

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Ordinary Monthly Parish Meeting of Wretham Parish Council** held on Thu 13th July 2023 at 7:00pm in Wretham Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Harold Smith (HS) - Chair, Cllr Paul Barnard (PB), Cllr Jonathon Ford (JF) and Parish Clerk, Jules Challenor (JC)

One member of the public present, John Kitson reporting on behalf of the Village Newsletter.

HS welcomed to the meeting, County Cllr Fabian Eagle (FE).

1. **APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE** – Cllr Sharon Ford (SF) - Vice Chair (funeral/held up in traffic)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None
3. **DISPENSATIONS** - None
4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 8th Jun 23 were agreed by all and signed by the Chair. These will be available to view on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
6. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- 6.1 District Councillors Report – Phil Cowen unable to attend, however emailed a report, copy attached. In addition, he has been advised as follows with regard to Millstone Green and the continuing saga regarding landscaping in relation to the Beres development:-

The matter is ongoing. The developers are continuing to cooperate and undertake work. We have met with them and set out what improvement works need to take place. Enforcement is continuing to monitor the site and we have outstanding requests in relation to additional information needed.

We are currently awaiting an updated Landscape Plan drawing and a Maintenance Plan to reflect the scope of works agreed, including new shrub, tree and hedgerow planting, replacement tree planting; additional play equipment, surfacing to play area. The current application is awaiting the submission of acceptable detail.

- 6.2 County Councillors Report – Fabian Eagle informed leadership changes within County Council, Andrew Proctor had to stand down due to ill health. Also informed about other new political changes within the cabinet. Declared spending, stating Social Care/Public Health/Well Being is the largest amount of expenditure for NCC. Advised that the Economic Development Team within NCC is recognised as one of the best in England. FE wants to ensure that everyone is aware of what this team can do, grants etc, so plan to meet more businesses so that all can see what can be done by NCC to support. NCC trying to make massive savings due to inflation, target is £40m. Currently waiting for funding from the treasury for highways, need to report which schemes will be funded. FE notified that he is always available to help our Parish Council where he can.

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7. MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 **OUTSTANDING HIGHWAY MATTERS** – None
- 7.2 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – Nothing received. It was agreed to place vacancy again in Wretham News and on village noticeboards. The Clerk will also notice drop notice MSG.
- 7.3 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**
 - 7.3.1 Deer/Speed Signs moved – Ongoing - PB and HS will sort out in the next week.
 - 7.3.2 Dog Bin placement – PB hoping to get done with help from neighbour due to tool used.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – All correspondence sent electronically to all councillors.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 Monthly Financial Report attached - no payments for July 23.
- 9.2 Noticeboards Refurbishment – quote emailed to all Cllrs 8th Jun 23 – it was agreed that as spending public money, we need to obtain a second quote – ACTION: Clerk
- 9.3 Barclays Bank – Update moving to online banking – HS to chase Barclays
- 9.4 VAT 2022/23 - Clerk has applied for refund via HMRC and we have just received, sum £226.55

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – new planning applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and to decide on comments to be made where necessary.

- 10.1 **3PL/2023/0460/F** Sunnycreeks Hockham Road Proposed agricultural storage barn dated 9th May 2023 – as previously reported no objections – Status Undecided - **Decision by 21 Jul 23**
- 10.2 **3PL/2023/0498/HOU** Staddles Cottage Peddars Way - Proposed Garage Extension to provide covered and secure parking dated 18th May 2023 - **the application has been APPROVED.**
- 10.3 **3NM/2023/0061/NMA** WRETHAM Larkshall House, Thetford Road, IP24 1RU
Proposal: Amendment to pp 3PL/2022/1384/HOU - to change the currently approved single storey (east elevation) extension to a two storey (Minor Amend) – **emailed to all cllrs prior to meeting as date to reply 11th Jul 23** - No objections – **Status – REFUSAL**
- 10.4 **APP/F2605/C/23/3321525** 4 Manor Cottages - Alleged breach: Unauthorised Change of Use. **ENF/271/22/PAR** - Appeal dated 7th June 2023 – **Breckland Council are dealing with appeal.**
- 10.5 **FUL/2022/00710** Larkshall Mill, Thetford Road – Temporary planning permission for a carbon capture pilot for a period of 2 years – **APPROVED by Norfolk County Council on 23 Jun 23**
- 10.6 **TRE/2023/0187/TCA** 2 Keepers Corner – Remove/reduce Sycamore in garden – No objections - **Decision by 8th Aug 23**

ADDED LATER AS ONLY RECEIVED ON DAY OF MEETING

- 10.7 **3PL/2023/0694/VR** – Wretham, 4 Manor Cottages, replace approved brickwork for new extended area to through coloured render to match the rest of house – No objections – **Decision by 4th Sep 23**
- 10.8 **Clerk received a call from Mark, Bridgham Parish Council re 3PL/2023/0081/VAR** – Camp Farm – Increase to from 3 to 5 digesters. Mark enquired whether Wretham PC aware of this increase and would we like to submit a response. **Decision by 1st Sep 23.**

It was agreed to note our concern about increase in traffic. ACTION: Clerk to prepare a paragraph for all cllrs to agree and then Clerk submit comment on planning.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 County Broadband – JF asked FE about this. JF stated some poles are up. Completion date keeps changing and we are looking at a year on from original given, this is not acceptable as rural areas struggling with speeds. FE will see what he can find out. PB also informed that BT are planning to upgrade, although not sure where/when they are doing it.

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- 11.2 Asset Register – Clerk to review and amend accordingly and submit to Cllrs for confirmation of updates and ensure insurance values to replace any items are correct.
- 11.3 Sep 23 Meeting confirm changed from 14th to 21st September
- 11.4 S106 Beres Funding application for drawdown received from VH and just going through Breckland Council. Clerk explained that renovation works start 14th August with roof insulation.
- 11.5 Defibrillator - Clerk has updated details of who manages and will investigate training.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Scheduled Thu 10th Aug, Thu 21st Sep (**NB** change due to Clerk away), 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 14th Dec 23, 11th Jan 24, 8th Feb 24.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed Chairman:-  Date:- 10/08/23

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT JULY 2023

Following the elections in May, the council is settling down with the influx of some new members and a number of induction sessions are in hand to give support to members who may not be familiar with the machinations of local government. The leader has confirmed a Cabinet and the summer edition of Transforming Breckland lists all the newly elected members of council and provides a guide as to how to contact members by email.

Sarah Suggitt and Phil Cowen both hold cabinet positions. Sarah is Deputy Leader of the Council and the executive member for Strategic and Operational Planning whilst Phil is the executive member for Finance, Revenues and Benefits.

We have spoken in the past about the Local Plan Review, and we have been advised that the Inspector has indicated that they are content with our partial Review that addresses issues and aspects emanating from our current plan, and we are therefore optimistic that when the full review is complete that we will receive a similar response.

The full review has yet to delve into the detail, but officers are engaged in sifting through the hundreds of sites that have been offered up and members will soon be able to interrogate the shortened list and discuss with local communities, their thoughts as well. Thus far, no decisions have been made with regard to any sites that have been put forward through the call for sites.

Our contract with Serco who collect our bins is being fine tuned as the new central operational site in Watton beds in, but we await with keen interest announcements from Westminster regarding a suggested universal waste service that may see many more discrete recycling bins where households may be required to separate recyclables on the 'doorstep' together with a universal national bin colour arrangement and perhaps garden waste being treated in a different manner.

Otherwise the business of running and managing the council continues with officers and members engaged upon the preliminary phases of developing our budget for the next financial year.

Sarah Suggitt and Phil Cowen
July 2023

Wretham Payments Agreed on 13th July 2023

The following payments were authorised on Thu 13th July 23, the payments were signed off by the Chair

Current Account *****675 balance to statement 31May23	£4,011.11
Plus the following receipts received May	
NB: JUNE 23 BANK STATEMENT NOT SEEN	£0.00
Total Income	£0.00
Total after Direct Debits and Income	£4,011.11

PAYMENTS still not gone through bank as at 31 May 23

Cheques/Bacs/DD	Description	Total
	NO PAYMENTS FOR JULY 23	
	<i>Cheques still to go through bank 100854, 857 + 860</i>	£1,544.58

Total for Cheques / BACS/DD JULY 23	£0.00
Current Community A/C No *****675 balance to statement 31May23	£2,466.53
Business Savings A/C No *****897 balance to statement 31May23	£5,535.13
Total in Parish Accounts	*£8,001.66
Current Community A/C No *****675 balance to statement 31May23	£4,011.11
Business Savings A/C No *****897 balance to statement 31May23	£5,535.13
Outstanding payments to go through bank	£1,544.58
Balance - always match balance marked *	*£8,001.66

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