.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris had sent the Clerk a report and he spoke about N.C.C. having a consultation regarding the budget and he said there was some disagreement regarding finances. The minimum wage has increased and this will affect the finances of N.C.C. He will be circulating a new report in December and the Clerk will circulate it. N.C.C. is still going ahead with the Western Link. There needs to be environmental net gain and it has to be approved. Buying an electric car was discussed and Cllr Kiddle-Morris spoke about some of the problems owners of an electric car would have.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

A letter had been received from Rev. Richardson regarding the Methodist Church and its financial situation and this was discussed.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no planning issues to discuss.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

There was nothing to report apart from rumours that roads could be dangerous, due to the lack of drivers for gritting vans. Norfolk Council Council is not short of salt and although there is a driver shortage, the situation will be dealt with. The reduction in the speed limit down to 40 m.p.h. has meant that drivers are driving at a lower speed. More traffic seems to be travelling through the village.

8. To discuss a Village Litter Pick during 2022

This will take place in the spring, probably around Easter time. It will go on the January agenda.

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

Cllr Olley showed the other Parish Councillors a picture of a unit that he thought was going to be suitable for putting inside the bus stop for the book swop. The cost was £186.97, which included V.A.T. Cllr Olley proposed the Clerk order the unit, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried. It will be delivered to Cllr Foster's premises.

10. To receive an update on the revised Village Directory

The new Directory is nearly completed and once the Clerk has it ready, the draft will be circulated for comment.

11. To authorize financial payments

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

Clerk's net salary for October –November	£230.00	HMRC tax for October-November	£30.00
Clerk's expenses for October-November	£31.05	Wendling P.C.C.	£500.00
Wendling Methodist Church	£400.00		

In October hedge cutting was carried out by T H Scott & Son and they were given a cheque for £319.20.

The Clerk had contacted A D Accounting Services Ltd. and they will be available to carry out the Internal Audit next year.

12. To set the Precept for 2022 –2023

The budget was discussed. Cllr Warwick proposed the precept be set at £5,000.00, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried. The Clerk will inform Breckland Council.

13. To receive an update on the Methodist Church situation

The Parish Council had received a letter from explaining the financial situation regarding the Methodist Church. Cllr Warwick proposed a donation be given to the Church, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried. The money will be used for ground maintenance. The Parish Council was thanked by the Rev. Anne Richardson for this donation.

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14. To discuss the BT Exchange Repair situation

Cllr Knight is still chasing, trying to get the necessary repair attended to. She would like the other Parish Councillors and the Clerk to help her chase up this matter, so more contact will be made.

15. To receive items for the next agenda

- To discuss a Bike Rack at the Village Hall
- To discuss the Queen's Jubilee celebrations
- To discuss further the idea of the Village Litter Pick

16. To confirm date and time of next meeting in January 2022

The next meeting will take place on January 27th 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church. There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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Date