

**WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON  
28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.15 P.M.

**Present:**              Cllr S Warwick (Chairman), Cllr C Foster, Cllr M Olley, Cllr S Knight  
and Cllr D Kemble

**Others Present:**    Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

**1.      Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence**

The Chairman, Cllr Warwick, welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris.

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

There were no Interests declared.

**3.      To confirm minutes of the meeting held on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Kemble proposed the minutes of November 26th 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 November (not on the agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Cllr Duffield reported that Breckland Council are giving out grants in an attempt to keep businesses continuing. There are no contentious issues taking place at the moment. Grange Road was badly flooded recently but it was not know how this had happened.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris had sent a report, which will be attached to the minutes, and the points covered were:-

The Council will set its budget for 21/22 in February. There has been a small increase in the Rate Support Grant and the Rural Services Delivery Grant but a reduction in the payment from new homes bonus but a balanced budget will be set. There will be an increase in council tax, a 1.99% increase in the general rate and a 2% increase in the adult social care precept (up to 3%). The budget will be balanced over a 3 year period, the projection for 22/23 is for a tax rise of 2% plus 1% for adult social care.

The proposal to reduce the highways verge cut will be debated at the February meeting. The NCC and PCC elections are scheduled to take place in May. The Census 2021 will be taking place on March 21<sup>st</sup> and households will be sent information regarding this.

**5.      To discuss any necessary Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received:-

A thank you letter from Rev. Julia Hemp for the donation received.

A donation request from the Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr Warwick proposed a £50.00 donation be sent, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

**6. Planning Issues:- Notification**

3PL/2020/1369/HOU Kulnura, Hulver Street, proposed rear extension to dwelling, front porch, alterations to rear dormer window and external rendering to existing dwelling. Construction of detached garage, hobby workshop (revised porch design and cladding material change to porch). Application approved by Breckland.

**7. To discuss the Flooding down Hulver Street**

Representative from the Highways Departments had been to Hulver Street and they had dug out some channels but the ditches are still blocked up and the water is coming out and going into the road. A resident, who lives down Hulver Street, has found it extremely difficult and dangerous to come out of her property to go anywhere because of the enormous amount of water outside her property. Bradenham Hall Farms own much of the land and County Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that he would try and get Highway to write a letter to the land owner about this dangerous continuing problem.

**8. To discuss Highways Matters**

The question of trying to reduce the speed limit is still ongoing and currently there is nothing further to report on this, although it should eventually take place.

**9. To discuss the idea of a Spring Litter Pick around the Village**

A date of April 9<sup>th</sup> was decided upon for this event. Dist. Cllr Duffield will investigate with Breckland whether this can be done. The idea will be discussed more fully at the March meeting. Between now and April the rules and regulations regarding a litter pick will be investigated. The Parish Council may consider buying their own equipment instead of borrowing items from Breckland.

**10. To authorize financial payments**

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

Clerk's net salary for December-January	£209.20	HMRC tax for December-January	£24.80
G Hubbard expenses for December-January	£23.00	C.A.B. donation	£50.00
Cllr M Olley (Xmas cards)	£39.00		

**11. To discuss further the purchasing of a Red Telephone Box**

Investigations had been made regarding whether it may be possible to purchase a red telephone box from another Parish. There is one sited in Longham but it will not be possible to purchase that one. The Clerk will write to the owners of the one sited in Beeston to see if they are interested in selling it. There is also one in North Elmham and the possibility of selling that to Wendling Parish Council will be discussed at the next North Elmham Parish Council meeting. An empty red telephone box could cost as much as £2,750.00. It is possible to buy a box for £750.00 but it would not be totally enclosed. The idea of buying a replica telephone box was discussed, as this would be much cheaper. They are made of aluminium. It is also possible to purchase a white or yellow telephone box.

**12. To discuss the idea of a Book Swop**

Nothing can be done about this until a decision has been made regarding whether or not to buy a red telephone box or to buy something else to store the books in.

**13. To receive items for the next agenda**

No extra items were requested.

**14. To set date and time of 2021 meetings and discuss Venues or Zoom**

The dates were set for the remainder of the year, which may be primarily through Zoom, and these date are as follows:-

March 25<sup>th</sup>                      May 27<sup>th</sup> (This meeting may be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting)

July 22<sup>nd</sup>                      September 16<sup>th</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup>

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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Date