

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENDLING METHODIST CHURCH
ON THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:- Cllr S Warwick, Cllr D Kemble, Cllr S Knight and Cllr C Foster

Others Present:- 5 electors, Dist. Cllrs R Atterwill and R Duffield and
Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Olley these were accepted. County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris also sent apologies.

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

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept minutes of the 16th November meeting.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Warwick proposed the minutes of November 16th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of November (not on the agenda).

There were no matters to discuss.

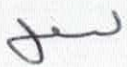
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Two of the residents present had submitted a planning application to put a dwelling on the land they were currently using. At the moment they were living in a mobile home. They explained to the parish council what their intentions for the future were. Cllr Warwick discussed with them their intentions. They explained that they wanted to put on the land a single-family dwelling. Cllr Warwick thanked them for coming to the meeting and discussing with those present what they intended to do with the land.

Another resident present reported that the paint on the village sign is fading. It has only been there for 7 years. Cllr Warwick will look into the problem and investigate how it can be dealt with.

Cllr Atterwill told the Parish Council that the deadline to submit comments on the Local Development Plan consultation is 19th February. Breckland Council will be setting its budget soon and various meetings are taking place. There will be an increase of £4.95 in council tax for a Band B property. There are funds available for families that are struggling and have cost of living problems. Grants for the D Day celebrations are available.

The Methodist Church gave thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the Christmas Christingle Event.



5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to discuss. The Parish Council received a note of thanks from The Little Rainbows organisation for the donation they were given.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/223/0984/F 2 Mill Close, Manor Drift, Retrospective planning for Equestrian development 20m x 40m sand menage and fencing constructed for owner's use (Full). Planning application refused.

3PL/2023/1172/F Land North Side of Swaffham Road. Change of use of land for a proposed new dwelling and part retrospective in relation to siting of a temporary static caravan. The Parish Council does not object to this application.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

Cllr Warwick had contacted Norfolk County Council again regarding the pot hole situation down Abbey Close, Carr Lane and Grange Road. Some signs have been replaced. Last September Cllr Warwick report to Highways that there was a problem with a sign as it needed some repair. The sign is situated on Swaffham Road, on the same side as the Village Hall, near Station Road, indicating that there is a junction where Station Road joins Swaffham Road. The sign has now been completely replaced.

8. To discuss the proposed Village Litter Pick

This event will take place on Saturday 30th March. The Clerk will collect the bags from Breckland Council on Thursday 28th March and they will be returned on Tuesday 2nd April.

9. To receive an update regarding the new rubbish bin proposed down Station Road

Cllr Warwick will progress this project. The Clerk will obtain prices for a litter bin.

10. To authorise financial payments and receive a financial update from the Clerk.

The financial update had been circulated and no one had any questions regarding the document.

Cllr Warwick proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Kemble and carried.

Clerk's net salary December/January £243.40 HMRC tax December/January £60.80

Clerk's expenses for December/January £39.55

At the end of November the Clerk paid by BACS £480.00 to J Fencing for grass cutting and strimming at Wendling Church and was reimbursed by cheque on 6th December.

11. To discuss the budget document and set the Precept for 2024 - 2025

The budget document had been circulated and was discussed. Cllr Warwick proposed the precept be set at £6,000.00 and this was seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

12. To receive any update on the idea of putting some play equipment on some land.

As Cllr Olley was not present, it was decided to discuss this subject in more detail in March but there could be a possibility that some land might become available for the Parish Council to rent in the future.



13. To discuss possible funding opportunity re Wendling Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The National Association of Local Councils had issued a document stating that the rules regarding giving money to churches had eased and it may be possible now for Parish Councils to financially help churches, so Cllr Warwick has emailed Rev'd Fyfe and the Church can be booked for funerals and weddings. If some work was done on the Church then the Church could be open and it would be possible to raise some income. If the Parish Council was to consider giving a donation to the Church, it could be possible for the Church to get itself into a better looking state. Rev'd Fyfe had been asked to find out from the Diocese if it is considering the Church being able to be used in the future for any reasons. The problem is that there are not enough people willing to attend the Church. The people that used to use the Church did not welcome change, so the congregation dwindled. The younger people tend to visit the Methodist Church. The Church of England needs to be contacted to find out what they intend to do regarding Wendling Parish Church.

14. To discuss any Easter events ideas.

Cllr Foster will organise an Easter Egg Hunt in the village on Sunday 31st March. Rev'd Richardson offered to organise an Easter Event in the Methodist Church. Cllr Warwick proposed that Cllr Foster could spend £80.00 on the easter eggs and a donation of £20.00 be given to the Methodist Church as it will be used for refreshments after the litter pick.

15. To set dates and venues for the remaining meetings throughout 2024.

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

Thursday	March 14 th	at 7.30 p.m. in The Methodist Church
Thursday	May 16 th	at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. This meeting will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by The Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday	July 18 th	at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall
Thursday	September 12 th	at 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall
Thursday	November 21 st	at 7.30 p.m. in The Methodist Church


16. To receive items for the next agenda.

Update on the litter bin
Update on the Village Litter Pick
Update on the Easter Event idea

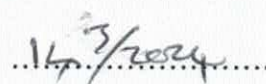
17. To confirm date, time and venue of the March meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 14th March at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.



Chairman



Date