

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
23rd JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WENDLING METHODIST CHURCH

Present: Cllr S Warwick (Chairman), Cllr C Foster, Cllr M Olley and Cllr S Knight

Others Present: 4 Electors, Dist. Cllr R Duffield and County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman, Cllr Warwick, welcomed those present to the meeting. Cllr R Atterwill sent apologies for absence.

2. To co-opt onto the Parish Council Mr David Kemble

Cllr Warwick proposed Mr Kemble be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

3. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no Interests declared.

4. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on November 21st 2019

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Foster proposed the minutes of November 21st be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

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

A litter pick will be carried out in the spring and the date of Saturday 28th March was suggested. The meeting time of 10.30 a.m. was decided upon and the people participating will meet at the Methodist Church car parl. Cllr Foster will inform people and she wished it minuted that any interested parties should contact her for more information. The Clerk will insert some information on the website. Cllr Knight wished for it to be minuted that the Parish Council thanked the Methodist Church and the Village Hall for the lovely display of Christmas lights, which were purchased because of donations from the Parish Council. Both organisations thanked the Parish Council for giving them the donations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris delivered his report regarding Norfolk County Council. He stated that the consultation by the Boundary Commission on the review of voting Divisions in Norfolk was suspended during the election and is now set to close on 11th February. Each Norfolk County Cllr should represent roughly an equal number of voters. The current number of Councillors should remain at 84 and each division should be represented by a single Councillor. Norfolk will be divided into 84 divisions of an equal number of voters. There will be another consultation and final recommendations will be published on 30th September. The Council's budget will be set on 17th February. The Government has agreed a one off grant towards adult and children's social care and the proposal is to increase council tax (2% increase in Adult Social Care precept and 1.99% increase in the general rate) and is not enough.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris said N.C.C. want to know what priorities the Public place on transport and to respond via the website by 28th February for the NCC Local Transport Plan 2020-2036. A

consultation is also being run until 28th February for the Public to give their views on the rail network. The full report will be attached to the Minutes.

The Parish Council had received a letter from Norfolk County Council outlining information regarding some roads in Wendling receiving reduction in speeds. The Parish Council considered the proposals and it was in favour of it. The C470 Dereham Road will be reduced from 60 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. through the west of Scarning and Wendling is going to be reduced from 50 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h.

Cllr Duffield spoke about the opportunity to buy a SAM2 sign next year and perhaps part owning one with another Parish. The Local Development Framework is now in place.

A resident present at the meeting spoke about flooding at Hulver Street. The road is badly flooded and the dykes are not cleared out. The blocked dykes are going to be cleared out by the owner of the property where the dykes are situated. Highways will be carrying out some remedial work by the end of February and some work in the village has already been carried out.

Cllr Warwick stated that as he is the Chairman, he will try to sort this problem out if he can. The problem of Weight Restrictions was discussed because some of the vehicles travelling along Hulver Street are not suitable for the road. It is just not wide enough for large lorries and the verges are getting ruined.

6. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

An email to the Clerk from Cllr S Hughes-Wade announcing her resignation had been received. An email from the C.A.B thanking the Parish Council for the donation had been received. A Thank You letter from Rev. Julia Hemp for the donation had been received. An email from Mr S Jackman had been received regarding meeting the new websites accessibility regulations. He is willing to deal with this requirement at cost of £45.00. Cllr Warwick proposed he is asked to undertake this work, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried. The Clerk will contact him and request he proceeds.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2019/1134/O land adjacent to Lords Meadow House, 3 dwellings with garages, the application has been refused.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

Some Highways issues were discussed under the Public Participation Period. Highways Rangers will be cleaning some of the signs. The white lines that need repainting at Station Road might be dealt with much later on in the year.

9. To discuss update on bus shelter lights

The lights in the bus shelter are now in place and working. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Olley for dealing with this matter.

10. To discuss the update regarding the Codling Pond situation

Cllr Warwick is still waiting to find out what he can do about this. A while ago he had a visit from U.K. Power Networks and they need to cut down some foliage at the Pond. When they have carried out this work they are supposed to inform Cllr Warwick and then he will organise the purchasing of a new sign and a rubber ring. Several years ago it was cleared out by Cllr Warwick and Mr John Walsh.

Cllr Olley proposed buying some wild flower seeds at a cost of £96.00 and this proposal was seconded by Cllr Foster and carried. They are called Beebombs and each pack contains 15 species of wildflowers. The Beebombs will be put around the Pond area.

11. To authorize financial payments

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

Clerk’s net salary for December & January £230.00 HMRC tax for December & January £30.00 Information Commissioner’s Office (data protection) £40.00. If this is paid by Direct Debit the cost will be £35.00 so the Clerk will organise this.

12. To receive update on the defibrillator project

The Parish Council is waiting for Community Heartbeat to make contact with a date for installation. The original date of 12th December was unsuitable as the Village Hall was used that day for Election Voting. Training will need to be given to 12 people and even if some of the people have received First Aid Training before, they will have to be retrained on how to use the Defibrillator.

13. To receive items for next agenda

- To distribute necessary paperwork to Cllr Kemble
- Update on the Litter Pick Day
- Update on the purchasing of the Beebombs
- Update on the installation of the Defibrillator
- Update on the Codling Pond situation
- Update on the Flooding at Hulver Street situation

14. To confirm date, time and venue of March’s meeting

The next meeting will take place on March 26th at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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Date