



WENDLING PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WENDLING VILLAGE HALL.

Present:- Mr Stephen Warwick (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr Matthew Olley, Mr David Kemble, Mrs Doreen Gilbert, Mr Gordon Olley, Dr Jennifer Hunt, Mr James Taylor-Roberts, Ms Lynda Lee, Mr Elton Whiting, District Cllr Roger Atterwill and Mrs Hubbard, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence.

Mr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Christina Foster, Mrs Sally Knight and Rev. Anne Richardson.

2. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on May 18th 2023.

The minutes had been circulated. Mr Olley proposed the minutes of May 30th be accepted as a true and accurate records of the meeting. Mr Warwick seconded the proposal and it was carried. Mr Warwick signed the minutes.

3. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of May 18th (not on the agenda).

There were no matters to discuss.

4. To receive a report from the County Councillor of Norfolk County Council

Cllr Kiddle-Morris had sent a report to the Clerk and it will be circulated, put on the website and attached to the minutes. The report covered subjects such as the budget, Norfolk County Council provided extra support to households this Winter, roads and footpaths will be repaired, 27 new gritters joined the Norfolk fleet, there is a £1 million boost for Highway Parish Partnership schemes, bus travel has improved, with more evening bus services out of Norwich, 24/7 free travel to all disabled bus pass holders, householders can have free DIY waste disposal for small projects, Norfolk County Council is doing better than almost every other county council in the county at moving towards net zero for environmental credentials. There was the launch of Working Well Norfolk employment programme, there were annual awards for dozens of outstanding contributions to Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, the Adult Learning service was rated Good by Ofsted, a children's mental health and wellbeing programme supported more than 10,000 in its first year,

5. To receive reports from the District Councillors of Breckland Council

Dist. Cllr Atterwill had sent a report to the Clerk and it will be circulated, put on the website and attached to the minutes. He reported that next year will be harder for Breckland Council, financially. The Local Development Plan Review is being carried out at pace and will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting. There will be a further public consultation starting June 3rd to 15th July and anyone can make a comment. Breckland are looking to do away with settlement boundaries and have policies instead. Struggling families can obtain hardship funds and he can help them achieve this. He is starting his 6th year as a member of the planning committee and he is a substitute member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Governance & Audit Committee.

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

Mr Warwick read out his report, which will be put on the website and attached to the minutes. He finished by thanking his fellow Parish Councillors, the Clerk and the County Councillor and District Councillors.

7. To receive a report from Wendling Village Hall.

The Village Hall is struggling now. A few activities happen once a month and a few are held weekly. Occasionally there is band practice and Bingo is once a month. Mrs Gilbert can only manage a little gardening work so a gardener has to be paid to do some. The Committee is now down to only 4 members so it is difficult to arrange any events with so few people. There was going to be a Dance and BBQ soon but it will have to be cancelled. She would like to organise a Fete in the summer but she has doubt that it will take place because of such little help available. A Committee member has left the village, so that is why there are only 4 members now.

8. To receive any other available reports.

No other reports were available.

9. To discuss any future Village Plans.

The Parish Council is still trying to get the flooding issues in the village dealt with and the rubbish bin and play equipment.

10. To discuss the Parish Council accounts.

The Chairman went through the accounts with those present, talking about payments and receipts and future expenses.


11. To discuss any other business.

The drain outside the Methodist Church was dealt with by Cllr Olley so the problem is now not quite so bad.

12. To confirm the date and time of the next Annual Parish Meeting.

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting will take place on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.400 p.m.



Chairman

28-5-2025

Date