

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENDLING VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023 AT 8.00 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, 1 elector and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

- 1. To Elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and for Clerk to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Cllr Knight proposed Cllr Warwick, seconded by Cllr Foster. Cllr Warwick accepted the position. The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
- 2. To co-opt onto the Parish Council Mr David Kemble and for Clerk to receive the signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
As Mr Kemble was not able to be present, this will be an item for the July agenda.
- 3. The Clerk to receive all other Declarations of Acceptance of Office from the remaining Parish Councillors.**
The Clerk received all the other Declarations of Acceptance of Office forms.
- 4. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.**
Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Kemble and Dist. Cllr Atterwill.
- 5. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.**
No interests were declared.
- 6. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on March 16th 2023.**
The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Warwick proposed the minutes of March 16th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.
- 7. To discuss any matters from the minutes of March (not on the agenda).**
There were no matters to discuss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Foster spoke of concerns regarding car drivers coming down Station Road and not realising the entrance to the Wendling Methodist Church was close by. She wondered whether a sign stating 'Concealed Entrance' could be sited. Cllr Kiddle-Morris offered to find out if Norfolk County Council would put up a sign. Regulations will need to be investigated. The reason for the sign is to try to prevent an accident happening when the mothers and toddlers are leaving the Methodist Church and coming out of the car park. Drivers drive very fast around the corner from Swaffham Road into Station Road. Cllr Warwick will also look into this problem.

Cllr Richard Duffield was congratulated on being re-elected. He said Breckland Council had done a great deal of work over the last year.

The Leader of Norfolk County Council has changed as the previous Leader is ill. The new Leader is Cllr Kay Mason-Billig. She has a different style of Leadership. There will be more Deputy Cabinet Leaders. It will be a new era for the next 2 years. The devolution is still be discussed and the consultation that went out has come back and is now being discussed.

8. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

No correspondence had been received that needed discussion.

9. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2023/0263/F Land north side of Swaffham Road, erection of agricultural workers dwelling. This application has been Refused.

3PL/2022/1197/VAR The Oaks, Carr Lane, Removal of Condition 3 on 3PL/2004/0013/0 agricultural tie (Variation of Cond's). Permission has been granted.

10. To discuss the Proposed 'New Town' development.

This will be put on the July agenda.

11. To discuss Highways Matters

There were no issues to report.

12. To adopt the end of year accounts

Cllr Knight proposed that the end of year accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

13. To adopt the AGAR, Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement

Cllr Knight proposed that the AGAR, Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement be adopted, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

14. To authorise financial payments.

Cllr Warwick proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Olley and carried.

Clerk's net salary for April and May	£227.40	Clerk's expenses for April and May	£84.13
Zurich Municipal Insurance	£316.44	C Foster - reimbursement Coronation celeb.	£105.50

15. To reconfirm and adopt again The General Power of Competence.

The Parish Council meets the eligibility criteria for readopting the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and S1 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. All the Parish Councillors have been elected and they have a Qualified Clerk, one with the CiLCA qualification. The Parish Council voted to adopt this Power. The General Power of Competence gives a local authority the power to do anything which individuals generally may do. It is a power of first resort, rather than an older power.

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

Hopefully the cabinet will be fitted by the next meeting.

17. To discuss the success of the Village Litter Pick and Easter Egg Hunt.

These events were very successful. The Easter Egg Hunt will be repeated next Easter. There will probably be another Litter Pick organised for September this year.

18. To receive an update from Cllr Olley regarding the Wendling Public Footpaths.
Cllr Olley walked the public footpaths and took photographs. The photos were sent to Norfolk County Council.

19. To receive items for the next agenda.
To co-opt onto the Parish Council Mr Kemble
To appoint a Vice Chairman for the coming year
To discuss the proposed New Town Development

20. To confirm date, time and venue of the next meeting.
The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 20th July at 7.30 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 8.45 p.m.

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Chairman

20.7/2017.....

Date