

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
21ST NOVEMBER 2019 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: 3 Electors, Rev. Julia Hemp and Dist. Cllr Roger Atterwill

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman, Cllr Warwick, welcomed those present to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Hughes-Wade and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllr Foster and Cllr Knight declared an Interest in item no. 6 Planning.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on October 3rd 2019

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Olley proposed the minutes of October 3rd be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Knight and carried.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Atterwill spoke about the Local Plan and stated that Breckland will adopt its new one in the next few days. Breckland will have a 5.26 year land supply.

There will be an event taking place in the Village Hall on Friday December 13th. The event starts at 7.00 p.m. with no set finishing time. It is a Christmas Party Night with all the usual fun and games, a raffle and the entertainment will be provided by the Fakenham Ukes. Ticket price is £6.50 for adults, £3.00 for children. There is a Buffet Supper but people need to bring their own drinks. Tickets can be purchased through Mrs Doreen Gilbert by calling 01362 687428. The cut off date for purchasing tickets is 8th December.

A letter was presented to the Parish Council from a resident regarding the flooding that is taking place in front of her property, but the problem lies with the farmer that owns the land with the blocked gullies. Cllr Warwick will go and speak to the farmer.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

Donation request from Rev. Julia Hemp

Rev. Hemp thanked Cllr Knight for her help in putting together a report, which the Clerk put on the website. She said the churchyard is looking good and has now had its last cut. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council always supports the Church and will continue to do so. Rev. Hemp had submitted a donation request to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of the £400.00 requested.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2019/1260/HOU Mccullums Barn, Hall Farm Lane, rebuild open storage building with 1st flr studio/storage area, the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3PL/2019/0257/O land East of Station Road, erection of 3 dwellings with associated garages, parking & landscaping, Planning Permission has been Refused.

3PL/2019/1134/O land adjacent to Lords Meadow House, 3 dwellings with garages, the Parish Council objected to this application. The application has been deferred.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

The Chairman had recently met up with UK Power Networks and the workmen carried out some greenery cutting around Codling Pond. Unfortunately the Sign there has collapsed and will need replacing. What needs to be cleared away must be done before Christmas. Cllr Warwick will organise the purchasing of a new sign through the company Stocks Signs, as it was thought they are the best company to use. Cllr Olley proposed the purchasing of this new sign, seconded by Cllr Warwick and carried. Two metal signs and a buoyancy aid will be purchased.

Cllr Atterwill mentioned that if the Parish Council should have difficulty getting the Highways Department to carry out necessary maintenance it is useful to mention HA 1980 section 41 as Highways have a duty of care and if the Parish Council feels they are being let down, they can take action. The Parish Council can ask what maintenance the Highways intends to carry out. Cllr Olley will cut back the greenery around the 50 m.p.h. sign, as that needs doing.

8. To discuss the Parish Councillor vacancy problem

Mr Kemble, a local resident, is interested in joining the Parish Council, so he was advised to write to the Clerk and he can be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the net meeting.

9. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Olley had suggested that some money be donated to the Village Hall and Wendling Methodist Church, so Christmas lights, etc. could be bought. Cllr Olley proposed £100.00 be given to both, Seconded by Cllr Warwick and carried.

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

Clerk's net salary for October & November £230.00 HMRC Tax for October & November £30.00
 The Community Heartbeat Trust £162.00 and £2,120.00 Amazon £11.10 (magnets)
 Broxap Ltd. £24.00 (keys) Wendling P.C.C. £400.00 Wendling Methodist Church £100.00
 Wendling Vill. Hall £100.00 Amazon (Bus Shelter Lights) £52.59 Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00

10. To set the Precept for 2020 –2021

Cllr Knight proposed the Precept be set at £5,000.00, which is the same amount as last year, seconded by Cllr Warwick and carried.

11. To receive update on the defibrillator project

The Defibrillator has been ordered and there needs to be a minimum of 12 people to be trained, otherwise the project will not go ahead. The training will take place in the Village Hall and an advert will be placed in the village magazine.

12. To receive update on the Litter Pick that took place

The village litter was very successful and another will take place in the spring. It was carried out by Cllr Foster and her children and Cllr Hughes-Wade. More adults will be needed for the spring event and then more roads will be cleaned. A report covering the event can be viewed on the website.

13. To discuss improvement of Notice Board appearance and documents

New magnets have now been purchased and more keys. Cllr Knight offered to put documents on the notice board and remove historic notices and the increase in the magnets now available will be useful when displaying the items.

14. To receive items for next agenda

Co-option of Mr David Kemble onto the Parish Council
Update on the Codling Pond situation

15. To confirm date, time and venue of January’s meeting

The next meeting will take place on January 23rd 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Wendling Methodist Church.

The remaining dates and venues for 2020 are March 26th in the Wendling Methodist Church, May 21st in Wendling Village Hall, July 16th in the Village Hall, September 17th in the Village Hall and November 26th in the Wendling Methodist Church. All the meetings will be taking place on Thursdays.

Although these dates have been set, they can be changed if it is deemed necessary.

There being no other business to discuss, Cllr Warwick declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

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Chairman

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Date