

WENDLING PARISH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH HELD ON THURSDAY
18TH MAY 2019 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WENDLING VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Mr S Warwick, (Chairman of the Parish Council), County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Dist. Cllr Richard Duffield, Dist. Cllr Roger Atterwill, Mrs S Hughes-Wade, Revd. Julia Hemp, Mrs S Knight, 1 other resident & Mrs G Hubbard, P.C. Clerk

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

Mr Warwick, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Foster and Mr M Olley and these were accepted.

2. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on May 17th 2018

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

3. To discuss any matters from the minutes of May 17th

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive a report from the County Councillor of N.C.C.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris had sent a report to the Clerk and the main points are as follows:-

N.C.C. agreed a net revenue budget of £409.293m, council tax will rise by 2.99%, protecting vital services, adult social care charge will not change but the care costs continue to escalate. A £549m capital programme for 3 years will pay for investment in infrastructure, property and equipment. £120m will be spent on new special schools and resource bases for children with special educational needs, £120m on the third river crossing at Yarmouth, £9 for extra care housing to help older people live independently as part of a total investment of £29m. There are 1,200 children in the care of the Council, 3,000 children in special and complex needs schools, 2,900 children in need, and 20,000 children with special educational needs.. The Government awarded the Council £12.7m to fund pot hole repairs and highway improvement schemes. The Council continues to lobby government and the Highways Agency to fund the dualling of the A47 from Peterborough to Yarmouth. Work will start on the stretch of road between Tuddenham and Easton in 2021/22, providing a continuous dual carriageway link between Dereham and Norwich. Another top priority is the western link, the construction of a road between the A10676 and the A47. In the future the Council will run on a day to day basis through weekly meetings between Cabinet members and the Senior Management Team with the Leader s Chair, with all decisions being put through Cabinet or promulgated for consideration by Members. 3 Select Committees will develop policies and make recommendations to Cabinet. This is because the decision was taken to revert to the Cabinet system of governance. An additional £11m contract has been let to increase the superfast broadband coverage from 92% to 95% in Norfolk. Broadband speeds of 1 gigabit should be possible, being 20 times faster than the average speed currently. NCC carried out a survey and the areas shown to have poor mobile phone reception will potentially have new masts. Cllr Kiddle-Morris was thanked for his report and it will be attached to the minutes.



5. To receive a report from the Breckland District Councillors

Mr Atterwill introduced himself and said he had had a lot of induction training and a grand tour of Elizabeth House. Planning is one of his passions and he intends to get involved as much as he can regarding the housing problem. There are 3,000 people on a list but there is no strategy in place for dealing with this problem. He intends to spend some time on the Help Desk and Reception, so he can hear what advice/information is given to people trying to get off the list. He is also involved with Neighbourhood Planning. He offered to help the Parish Council if he could and was thanked for attending.

Mr Duffield reported that although the Carr Lane application has been refused, it will probably go to Appeal. The only other thing he mentioned was that Breckland now have a new Leader who is Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen.

6. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Mr Warwick, Chairman of the Parish Council, thanked everyone for attending and especially thanked our new District Councillor, Mr Roger Atterwill. He mentioned the following points:-

At the last Annual meeting Mrs Sally Knight was co-opted onto the Parish Council and the Parish Council has now lost Mr Andrew Jenness.

Grange Road continues to flood. The Clerk has taken over the maintenance of a new website. The Parish Council is trying to get some funding to purchase a defibrillator and later funding will be sought to try to somehow light the bus shelter, perhaps with solar panels.

Planning issues, the application for 2 dwellings on land opposite The Laurels was turned down. The demolition of a bungalow and building of a new detached dwelling and garage at Ashness was approved. The application for 6 dwellings at The Oaks was refused. Planning permission was received for a single storey extension at Holy Farm Barns.

The old village sign is now sited at Carr Lane, so the village now has 2 signs in place.

There had been a fatal accident outside Spring Cottage. The surface has track dents in it and residents consider it a dangerous bend. The problem actually is that drivers drive too fast.

The precept was set at £5,000.00 which is the same as last year.

He finished his report by thanking his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work throughout the year. His report will be attached to the minutes.

7. To receive a report from Wendling Village Hall

A report regarding the Village Hall was read out. It has had another reasonably good year but not as good as past years. A long term hirer does not use the hall anymore and another one also has ceased using the hall. This has meant a loss of about £90.00 per month. The Bowls Club has only used the hall a couple of times in the last month. It was felt that the hall is not well supported by the local residents as the support comes from people living outside of Wendling. The Church on a Sunday provides the biggest income. Country dancing on Mondays is still going, but it will soon stop. Other users are Fransham W.I. and Bingo.



8. **To receive any other reports available**

The Rev. Julia Hemp presented a report regarding St Peter's and St. Paul's Church. The report stated that the Church is now a festival church, and the report explained what this means. The Church will be kept open as long as possible. The report will be attached to the minutes.

The Clerk had been sent some reports from schools in the catchment area and these will be attached to the minutes.

The Clerk had received a report from Paula Gilluley, the Community Engagement Officer, and this will be attached to the minutes.

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

In the future the Parish Council will hopefully buy a defibrillator, which will be placed on the village hall wall. Also the Parish Council hopes to be able to put some sort of lighting in or near the bus shelter, to help the residents using the bus during the dark months. In the summer an organised Village Litter Pick hopefully will be taking place.

10. **To discuss the Draft end of year accounts**

No one had any questions regarding the end of year accounts.

11. **To discuss any other business**

There was no further business to discuss.

12. **To confirm date and time of next Annual Parish meeting – Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

This was set for Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm and thanked everyone for attending.


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Chairman of Wendling Parish Council

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