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WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
WENDLING METHODIST CHURCH  
ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

**Others Present:-** County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Dist. Cllrs R Duffield and R Atterwill, 6 electors and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Kemble and these were accepted.

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

There were no interests declared.

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 19th 2022**

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of January 19th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried, so Cllr Warwick signed the minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that Norfolk County Council will be increasing the council tax by 5%. A consultation is taking place regarding the Devolution deal in Norfolk and the public can comment. The deal will come into play in December. The government is trying to put in place £20,000,000 for the next 3 years. There must be an elected leader. This leader would take complete control of the Council. Pot holes only have a temporary filling because of the weather.

Cllr Atterwill reported that Breckland council tax is increasing the cost in Band D properties and this increase is £4.95. He recommended that residents look at the Issues and Options consultation. There are 60 questions but still worth doing it. He thanked the Parish Council for making him feel so welcome whilst serving Wendling. At least COVID has meant people have mastered Zoom. He will try to attend the Litter Pick. He is very keen to see some play equipment eventually installed somewhere as he feels it would be beneficial.

A resident spoke about a planning issue on the agenda. He wanted to know why and who refused it. He was told it was Breckland that refused it. It was refused because it was inappropriate for the area. The building has now been reduced in size and moved a plot. It is a smaller building now and looks like a barn conversion. It was felt access might be a problem and large lorry have been bringing big logs in on the large lorries.

Residents from Mill Close were present and they spoke about the fact that they wish to have a small holding. They are probably going to lease some of the land next to the village hall. There will be some horses, a few pigs and a few other small animals. They felt it was a good idea to attend the meeting and inform the Parish Council of their intentions.

**5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence**

Donation appeal from Norfolk Age UK had been received. Cllr Knight proposed a £50.00 donation be sent, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried

**6. To discuss any Planning Issues**

3PL/2023/0078/F Land East of Station Road, change of use of land to create a rural workers dwelling with new driveway, parking and a new storage barn for machinery. Planning Refused.

3PL/2023/0263/F Land north side of Swaffham Road, erection of agricultural workers dwelling. This is a new application. The house has now been moved towards the cattle sheds and to the right. It is less prone to flooding on the right and it is also smaller as it is a chalet bungalow. The Parish Council did not have any objections to this application.

**7. To discuss Highways Matters**

No problems to report. On the Swaffham Road, in the vicinity of Branden House, there is a large inspection cover on a manhole that needs attention. The Chairman will report the situation to Highways.

**8. To receive an update on the Quote for a Cabinet for Book Swap**

Cllr Kemble was going to talk to someone about making a wooden cabinet. Cllr Atterwill offered to let the Clerk know who it was that made the one in Swanton Morley.

**9. To discuss the situation regarding the proposed Village Litter Pick**

This will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> April. On the same day there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. The Parish Council agreed a £60.00 donation to cover the cost of the eggs.

**10. To discuss further having Play Equipment in the Village**

Discussions on this matter are ongoing and currently there is no progress.

**11. To discuss King Charles – coronation mugs or similar**

There was discussion regarding the idea of purchasing key rings as they would be small enough to post through the letterboxes. 150 will probably be ordered. The Clerk will contact the company that provided the mugs and obtain a quote.

**12. To authorise financial payments**

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

Clerk's net salary for Feb/March £227.40

HMCR Tax for Feb/March £56.80

Clerk's expenses for Feb/March £57.36

Norfolk Parish Training & Support Subscription £55.00

The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd £162.00



**13. To discuss Wendling Public Footpaths**

Footpaths need to be walked to make sure they are clear. Cllr Olley will contact Norfolk County Council about this.

**14. To discuss the Wendling Parish Church noticeboard situation**

There is a small pot of money available to deal with this. The Church has had the roof repaired. The slates have been replaced so it will no longer get wet in the Church. An anonymous person has dealt with this.

**15. To discuss the Elections in May**

The deadline for the delivery of the nomination papers is 4<sup>th</sup> April by 4.00 p.m. and the papers must be delivered by hand. They can be delivered any day after March 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council  
To adopt the End Of Year Accounts

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall. This meeting will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

  
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Chairman

18-05-2023  
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