

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillors: Harold Smith (Chairman), Sharon Ford, Paul Barley, Paul Barnard.  
Clerk: Julian Gibson.

**Absent:** Councillor Jonathan Ford.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to approve and accept the reason for submitting an apology for absence by Cllr. Jon Ford.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Cllr. Phil Cowen explained the situation regarding Nutrient Neutrality, its impact on his council when considering planning applications involving overnight accommodation, and the steps his and other Norfolk councils were taking to resolve the situation. He also provided an update on the Local Plan and finance issues. Finally, he said that he and Cllr. Suggitt were due to meet with the Director of Planning and Building Control and expected to get an update on 4 Forestry Cottages planning issues. County Cllr. Fabian Eagle said that the second cut of verges at dangerous junctions had now taken place, and that he was making enquiries about the fencing which the developer had left on the highway verge at Mill Stone Green for many months. On the budget front he said his council was expecting to get £67m less government funding this year, and so was looking again at how to make reductions. He feared that the Mobile Library Service might be one casualty, as it currently costs about £3.50 per book borrowed to operate.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 June 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.** [11] **Dog waste bin.** The Clerk explained that, because of a shoulder injury he had been unable to relocate the bin, among other things. Cllr. Barley offered to help when the weather was more suitable.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service: *Email of thanks for Grant.*
  - 7.2 PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Auditor): *Receipt of documents - notification of exempt status, 2022.*
  - 7.3 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils.*
  - 7.4 O.C.O. Technology Limited: *Public Consultation - Larkshall Mill Aggregate Manufacturing and Carbon Capture Facility.*
  - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 30 June 2022.*
  - 7.6 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-30 June 2022.*
- 8 **Planning.**
  - 8.1 **Larkshall Mill.** A letter and other documents from the chairman of O.C.O. Technology Limited relating to application FUL/2021/0072 was **received**. This provided the additional information that the company had promised to send to the Council as part of the presentation they gave before submitting the application. Having received this additional information, it was **agreed** that the Council should withdraw its objections concerning (a) safety of the pingos, as no change to the existing drainage systems will take place, and Natural England has said it has no objections; (b) the volume HGV traffic, as this will be less than the existing permission which the site has. It is believed that the previous occupants did not get close to the permitted volume, and since Viridor moved out there has clearly been virtually no traffic to the old mill, so if the application is approved, there will be an immediate increase, but this will be less than what currently has permission.



NCC Highways has also said it has no objections; and (c) concerns about noise of the conveyor belt. The company has stressed that this does not mean 24/7 operating, and that the hours of operation will remain the same as the existing permissions. In addition, unlike the previous use of the site, all the operation will be enclosed.

8.2 **3PL/2021/1510/F and 3PL/2021/1531/EU: 4 Manor Cottages, Church Road.** The Clerk reported that after being asked for an update, chased, and then chased again via the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning, the Director of Planning and Building Control has at last responded, saying that they were in the process of writing the applications up for determination and would be able to advise more once that exercise has been concluded.

9 **War Memorial.** Cllr. Barley reported that the Breckland Historic Buildings Officer had responded suggesting trying cold water and careful use of a scrubbing brush with either natural or soft nylon hairs initially. However, failing this the minimal amount of use of a domestic-scale pressure washer (using cold water only and no cleaning chemicals, keeping away from jointed areas) should be a safe enough option. His suggestion that he clean the memorial annually for the Remembrance services on that basis was **agreed**.

10 **STANTA Tour.** It was **noted** that the Clerk has found that STANTA tours have restarted, and has asked to be allocated a date in 2023. If confirmed, this will one day between Monday 19 and Thursday 22 June, between 1400-1600hrs. He would provide further details, including cost, in due course.

#### 11 **Finance.**

11.1 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Breckland Council - Recycling credit - £233.94 - 5 July 2022. The Clerk pointed out that this represented a 42% fall on the previous year's figure, and the Council asked people to make best use of the clothing bank and bottle bank (the latter in preference to using the black bin) as this meant that the Recycling Credits came to the Parish Council funds rather than being spread across the whole of Breckland.

11.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 June 2022 was **received**.

12 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.

13 **Next meeting.** The next meeting, of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 11 August 2022, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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Harold Smith (Chairman)

13 October 2022

#### **Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 8 September 2022

Thursday, 8 December 2022

Thursday, 9 February 2023

Thursday, 13 October 2022

Thursday, 12 January 2023

Thursday, 9 March 2023

Thursday, 10 November 2022