

WRENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Wrentham Parish Council
held at The Village Hall on Monday 22nd November 2021 at 7:30pm**

Present: **The Chairman** – Cllr Ian Watson
 Councillors – Cllr David Fletcher, Cllr Simon Forder, Cllr Trevor Oram, Cllr Roger Middleditch, Cllr Keith Perry, Cllr David Reeves
 The Clerk – Mrs Frances Bullard
 Suffolk County Council – Cllr Annette Dunning
 Waveney District Council – Cllr Norman Brooks
 Members of Public – Ten members of public present.

		ACTION
1	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed all and invited members of public to raise any matters.</p> <p>Nicolette Oram spoke re planning application DC/21/4839/FUL – she opposes this application for many reasons – she feels there already several fisheries in the area – impact on already established businesses – she believes the main reason for the development is gravel extraction – it’s closeness to an existing fishery will risk disease being spread by birds/wildlife – she believes the water supply to her business/property will be affected by any change to the water table – access to proposed site is on a blind corner and a large oak tree obstructs access – the lakes will need to be fenced to prevent mink/otter predation – she spoke of concern re the impact on biodiversity & the loss of trees.</p> <p>Tony Robinson spoke about 26 High Street and the issue of pedestrian access to the village shop – Cllr Dunning gave an update from her site visit with Highways on 19.11.2021 – the property owner (Mr Harvey) only owns a narrow strip of land at the front of the building – the rest belongs to Highways. Cllr Dunning will try and work with Mr Harvey to find a mutual solution to the issue. Cllr Dunning has also spoken with the refuse collectors who will return the bins to a more suitable position.</p> <p>Tony Robinson spoke re Covid boosters – many are struggling to get them locally – Cllr Dunning has raised with CCG & will feedback Mr Robinson’s case. The Chairman asked if the online booking system can be reviewed to make the process easier.</p>	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	<p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mark Buxton, Cllr Fran D’Alcorn. Cllr Alison Evans, Cllr Lindsay Hanger, Cllr Lucinda Hutson.</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Cross has tendered his resignation – The Chairman has been in touch with Kevin & expressed sadness at losing a valuable member of the team – The Clerk has advised ESC & Notice of Vacancy is on the website & noticeboard.</p>	
3	PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS	
	<p>All as Sole Trustee of Village Hall. Item 7.2 – Cllr Oram</p>	
4	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2021	
	<p>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October, having previously been circulated were proposed as a true record by Cllr Oram & seconded by Cllr Perry – all in favour - a copy was signed by The Chairman.</p>	

7	PLANNING - BROUGHT FORWARD	
7.1	<p>DC/21/2679/FUL – Chapel Road revised Plans - Development of 65 dwellings, both one and two storey, including landscaped open space, recreation space and equipped play area for public use, highways and other infrastructure</p> <p><i>Meeting suspended to allow Mr Mark Nolan, Architect, to speak –</i> Plans were shared - Mr Nolan talked through revised plans. It was agreed that The Clerk will write to the Housing Officer to ask that priority for affordable housing be given to those with a local connection.</p> <p>Mr Nolan said flooding concerns have been addressed – a during a 1/100 years storm event 50 litres per second will run from site to the watercourse which will be managed & reduced to 20 litres per second – during a 1/1000 year event the lagoon may flood and overflow. There is a Holding Objection in place at present – the revised plans have been submitted and Mr Nolan anticipates these will be signed off by the Local Flood Authority.</p> <p>A landscaped buffer will be installed to give privacy to Priory Road residents. The footpath has been moved back to the South of the bund to reduce impact on privacy of houses in Priory Road.</p> <p>Parking – land in Bonsey Gardens - Cripps Developments are willing to develop to provide additional parking if PC obtain consent from SCC.</p> <p>Cllr Dunning has spoken to Highways re a reduction in the speed limit on Church end of Chapel Road – they are potentially open to reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph.</p> <p>Donna Brabbam & Sarah Newstead spoke re the school buses which pick up & drop off on Chapel Road – the proposed development will impact on this – speeding cars from the top end of Chapel Road are a danger to children – a new location is needed for the bus to stop safely & a bus shelter would be welcomed. Mr Nolan was previously advised that Highways would not support a layby being created however Cllr Dunning has spoken to the Highways Engineer regarding a layby (for use by buses) – they suggest it could be accommodated where temporary site entrance is at present.</p> <p>Cllr Dunning has also spoken with Highways regarding the Chapel Road/A12 crossroads – a solution is not easily found but talks will continue.</p> <p>Mr Nolan anticipates a £625,000 CIL payment – 15% will go to the PC in 3 instalments – this is likely to be in June 2022, June 2023 & December 2023.</p> <p>Dr Stammers of The Priory said changes to the plans were welcomed with caveats – his objected is based on this increase in flood risk to his property. Within the flood plan (3.1) description of site says all land to the North is pasture but two thirds of the land to the North is his property. Mr Nolan said water from the attenuation pond is piped to & along the bund to further outfall. Mr Nolan will speak with GH Bullard to ensure flood plan is amended and factual. Mr Nolan will explore extending the bund further West.</p> <p><i>Meeting reconvened.</i></p> <p>The Chairman said the PC had objected to the original application – lots of work has been done to alleviate flooding concern. Further work is needed on layby/bus stop and parking – the Developer is happy to support this if Highways/SCC are on board. Two additional parking spaces have been</p>	FB

added within the development.

Following discussion, The Chairman proposed objecting to the application with credit for the work done to date – Cllr Perry said the problem is not with the development itself, or a reflection on the Developer, but will exacerbate existing issues in the village – The Clerk will amend the previous document submitted in objection to reflect the current status – seconded by Cllr Forder – All in favour. The Clerk will update ESC Planning.

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The revised objection can be seen here -



Response to Chapel Road Planning Application 2021-11.pdf (Command Line)

7.2

DC/21/4839/FUL – Marsh Farm, Guildhall Lane - The development of 2 fishing lakes for recreational fishing. Installation of a 3x3m green GRP cubicle to house a borehole for water extraction. Installation of a 10kW solar PV array to power the pumps. The new fishing lakes are to use existing car parking area.

The Chairman said this is a very emotive application and there are already several objections online. The PC need to keep in mind material planning considerations.

Meeting suspended to allow member of public to speak –

Ms Oram said there will be many trees lost and lots of lorries coming & going to extract gravel.

Meeting reconvened.

Plans were shared and discussed. It was felt this is a significant project of 13500 square metres & Councillors questioned whether it was for a fishing lake or gravel extraction. Will an extraction licence be required? Water extraction is limited to a maximum of 20 cubic metres per day – is this a realistic figure to sustain lakes of this size? There is existing enforcement ongoing on this site in connection with unauthorised use of the land – The Clerk has been advised that Planning Dept will review the impact of this new application on ongoing enforcement. Concerns expressed re Health & Safety of site given its proximity to a public footpath. Residents are already reporting issues with accessing the footpath since the parking area has been created & this needs to be addressed. Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been completed to gauge the impact on the water table?

The Chairman proposed that the PC object to this application – seconded by Cllr Forder – 1 abstention – 6 in favour. The Clerk will update ESC.

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The objection can be seen here -



Response to Planning Consultation DC214839FUL 2021-11.pdf (Command Line)

7.3

Any further Planning Applications/Matters –
None

5	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Update re Coronavirus Covid 19 situation - No issues to raise from within the village other than those raised during open forum.	
5.2	PC Website – to raise any items for amendment/update – As Cllr Cross has resigned The Clerk will take on administration of the Website & update Suffolk.Cloud re the changes. Cllr Fletcher offered to undertake the defibrillator checks – The Clerk will update Community Heartbeat Trust and obtain Webnos login details for Cllr Fletcher.	FB
5.3	Christmas Tree/Lights – Update from Cllr Hutson Cllr Hutson not present. Cllr Middleditch will arrange erection of tree which Cllr Oram is kindly donating.	
5.4	Wren Newsletter – update from Cllr Hanger Cllr Hanger not present.	
5.5	Village Litter Pick – Very successful – 25 sacks of rubbish collected. Date for Spring Litter Pick to be agreed at next meeting.	
5.6	26 High Street – Pedestrian Right of Way – Covered under open forum.	
5.7	Any other matters arising –	
5.7.1	The Clerk confirmed she had sent a letter to all allotment holders reminding them of the need to keep their plots in good order.	
6	HIGHWAYS MATTERS	
6.1	VAS Monthly Data – Cllr Buxton not present – no new VAS data to discuss.	
6.2	UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS, INC GUILDHALL LANE & ANPR	
6.2.1	The Clerk confirmed application forms have been submitted for ANPR at all 7 VAS sites. Nothing further has been heard as yet.	
6.2.2	Guildhall Lane – Badger Sett – Highways work is ongoing.	
6.2.3	Cllr Oram reported both the signs at the northern end of the A12 have been damaged. The Clerk will flag to Highways.	FB
6.3	Lorry Route Review – email previously circulated to all – The Clerk will complete forms for Chapel Road, Priory Road & Guildhall Lane and submit to Cllr Dunning.	FB
8	FINANCE	
8.1	Balances at Bank – £41,797.64 Business Saver Account (WRAC) (Lions donation) - £443.29 Current Account - £30,979.68 Business Saver Account (CIL) - £10,556.67 The Clerk confirmed SAGE balances with Bank Statements & she has shared these with The Chairman. The Clerk confirmed the monies paid in January for the Oak Hill Close bench are to be transferred from the CIL monies – she will transfer this, the £300 CIL money received for Meadowside & the Lions Donation for the Defibrillator supplies, between accounts when online banking is in place.	

8.2	Account received from Bus Shelter Cleaner - £55	
8.3	Clerk's salary & Clerk's expenses of £57.29 (inc mileage & SAGE)	
8.4	HMRC payment – The Chairman has arranged for this to be paid quarterly.	
8.5	Any other accounts received – None	
	Above payments 8.2 to 8.6 were proposed by The Chairman & seconded by Cllr Oram, All in favour. Cheques were signed by The Chairman & Cllr Reeves.	
8.6 & 8.7	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING & DISCUSSION RE 2022/23 PRECEPT POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER MEETING	
8.8	ONLINE BANKING APPLICATION	
	The Chairman will progress.	
9	REPORT FROM CLLR ANNETTE DUNNING - SCC	
	No further updates.	
10	REPORT FROM CLLR NORMAN BROOKS – ESC	
	No further updates.	
11	CORRESPONDENCE	
11.1	Email from ESC – Draft Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document, Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document & Draft Cycling & Walking Strategy – previously circulated to all.	
11.2	Email from Mrs Hutson re Queens Platinum Jubilee – carried to next meeting.	
11.3	Any further correspondence received – None.	
12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA	
	None	
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th December 2021 – 7.30pm – Village Hall preceded by a Finance Meeting at 6:30pm.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm