

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT WENDLING VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 30TH MAY 2022 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr M Olley, Cllr C Foster, Cllr D Kemble and Cllr S Knight

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Dist. Cllr R Atterwill, 4 Electors and Mrs Griselda Hubbard, Clerk

1. To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Cllr Foster proposed Cllr Warwick for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried. Cllr Warwick accepted the position.

2. To receive by the Clerk the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance Form from Cllr Warwick.

3. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

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

An apology for absence was received from Cllr D Kemble and this was accepted.

Cllr R Duffield had also sent an apology for absence.

4. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

5. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year

Cllr Warwick proposed Cllr Olley for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried. Cllr Olley accepted the position.

6. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on March 24th 2022

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Foster proposed the minutes of March 24th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

7. To discuss any matters from the minutes of March (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

A resident present said she came to the meeting to talk about the Public access schemes because she thought there were not many Public Footpaths to use. There was discussion as to how it would be possible to be able to access footpaths and how to overcome the difficulty. The idea of getting a group together to try to go forward and sort out this problem was discussed. Some farmers do not object to the Public walking on parts of their land but others do object and that is part of the problem.

Mrs Gilbert reported that the Village Hall is struggling to find people to carry out some hedge cutting and she asked the Parish Council if they could help with various jobs that need doing. A plea will go on the website.

8. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

The Clerk had received notification from Zurich Municipal Insurance offering a discount if the Parish Council committed to us them for 5 years. The Parish Council decided to accept this offer.

9. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2022/0186/HOU 1 Abbey Farm Cottages, Carr Lane, single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Planning Permission received

3PL/2022/0309/F Land North Side of Swaffham Road, erection of agricultural workers' dwelling. Planning Application has been withdrawn

10. To discuss Highways Matters

No matters needed to be reported.

11. To receive an update regarding support for the Parish Church

The hole in the roof is being looked into. Essential repairs at the Church can be seen to but the Church is now officially closed. At the moment no Action Group has been formed to try to help with the situation.

12. To receive an update regarding the box for the Book Swap Project

With Cllr Kemble not being present, it was difficult to discuss this as he was going to purchase the box.

13. To receive an update on the Village Litter and the Easter Egg Hunt

This went well and another Litter Pick will be carried out later in the year, probably September. It will be an item for the July agenda. The Easter Egg hunt was a great success.

14. To discuss progress with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations

On Thursday 1st June there will be an afternoon tea party and a children's entertainer. On Friday 2nd June, in the evening there will be a BBQ and live music. Bunting will be put up and some large flags.

15. To discuss the possibility of having road signs for people to Slow Down for hedgehogs

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of N.C.C. erecting specific road signs to try to slow drivers down but it was decided that this probably would not happen. So a children's competition will be arranged and some unofficial signs will be put up on Private land to endeavour drivers to slow down, as many dead hedgehogs have been spotted.

16. To discuss accessibility to the Village Pond for the Public

UK Power networks are still doing some work down at the pond and it should be finished by the summer. Once they have finished, some clearing up will need to be done.

17. To adopt the AGAR, the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements

Cllr Warwick proposed these be adopted, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

18. To adopt the end of year accounts

Cllr Warwick proposed the end of year accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

19. To authorize financial payments

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

Clerk's net salary for April/ May £233.60

HMRC tax for April/ May £31.00

Clerk's expenses for April/May £36.38

G & A Accountants Ltd. (internal auditor) £50.00

Zurich Municipal Insurance £303.37

Dash (UK) Ltd. – mugs £495.00

Barriers Direct (bike rack) £167.52

Mrs C Foster (Easter eggs) £69.94

20. To receive items for the next agenda

Update on the Parish Church situation

Book Swap

Litter Pick

Play Equipment

Local Access Scheme

Gardening issue at the Village Hall

21. To confirm date, time and venue of next meeting in July 2022

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

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Chairman

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Date

28 of 2022