

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WENDLING METHODIST
CHURCH ON THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:- Cllr M Olley (Vice Chair), Cllr D Kemble and Cllr Foster

Others Present:- County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, 1 elector and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Olley, the Vice Chairman, welcomed those present to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Warwick and Cllr S Knight and these were accepted.

Apologies for absence were also received from Dist. Cllr R Atterwill

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllr Foster declared a Personal Interest in item 6. Planning.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on November 17th 2022

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Kemble proposed the minutes of November 17th be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried, so Cllr Olley signed the minutes.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris said he is now able to resume attending Parish Council meetings, after a few months absence. He spoke briefly about Norfolk County Council and mentioned that there will be a 4.99% council tax increase this year. They need to do this to please the Government. There will be a balanced budget next year.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

A letter of thanks was received from Rev. Anne Richardson regarding the support the Parish Council gave for the Christingle Service in December. She also asked whether the Parish Council were interested in getting involved with a Mother's Day event and an Easter Egg hunt. Cllr Foster will contact her to discuss this.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Cllr Foster left the premises.

3DC/2023/0002/DOC Ashness, Swaffham Road, Discharge of Conditions 2 and 4 on 3PL/2021/0107/F (discharge condition). The Parish Council had no objections to this Discharge of Condition.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

There were no Highways matters discussed.

8. To receive an update on the success of the Book Swap Project

Another box had been purchased and put in the Bus Shelter, so there are now 2 boxes of books in there. People are supporting this idea as books are being put in the boxes. A quote for a proper cabinet will be investigated.

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

A Village Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 8th April, with people meeting at the Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m. The Clerk will arrange the collecting of the litter pick bag from Breckland.

10. To discuss further having Play Equipment in the Village

The field next to the Village Hall may be used for horses for a while. Cllr Olley will speak to someone soon about the situation.

11. To authorise a donation to Wendling Methodist Church for grass cutting

Cllr Kemble proposed a donation of £400.00 be given to the Methodist Church to help with the cost of grass cutting, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

12. To authorise financial payments

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

- HMRC Tax for Dec.-Jan. £72.40 Clerk’s net salary for Dec.-Jan. £290.20
- Clerk’s expenses for Dec.-Jan. (inc. purchase of book swap box) £41.06
- Wendling Methodist Church (donation towards grass cutting) £400.00

13. To discuss the Wendling Parish Church noticeboard

Concerns had been raised by some residents regarding the fact that on the notice board Services were being advertised, but in fact no Services are taking place. Also, the notice board looks very shabby and needs some refurbishment. Cllr Knight had put a notice on the board stating that no Services were currently taking place. A letter will be sent to Rev. Miriam Fife about the situation.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

To discuss Wendling Public Footpaths

15. To confirm date, time and venue of next meeting in March

The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 16th 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Wendling Methodist Church.

15. To confirm date, time and venue of remaining Full Parish Council meetings

The remaining dates, times and venues are as follows:-

Thursday May 18th at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall. This meeting will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Thursday July 20th at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall.

Thursday September 21st at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall.

Thursday November 16th at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Village Hall.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Olley thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date