

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 14 April 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

Present: Councillors: Sharon Ford (Vice-Chairman), Paul Barley, Paul Barnard, Jonathan Ford.
Clerk: Julian Gibson.

Absent: Councillor Harold Smith.

In the absence of the Council Chairman, the Vice-Chairman assumed the Chair.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to approve and accept the reason for submitting and apology for absence from the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Smith.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Cllr. Phil Cowen mentioned the news story saying that Nutrient Neutrality would halt development in the catchment area of the River Wensum, saying that the letter from the Environment Agency had been completely unexpected, and his council was investigating the issue thoroughly. He then said that, although people (mainly those living in properties subject to a Band D or below Council Tax) would soon be receiving a "Council Tax Rebate", but stressed that this was actually a payment from the Government designed to ease the impact of high energy costs. He stressed that the only connection with Council Tax was that this was being used to identify where the payments should be sent.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10 March 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [6.1, Minutes of 25 July 2019] **Millennium Row Tree no. 10.** As promised, Treecreeper Arboriculture have now replaced the tree they planted for the Council in January 2019 which did not survive despite their efforts.
 - 6.2 [10, Minutes of 11 February 2021] **Amendments to Speed Limit on A1075.** The NCC proposals, including extending the 50 mph limit southwards from south of Forestry Cottages to south of the junction with Cricket Ground Road, have now been implemented. Rumble strips and hatched central sections through Hockham Woods have also been installed.
 - 6.3 [6.2, Minutes of 9 December 2021] **Volunteer Emergency Telephone System.** The publication of information about this in *Wretham Village News* did not elicit any expressions of interest.
 - 6.4 [12, Minutes of 9 December 2021] **Peddars Way.** The NCC Trails Officer reports that they have completed the cut back of Peddars Way between Illington Road and Stonebridge. They will be on site at the bridge pillars soon to carry out a surface scrape, install a new harder surface, and additional drainage, with the work planned to be completed by the end of June at the latest.
 - 6.5 [9, Minutes of 10 February 2022] **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** The Council's Jubilee Tree has now been planted next to the Diamond Jubilee one on Letchmere Corner. The Clerk has obtained a plaque, which he would place in position and will then register the tree on the Queen's Green Canopy website.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk County Council: *Temporary Traffic Order affecting the A1075 in Hockham Road Lining works - closed between 20:00 and 06:00 from 4-15 April.*
 - 7.2 Breckland Council: *NALC Briefing – Homes for Ukraine.*
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 31 March 2022.*
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account. - 1-31 March 2022.*

- 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account*. - 1-31 March 2022.
- 7.6 Information Commissioner's Office: *ICO Registration Certificate* - End date 19 April 2023.
- 7.7 Donors of Tree 10 in Millennium Row: Letter of thanks for (again) replacing Alder tree.

8 **4 Manor Cottages.** A letter from a Breckland Planning Officer advising that he paid an unannounced visit to 4 Manor Cottages, and was allowed to photograph the vehicles on site, which numbered "vastly less" than on previous visits was **received**. The Officer said that the owner was adamant that he was no longer selling vehicles from the site, and was closing down the business website. The Officer reiterated that there was no planning permission to run a car sales business from the site and that sporadic unannounced site visits would continue

9 **Planning.**

- 9.1 **3PL/2021/1510/F: 4 Manor Cottages, Church Road.** Retrospective planning application relating to the erection of an equestrian arena to be used as a temporary external car storage area, relocation of stable buildings, erection of a barn for purposes ancillary to the main house, improvements to the access and associated works. It was **noted** that, after consulting with Members, the Clerk has responded using delegated powers, objecting for a number of reasons, including that the application is merely a device to try to get Breckland to agree to the continued use of the dwelling site as a used-car dealership. The Clerk advised that Planning Enforcement had written to say that, now that a retrospective application has been submitted, it has closed its case, but should the application be refused, will re-open the investigation.
- 9.2 **3PL/2021/1531/EU: 4 Manor Cottages Church Road.** Changing roof from pitched to flat balcony roof and extending by 1m on 2 forthcoming sides - certificate of lawfulness existing use. It was **noted** that, after consulting with Members, the Clerk has responded using delegated powers, objecting on the grounds that this is not an application for a certificate of lawfulness existing use, but for a completely different purpose. It was also **noted** that the Planning Officer has confirmed that the works the applicant is trying to claim Existing Use for have not in fact been carried out. In addition, balconies do not fall within what is allowed under permitted development rights. Therefore, the applicant will need to submit a householder application for further consideration. The applicant has been advised accordingly.
- 9.3 **3PL/2021/0766/F & 3PL/2021/0767/LB: Wretham Lodge, Church Road.** Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling for a live-in carer. It was **noted** that the applicant has appealed against the condition to the planning permission which requires that the "the access immediately to the west of the building shall be permanently closed in".
- 9.4 **3PL/2022/0043/F: Brick Kiln Farm, Woodcock Road.** Erection of one dwelling and attached garage for a poultry site manager. Planning permission dated 23 March 2022 was **received**.
- 9.5 **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulations 10 and 11. Application by O.C.O Technology Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Larkshall Mill Aggregate Manufacturing and Carbon Capture Facility. Scoping consultation** and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should respond reiterating the comments recently made in response to the Norfolk County Council application.
- 9.6 **3PL/2022/0392/F: Former stable building, Wretham.** Conversion and extension of existing building to form 2no. residential dwellings with associated garden/parking areas. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objections.
- 9.7 **3PN/2022/0011/UC: Land north-west of Wretham.** Prior approval for conversion of agricultural building to 1 dwelling - General Permitted Development England Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q. It was **resolved** that the Council has no objections,

- 10 Breckland Local Plan: Call for Sites Consultation.** Notice of this consultation was received, and it was agreed that no comment was necessary.
- 11 Waste bin (dog) on Millennium Row.** It was noted that a vehicle executing a U-turn from the lay-by had mounted the verge and flattened this bin. The Clerk has reported the damage to NCC Highways, and will get a new post to reposition the bin further away from the road.
- 12 Finance.**
- 12.1 **Subscriptions.** It was resolved that cheque number 100825 for £116.95 to the Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, in settlement of their invoice no. 364 for the annual subscription for 2022/23. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.143*)
- 12.2 **Subscriptions.** It was resolved that cheque number 100826 for £36.00 to the Campaign to Protect Rural England be signed, being the subscription for the year ended 10 May 2022. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111(1)*)
- 12.3 **Other.** It was resolved that cheque number 100827 for £62.40 (£52.00 + £10.40 VAT) to the Clerk be signed, in reimbursement for his having paid invoice no. 910 from The Workshop Avertedly for a Plaque for the Jubilee Tree. (*Public Health Act 1875 s. 164 & Local Government Act 1972, Sch. 14 para. 27*)
- 12.4 **Other.** It was resolved that cheque number 100828 for £240.00 (£200.00 + £40.00 VAT) to Treecreeper Arboriculture be signed, in settlement of invoice dated 28 March 2022 for obtaining and planting the Platinum Jubilee Tree. (*Public Health Act 1875 s. 164 & Local Government Act 1972, Sch. 14 para. 27*)
- 12.5 **Subscriptions.** It was resolved that cheque number 100829 for £34.80 (£29.00 + £5.80 VAT) to the Clerk be signed, in reimbursement of his having paid Speednames for renewal of the wretham.net Domain Name for the year ending 17 April 2023. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 12.6 **Subscriptions.** It was noted that on or around 7 April 2021 the Information Commissioner's Office collected £35.00 from the Council's account by direct debit, being the data protection fee due under the *Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018*. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 12.7 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credits was noted: Breckland Council - Precept: £3,825.00 - 9 April 2021.
- 12.8 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 March 2022 was received.
- 13 Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.
- 14 Next meeting.** The next meeting, of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 12 May 2022, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

Confirmed:

SHARON FORD

(Chairman)

12 May 2022

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 12 May 2022	Thursday, 11 August 2022	Thursday, 8 December 2022
Thursday, 9 June 2022	Thursday, 8 September 2022	Thursday, 12 January 2023
Thursday, 14 July 2022	Thursday, 13 October 2022	Thursday, 9 February 2023
	Thursday, 10 November 2022	Thursday, 9 March 2023