

WRENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Wrentham Parish Council held at the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 26th September 2022

Present:

The Chairman: Cllr Ian Watson

Councillors – Cllr Mark Buxton, Cllr David Fletcher, Cllr Simon Forder, Cllr Lucinda Hutson, Cllr Roger Middleditch, Cllr Keith Perry, Cllr David Reeves,

The Clerk – Mrs Frances Bullard

One Member of Public

		ACTION
1	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS	
	Cllr Middleditch item 3.	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies for absence were received & accepted from Cllr Alison Evans, Cllr Sue Child, Cllr Trevor Oram & Cllr Lindsay Hanger.	
3	DC/22/3436/FUL - Red House Farm, West End	
	The meeting was suspended to allow the applicant, Mr Chris Middleditch to speak – he explained that the house was built some 50 years ago and is now in need of modernisation to make it a family home. Meeting reconvened. Plans were shared & discussed, The Chairman proposed that these plans be supported and approval be recommended, seconded by Cllr Buxton, 7 in favour, Cllr Middleditch abstained. The Clerk will update East Suffolk Council.	FB
4	DC/22/3423/FUL – Colemans, The Lane	
	Plans were shared & discussed. It was noted that the future use of the annexe is unclear – if it is to become a separate dwelling then parking would need to be provided. The Chairman proposed that these plans be supported and approval be recommended, seconded by Cllr Forder, all in favour. The Clerk will update East Suffolk Council.	FB
5	ANY OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	
5.1	DC/22/3490/LBC – 52 High Street	
	Plans were shared & discussed. It was noted that this is a retrospective application. There were no objections and Councillors were happy for the Conservation Officer to deal with this. The Chairman proposed that these plans be supported and approval be recommended, seconded by Cllr Hutson, all in favour. The Clerk will update East Suffolk Council.	FB
6	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6.1	The Chairman spoke re a conversation he had with the Town Clerk at Southwold during which it was mentioned that some residents from Wrentham are accessing the foodbank – one was in particularly desperate need and contacted the Vicar. The Chairman will ask whether the foodbank are able to signpost it's users to the Village Charity which may also be able to offer support. The Clerk will research local food banks and create a poster for noticeboards and website to promote these to residents. Ease the Squeeze will be discussed further at the October PC Meeting. Cllr Perry said Time 4 Tea would be happy to offer a second event each week where perhaps soup & rolls could be provided.	FB
6.2	The Chairman spoke re an email from Dr Drane re employing a Manager for the Village Hall, following discussion it was felt this should be more of a Caretaker role on a self-employed basis. It was felt the proposed wage of £15ph was perhaps too high. The hall is now much busier and Mrs Reeves spends some time each day on bookings. An online system for bookings would help and a key safe could be used for regular bookings. This will be discussed further at	

<p>6.3</p>	<p>the October PC Meeting & Dr Drane will be invited to attend.</p> <p>The Clerk spoke re PC Insurance – CAS have advised that Zurich are no longer offering a policy for Parish Councils – The Clerk, Chairman & Cllr Hutson met and completed the forms required for CAS to obtain quotations from a new provider. A quote of £649.73 has been received – this is significantly higher than in previous years. After discussion Cllr Hutson proposed this policy be taken up for 1 year and that insurance needs and cover be fully reviewed next Summer, seconded by Cllr Middleditch, all in favour. The Clerk will raise a payment to CAS which The Chairman or Cllr Hutson will approve.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>FB</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</p>	
	<p>Monday 17th October 2022 – 7.30pm – preceded by CPR/Defib training at 6:30pm.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 8.17pm.</p>	

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