

WRENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wrentham Parish Council held at The Village Hall on Monday 19th July 2021 at 6:30pm

Present: **The Chairman** – Cllr Ian Watson
 Councillors – Cllr Kevin Cross, Cllr Simon Forder, Cllr Lindsay Hanger, Cllr Roger Middleditch, Cllr Trevor Oram, Cllr Keith Perry.
 The Clerk – Mrs Frances Bullard
 Suffolk County Council – Not present
 Waveney District Council – Not present
 Members of Public – Nine persons present.

		ACTION
1	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed all and explained the format of the meeting. The Action Log for the Chapel Road Development was worked through –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Flooding – this remains a major area of concern. Mr Stephen Harvey spoke re obstructions to the River Wren and his concern that flooding will worsen with increased development. Mr John Stammers said that whilst he had felt reassured during previous consultation meetings he believes the revised location of the attenuation pond will increase the flood risk to his property (The Priory) as during exceedance events the attenuation pond will overflow and discharge water into the grounds of his property, once there the flood water will not flow away. He feels that Section 11 of the Planning Application is incorrect as it states there is no increased flood risk. Mr Greg Tallamy asked why the attenuation pond has been moved since the original plans. Cllr Middleditch said if the Wren is cleared too much then the water actually flows faster and impacts on properties further down river. He feels moving the attenuation pond further East would protect The Priory. Mr Nolan of Chaplin Farrant said the attenuation pond has been moved to improve percolation, if percolation is not good then the pond size would need to increase. He accepted that during an exceedance event the attenuation pond could overflow and discharge to surrounding land – he will seek further guidance from the Drainage Engineer to establish if there is a better solution but reassured the meeting that the Local Flood Authority would not approve a plan unless the scheme was sound. Cripps Developments are happy for their Engineer to meet with Mr Stammers' Engineer to discuss the scheme.2. Safety of Attenuation Pond – no new issues raised.3. Privacy – Mr Greg Tallamy said the scheme has changed and the footpath now runs along the far side of the bund along the boundary of Priory Road properties. He would like reassurance that properties will not be overlooked, to maintain privacy mature trees will be needed. Ms Claudia Osborne said a hedge on top of the bund would do nothing to give privacy to Priory Road residents. Mr Nolan said this is the most attractive route however he will review screening. Mr Nolan said placing a hedge/trees on top of the bund had been ruled out as it would not give roots good access to water, Native trees will be used though he was unsure of size.	

4. Access to High Street – it is not possible to create formal access as the land is privately owned, however there is a route already being used.
5. Maintenance of Ransom Strip – no further issues raised.
6. Sewage – no further issues raised.
7. Creation of layby on Chapel Road for school bus etc – SCC Highways not in support due to visibility. Road is to be widened by 0.5m. Piece of land beside garages in Bonsey Gardens owned by ESC – Cripps would be willing to create parking spaces (3-4). However there would be no nett gain as cars already park there. Cllr Cross said the new development, with potentially 100+ additional vehicles will exacerbate existing problems – he urged residents to respond individually to the Planning Application as well as raising concerns via PC.
8. Mud/Surface water – no further issues raised.
9. Impact on Health Services – no further issues raised.
10. Affordable Housing – the PC would prefer affordable be allocated to local people. Mr Nolan advised the provider has not yet been allocated. The PC will ask that provision be made in the Planning or Section 106 Agreement that priority be given to those with a local connection.
11. Holiday/Second Homes – no further issues raised.
12. High Speed Internet – no further issues raised.
13. Engagement – no further issues raised.
14. Fencing of Ransom Strip – no further issues raised.
15. Gate from Chatten Close access drive – no further issues raised.
16. Footpath to St Nicholas Church – this would still be welcomed however there would be a considerable cost and consent would be needed from the landowner. The PC will liaise with ESC when considering use of CIL monies.
17. Speeding on Chapel Road – Mr Nolan has raised with Highways who are not open to changing the speed limit. The PC will continue to explore this as street lighting suggests it should be 30mph. Gateway signs will be installed (subject to approval by Highways), it is hoped these will increase awareness of the 30mph area - they will be installed by Developers and then adopted by Highways. The Clerk asked if there will also be a Playground sign to raise awareness – this will be requested in the response to the Planning Application.
18. A12/Chapel Road junction – no further issues raised.
19. Parking – this remains a major concern. Whilst there will be spaces provided on the new development there is simply not enough residential parking in the area. The PC will ask that the provision of additional parking is looked into further.

	<p>20. Charging Points for electric vehicles – Mr Nolan confirmed there will be infrastructure in place so individual purchasers can buy a charging point if they wish.</p> <p>21. Increased traffic in Priory Road, particular concern re HGVs – this remains a concern – the PC would like to see clear signage discouraging HGVs from using Chapel Road or Priory Road to access the A12. The PC will explore the possibility of Priory Road becoming a 'Quiet Lane'.</p> <p>22. Residents Parking – no further issues raised.</p> <p>23. Naming of new roads – the PC will raise this with ESC via Cllr Brooks.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all for their time and input. Mr Nolan will raise issues as discussed. The PC will now formulate a response to the application. It is believed the date for determination of the Planning Application will be 3rd September 2021.</p>	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies were received and accepted from Miss Fran D'Alcorn, Cllr Mark Buxton, Cllr Alison Evans, Cllr David Fletcher, Cllr Lucinda Hutson & Cllr David Reeves.	
3	PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS	
	All as Sole Trustee of Village Hall.	
4	PLANNING	
4.1	DC/21/3037/FUL – Cart Lodge – The Old Guildhall – Plans were shared and discussed. It was felt this was in keeping with the area – The Chairman proposed that permission be recommended – seconded by Cllr Oram – All in favour – The Clerk will update ESC.	FB
4.2	DC/21/2679/FUL – Development of 65 dwellings – Chapel Road – Plans have previously been shared. Following discussion and the Open Forum The Chairman proposed that The Clerk draft a response Objecting to the Planning Application on the grounds of flooding, transport, Privacy and Highways Issues – seconded by Cllr Hanger – All in favour. The Clerk will circulate to all before submission.	FB
	<i>Meeting suspended to allow Mr Nolan to speak.</i>	
	Mr Nolan is confident that all issues can be overcome, he reiterated that the Local Flood Authority will not approve an unsound scheme.	
	Mr Nolan was thanked for his time and excellent engagement.	
	<i>Meeting reconvened.</i>	
4.3 4.3.1	Any further Planning Applications/Matters – Cllr Perry spoke re The Old Mill on Southwold Road, this has been renovated, there has been a complaint that the lantern on the lintel is too large – he asked if this application has been through the PC. After research The Clerk advised it came to the PC in 2017 – DC/17/5038/FUL. Cllr Perry will update the complainant.	

5	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st JUNE 2021	
	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 st June 2021, having previously been circulated, were proposed as a true record by Cllr Forder & seconded by Cllr Middleditch - All in favour – a copy was signed by The Chairman.	
6	MATTERS ARISING	
6.1	Update re Coronavirus Covid 19 situation - No issues to raise from within the village – cases appear to be rising across the County.	
6.2	PC Website – to raise any items for amendment/update – No issues.	
6.3	Any other Matters Arising None.	
7	HIGHWAYS MATTERS	
7.1	VAS Monthly Data – VAS Data has not yet been shared this month. VAS at Northern end of A12 is not working – The Clerk will check that Cllr Buxton is aware.	FB
7.2	UPDATES RE HIGHWAYS MATTERS, INC FLOODING ISSUES	
7.2.1	Guildhall Lane – sinkhole/potential badger sett – There is a process to be followed when Badgers are present – this is in hand.	
7.2.2	Wrentham Sign at Northern end of A12 – this is still wonky – The Clerk has raised with Highways previously. She will again log it on the Highways map.	FB
8	FINANCE	
8.1	Balances at Bank – £36,197.73 Business Saver Account (WRAC) (Lions donation) - £443.28 Current Account - £25,198.04 Business Saver Account (CIL) - £10,556.41 The Clerk confirmed SAGE balances with Bank Statements & The Chairman signed these. 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.	FB
8.2	Account received from Bus Shelter Cleaner - £55	
8.3	Clerk's salary & Clerk's expenses of £77.89 (inc mileage, allotment water bill & SAGE)	
8.4	HMRC payment – Nil	
8.5	August payments – Clerk's Salary & Bus Shelter Cleaner	
8.6	Any other accounts received –	
8.6.1	Invoice from Mr Newstead for new lock on noticeboard - £51.60	
	Above payments 8.2 to 8.6.1 were proposed by The Chairman & seconded by Cllr Perry, All in favour. Cheques were signed by The Chairman – The Clerk had previously visited Cllr Hutson & obtained socially distanced signatures.	FB
8.7	ONLINE BANKING APPLICATION	
	The Chairman & Vice Chairman are progressing the online banking application – they will aim to have this in place by the September meeting.	
9	REPORT FROM CLLR ANNETTE DUNNING - SCC	
	Nothing to report.	

10	REPORT FROM CLLR NORMAN BROOKS - ESC	
	Nothing to report	
11	CORRESPONDENCE	
11.1	Email from Cllr Perry – Quiet Lanes – previously circulated to all – after discussion Cllr Oram proposed that The Clerk apply for Priory Road & Mill Lane to become Quiet Lanes – seconded by The Chairman – All in favour.	FB
11.2	Email from Cllr Hanger re Village Newsletter – Cllr Hanger spoke re the Kessingland Newsletter which is delivered to all homes and available by email. She would like to see a smaller version in Wrentham. Cllr Hanger will link with Mrs Rita Perry to progress.	LHa
11.3	Email from SSC re Closure of Chapel Road from B1127 to A12 – 21st July to 10th August – previously circulated to all.	
11.4	Email from Cllr Hutson re Festival of Suffolk 2022 – the village needs to appoint a Co-ordinator, Cllr Hutson has suggested approaching Mrs Rosie Carter – Councillors were in favour of this. Cllr Hanger would also like to be involved. The Clerk will update Cllr Hutson.	FB
11.5	Any further correspondence received –	
11.5.1	Email received from Mr Stone re Play Area – this has been referred to ESC as they maintain the equipment.	
11.5.2	Email from Suffolk Police – the next Locality Meeting is being held on 2 nd August via Teams – please let the Clerk know if you require further details.	All
12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA	
12.1	Cllr Oram will link with Cllr Hutson re work required at the War Memorial.	
12.2	Queens Treebilee – The Chairman will link with Cllrs Hutson & Oram to progress location of trees. Cllr Perry will raise at next VHMC Meeting.	IW/LH/TO KP
12.3	Time 4 Tea – this restarted 3 weeks ago – Mrs Perry will be sending out flyers to encourage attendance.	
12.4	Cllr Forder spoke re the layby in front of Dyer Terrace – extension of this to be considered when CIL monies are discussed.	
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th September 2021 – 7.30pm – Village Hall	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:17pm