

## WENDLING PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WENDLING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr S Warwick, (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr T Yaxley, Mrs P Yaxley, Mrs C Foster, Mr M Olley, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Dist. Cllr Robert Richmond, Mrs S Hughes-Wade, Revd. Julia Hemp, Mrs L Smith, Mrs S Knight, 2 other residents & Mrs G Hubbard, P.C. Clerk

### **1. Welcome and to accept Apologies for Absence**

Mr Warwick, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Jenness.

### **2. To confirm minutes of Meeting of Parish held on 23rd May 2017**

Mr Olley proposed the minutes, which had been circulated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council as a true and accurate record of the meeting, Mr Warwick seconded the proposal. There were no objections, so they were signed.

### **3. To report on any matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. To receive reports from the District Councillor and County Councillor**

Dist. Cllr Richmond delivered a comprehensive report, which will be attached to the minutes. He spoke about his duties as a District Councillor, the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Area Partnership (SNAP), Health, (meetings are held in Hoe Church), Planning, Breckland Council Tax Precept, (Breckland's council tax is low because of its Commercial property portfolio), the Local Plan, (Breckland D. C. does not have a 5 year land supply for housing, quite problematic), and the Community Car Scheme.

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris produced a very informative report covering Norfolk County Council's finances, council tax, budgets, Adult Social Care (population rise and costs), Children's Services (costs and OFSTED inspection), Highways issues, County Infrastructure, Committees and some information regarding what personally Cllr Kiddle-Morris is involved with. He was thanked for his report and it will be attached to the minutes.

### **5. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

Mr Warwick delivered his report stating it had been another good year for the community as the other 2 old notice boards had been replaced with new ones and the milestone had been renovated. The precept had remained the same as 2017, it being £5,000.00 for the year. New rules regarding Data Protection are being put in place in May 2018 so the Clerk to the Parish Council has also become the Data Protection Officer. The biggest problem facing the Parish Council is the lack of Councillors on the Parish Council and it is a serious problem. Last October the rededication of Robert Howlett's grave took place and it was a lovely occasion. The Parish Council has helped the Wendling St. Peter & St. Paul church purchase a roof alarm to keep the church safe. There was an idea being discussed regarding building some houses on the land next to the Village Hall but it has proved to be so difficult, for the moment the idea has been shelved. Planning matters have been low key and on the subject of Highways, pot holes are being dealt with but flooding problems are slow being dealt with.

### **6. To receive reports from organisations connected to the village**

Wendling P.C.C.,

Reverend Julia Hemp delivered a report which will be attached to the minutes. She spoke about the congregations being low in numbers and attendance at the Harvest Festival and the Carol Service being disappointingly low. The monthly service alternates between Morning Worship and Holy Communion

from the Book of Common Prayer. With now only 2 – 4 attending there is no longer a PCC to govern the church. So for the time being the monthly service will be replaced by harvest, Christmas and a patronal festival. The church will open for baptisms, weddings and funerals and the building and churchyard will be maintained. It is hoped that demand for a monthly service will return and people will volunteer to help in the running of the church as, in a Benefice of 17 churches, Rev. Julia cannot continue to run the church unaided. A service will be offered over the summer and advertised in the magazine. Throughout the year there were 2 baptisms, 3 funerals and 1 wedding. Funds were raised to install a timed locking device on the main door to allow the church to be open during selected hours but unmanned. The Diocese paid for an alarm to protect the copper on the roof from theft but there was an annual charge for 5 years, the cost of which was helped by the Parish Council and local business and Rev. Julia was very thankful for this.. Rose Teanby organised the fund raising and execution of the work for Robert Howlett’s grave and a rededication took place on October 14<sup>th</sup> attended by many people from the Royal Photographic Society, with a service in church on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Wendling Methodist Church.**

A report regarding the Methodist Church was received. The report will be attached to the minutes. He stated the Food Bank continues to be supported, the produce from the Harvest Festival were taken to the St. Martin’s Housing Trust in Norwich and the offering from the Christmas Day service of £88.00 went to Christian Aid. The paper bank and clothes recycling bins brought in £370.00. Every Sunday there is a service with about a congregation of 10. On Maundy Thursday Rev. Betty Trinder led a special Tenebrae service for a group of local Methodist churches. In February the Women’s World Day of Prayer service took place for local churches from the Launditch & Upper Nar benefice and Methodist Churches in the surrounding area.

Wendling Village Hall Committee. There was no report available.

**8. To discuss briefly the draft Parish Council accounts**

The accounts will be adopted at the Parish Council meeting. The Chairman gave those present a brief description of the income received throughout the year of £6,821.14 and expenditure of £5,161.76 and stated the closing balance at the end of the year was £12,261.40. This was represented by £4,682.43 in the Community account and £7,578.97 in the Business Premium savings account.

**9. To discuss any future village plans**

Throughout the year the land next to the village hall was regularly discussed as the owner had hoped to build houses on it but he has encountered several problems so currently no-one knows what will happen to the land now.

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

**11. To set the date and time for next year’s Annual Parish meeting**

This was set for Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman of Wendling Parish Council

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Date