

WRENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wrentham Parish Council held at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9th September 2019

Present: **The Chairman** – Mr Ian Watson
 Councillors – Mr Mark Buxton, Miss Fran D’Alcorn, Mr Simon Forder, Mr Trevor Oram, Mr David Reeves
 The Clerk – Mrs Frances Bullard
 Suffolk County Council – Cllr Tony Goldson
 East Suffolk District Council – Not present
 2 members of public

		ACTION
	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed all and invited them to speak about any matters on the Agenda.</p> <p>Mr Jonathan Mitchell spoke re planning application DC/19/3313/FUL. These caravans are to provide seasonal accommodation for agricultural workers, currently there are 10 caravans with temporary permission, this application is for permanent permission for these 10 & 4 additional units. They are used during the asparagus season which is approximately March to July. Each caravan accommodates 6 people. Each caravan has toilet/bathroom facilities and there are laundry/entertainment facilities on site. Mr Reeves said there are never any problems with the site & residents seem quite self contained. Councillors also noted that these residents boost the economy by using the local shop etc. <i>Mr Mitchell left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Mr Robinson spoke re remedial work to prevent flooding at the A12/The Lane – this has now disappeared from the 12 month Highways Plan – why is this? Cllr Goldson said he was unaware of this and would speak with Highways the following morning.</p> <p>Mr Robinson is not happy that PC money is being spent on mantelpiece signage.</p> <p>Mr Robinson spoke re the PC Website – does not feel article re Dr Therese Coffey MP’s visit to Wrentham should be on the website. Mr Robinson does not believe any work has been done to the crossing. The Chairman said this article was taken from the local press and not shared for any political reason.</p> <p>The Chairman said that all Mr Robinsons points would be discussed under the relevant agenda items. <i>Mr Robinson left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Open forum closed.</p>	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies received and accepted from Mr Kevin Cross, Mrs Alison Evans, Mrs Lucinda Hutson, Mr David Fletcher, Mr Keith Perry & Cllr Norman Brooks.	
2	PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS	
	All as Sole Trustee of Village Hall.	

3	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th July 2019	
	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 th July 2019, having previously been circulated, were proposed as a true record by The Chairman & seconded by Mr Oram - All in favour – a copy was signed by The Chairman.	
5	HIGHWAYS MATTERS (Brought forward)	
5.1	VAS data shared – MB spoke re data – very similar to previous months.	
5.2	B1127 Road – Cllr Goldson has received details of speeding/safety issues from Mr Robert Middleditch – During a previous discussion it was proposed that the speed limit of the whole road be reduced from 60mph to 40mph - he would like the views of Councillors before proceeding. After discussion it was agreed that it would be inappropriate to restrict the whole road when the problem areas are around Blackmoor Farm & Church Corner. Speed limits are not adhered to or enforced. The Chairman proposed a response of 'The PC recognise the issues around Blackmoor Farm and Church Corner, Cllr Goldson will check the existing speed limit at Church Corner – the PC feel this should be 30mph. The PC support targeted speed reduction measures at Blackmoor Farm and with explore installing signage,' – seconded by Mr Buxton – all in favour <i>Cllr Goldson left the meeting.</i>	
5.2.1	Flooding at Church Corner – The Chairman understands this work has now slipped off the 2019/20 list to the 2020/21 list – Cllr Goldson agreed to challenge this in July. The Clerk will seek an update.	FB
5.2.2	HGVs using Chapel Road – The Clerk raised this with Highways who provided a map of HGV routes and how to report individual offences – The Clerk asked re weight restrictions on the bridge in Chapel Road & received the following response from Highways - <i>This remains a B-class road. The bridge referred to is rated for 40 tonnes so can withstand HGVs. The only way that you could prevent HGVs from using this road is either an environmental weight restriction over its full length except for loading or a prohibition of entry restriction at the church end of Chapel Road. In addition, the suggested HGV route would have to be positively signed with black signs to the A12 to encourage HGVs to use Guildhall Lane to the A12 instead. Creating a new Traffic Regulation Order like this would cost several thousands of pounds not taking into account the extra HGV route signs required also.</i> A discussion took place and it was agreed that a more cost effective measure would be for The Clerk to write to the head office of HGV companies & ask that they use an alternative route. Details to be passed to The Clerk of HGVs regularly using Chapel Road.	All
5.2.3	Discussion took place re press article re Dr Therese Coffey MP and change to timing of pedestrian crossing in Wrentham High Street. The Clerk has asked for clarification from Highways as to what has been done to the crossing. Once a response is received she will contact Dr Coffey.	FB
4	MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	S106/CIL Monies – Bench in Oakhill Close – The Clerk awaits update from Cllr Brooks.	
4.2	Parish Website Update – New photos received from Mrs Wilson will be added to the assets page.	
4.3	Play Area – Mr Oram visited the play park last Friday – the grass has been cut and areas awaiting repair have been taped off. Mr Oram is happy to meet with Simon Walker, Property Services Manager for Waveney Norse.	

4.4	Review of Assets –	
4.4.1	Grit Bin for Oakhill Close – The Clerk has made enquiries and this will cost between £150-450, there is a lengthy application process and all nearby residents have to be consulted. The grit bin in question was not requested by residents so after discussion it was agreed this will be put on hold for now.	
4.4.2	High Street bus shelters – maintenance & clearance of ivy undertaken by Mr Oram & Mr Forder – some concern re ivy growing from the garden of The Old Forge over the bus shelter and the signage on Southwold Road - The Clerk will make contact with the owners. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Oram & Mr Forder for their hard work on this.	
4.4.3	Dog waste bins – The Clerk has been in touch with Waveney Norse to see if they will remove and dispose of existing bins if we purchase new ones.	FB
4.5	Mr Cross attended the PCC Drop in Event – update shared with all.	
4.6	Mr Cross attended EDF Consultation Event – update shared with all. The Clerk will respond to consultation, she will mention the impact on residents, speeding, concern re A12/Southwold Road junction & greater volume of traffic which the EDF Phase 4 Report estimates to be an 11-12% increase and look to get a contribution from EDF towards traffic calming measures in Wrentham,	FB
4.7	Any other Matters Arising None.	
6	PLANNING	
6.1	DC/19/3313/FUL – Permanent Retention of 10 caravans for seasonal agricultural workers, in their existing location and siting of an additional 4 caravans for seasonal agricultural workers at Wren Business Centre – Plans shared and discussed. The Chairman proposed this application be supported – seconded by Mr Oram – all in favour – The Clerk will respond to the consultation.	FB
6.2	Minutes of Planning Meeting held 7.8.19 - The minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 7 th August 2019, having previously been circulated, were proposed as a true record by The Chairman & seconded by Mr Buxton - All in favour – a copy was signed by The Chairman.	
6.3	Any Further Planning Applications Received –	
6.3.1	DC/18/3437/TCA – Removal of Ash Tree and Conifers – rear of 26 High Street - Shared with all. No objections.	
7	FINANCE	
7.1	Balances at Bank – £30,840.54 Business Saver Account (WRAC) (Lions donation) - £442.47 Current Account - £17,864.75 Business Saver Account (CIL) - £12,533.32 The Chairman confirmed SAGE balances with Bank Statements & signed the statement accordingly.	
7.2	Account received from Bus Shelter Cleaner - £55.00	
7.3	Clerks salary & Clerks expenses of £32.69	
7.4	HMRC payment – nil	
7.5	Invoice from Mr Buckingham for village gardening - £72.00	
7.6	Invoice from SCC for mantelpiece signage work - £1794.18 – It was agreed the Clerk will contact Cllrs Goldson and Brooks re their contributions.	FB

7.7	Invoice from Suffolk Preservation Society for Membership Renewal - £30.00	
7.8	Invoice from East Suffolk Council for Uncontested Election - £108.80	
7.9	Any other accounts received –	
7.9.1	Invoice from Mrs Buckingham for grass cutting at Village Hall - £320.00	
7.9.2	Invoice from Speedar for speedgun recalibration - £84.60	
	Above payments 7.2 to 7.9.2 proposed by The Chairman & seconded by Mr Buxton, All in favour. Cheques signed by The Chairman & Mr Reeves.	
8	CORRESPONDENCE	
8.1 & 8.2	Emails from Mr Brunwin & Mr Frampton shared and discussed – The Clerk will ensure Highways & County/District Councillors are copied into any such emails in future.	FB
8.3	Application for Co-option by Mr Roger Middleditch – The Clerk confirmed Mr Middleditch has emailed to say he would like to be co-opted. The Chairman proposed his application be accepted, seconded by Mr Oram, all in favour, The Clerk will make contact with Mr Middleditch.	FB
8.4	Any further correspondence received –	
8.4.1	£20 cheque received from East Suffolk District Council for litter pick – The Clerk will bank.	FB
8.4.2	Correspondence from Red Cross re scheme to provide temporary assistance to those in need – The Clerk will display on the PC noticeboard at the Village Hall.	
8.4.3	Email from Dr Drane re use of Village Hall room as outreach post office – it is understood the village shop may be taken over by The Co-Op and if so the Post Office may need to relocate and the Village Hall is being considered. The Clerk urged the VHMC to ensure this is acceptable with insurers if this idea progresses.	
9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.1	The Chairman will liaise with Mrs Hutson to set a date for the Clerks appraisal.	IW
9.2	Mr Reeves advised that Mr Buckingham, the gardener, intends to retire later this year. Mr Forder is willing to undertake the gardening work at the Village Hall – Dr Drane is progressing this.	
9.3	Flowerbeds in front of bus shelter & Chinese takeaway – Mr Forder has 3 local gardeners who are willing to undertake the maintenance of these in return for advertising. The Clerk will approach East Suffolk District Council to ask that the PC be allowed to take over maintenance of these borders. Mr Oram suggested signage similar to that seen on local roundabouts.	FB
10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21 st October 2019 – 7.30pm	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm.