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WENDLING PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WENDLING VILLAGE HALL.

Present:- Mr Stephen Warwick (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr Matthew Olley, Mrs Christina Foster, Mrs Sally Knight, Mrs Doreen Gilbert, County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, District Cllr Richard Duffield 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 Mr David Kemble and Dist. Cllr Roger Atterwill.

2. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on May 30th 2022.

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

3. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of May 30th (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. The main points covered were budget and council tax, County deal for Norfolk, bus service improvements, social infrastructure fund, major infrastructure, Necton and Launditch division and some information regarding Cllr Kiddle-Morris. It will be attached to the minutes.

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

Cllr Atterwill had sent a report. It mentions that the Breckland's Local Plan is well under way and when complete it will contain a number of development policies which will be used to determine planning applications for many years to come.

Breckland has funded training for volunteers for mental health awareness. Swanton Morley became the first Mindful village with individuals who have completed a programme of training for this.

Breckland Council has, with Government support, provided hardship and family support funding for those most in need.

He said he was concerned that there is a lack of funding available to provide Disabled Facilities Grants for people who need adaptations to their homes. Breckland had a motion for an additional £200,000 to ensure that all applicants, who have been assessed and costed get the help they need in this financial year. Unfortunately the motion was defeated. The Cabinet say that they are lobbying Government for more money and Cllr Atterwill and others will keep pursuing this.

He finished his report by thanking his voters in the recent elections and promising to do his very best to try and serve all residents during the next 4 years. His report will be attached to the minutes.

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

Mr Warwick delivered his report and he spoke about the planning applications that the Parish Council had discussed throughout the year at meetings. Donations had been given to Wendling Methodist Church, the Village Hall and Norfolk Age UK. A bike rack had been purchased and installed and a book swap project was sited in the bus shelter and books were being donated and used. The Parish Council wished to thank Christina Foster for organising two Easter Egg Hunts, litter picks and some Coronation celebrations. To celebrate the Coronation the Parish Council had purchased some commemorative coasters and one will be delivered to every household. Wendling Parish Church is being wound down. It will not be used for weddings and not for funerals, unless it is privately funded. These will have to take place in Gressenhall. The churchyard is still open for burials but services need to be privately paid for. There is some money in the fund currently with the P.C.C. to be used for the insurance for the next 5 years. The report will be attached to the minutes.

7. To receive a report from Wendling Village Hall.

Mrs Gilbert spoke about the Village Hall. She said that bookings are now less than what they used to be. On Mondays it is used for Country Dancing. Once a month on Sundays it is used for a Church event. Craft and Bingo are there once a month. Occasionally it is booked for a children's party. The Committee is disappointed by the lack of support from the village residents and it is losing interest in continuing to run the village hall. On Monday some entertainment was put on in the hall. Only 8 people from Wendling attended. If things do not improve the hall will close.

8. To receive any other available reports.

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

9. To discuss any future Village Plans.

No future plans were discussed.

10. To discuss the Parish Council accounts.

A financial statement had been circulated and no one had any questions for the Clerk.

11. To discuss any other business.

There will probably be another Village litter pick in September.

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

The date of the next Parish meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May 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 7.46 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

16/5/2023