

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 13 October 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.**

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

**Absent:** Councillors: Paul Barley; Jonathan Ford.

*The meeting scheduled for 11 August 2022 did not take place.*

*As a mark of respect to Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the meeting scheduled for 8 September 2022 was cancelled.*

*Before the start of the meeting, the Chairman said a few words to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth, ending with, "Long live the King!"*

**1 Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to approve and accept the reasons for submitting apologies for absence by Cllr. Jon Ford.

**2 Declarations of interest.** None

**3 Dispensations.** None.

**4 Public participation session.**

4.1 Mrs Cally Keohane, Senior Research and Information Officer, Norfolk County Council Highways, gave a short talk about her work, identifying precisely where the boundary of the public highway is when required, and showed examples of the sort of legal documents and old maps that she and her team have used to do this in parts of the parish. Mrs Keohane then answered a number of questions from residents.

4.2 A number of residents voiced their objections to the planning application at Stonebridge Camp (agenda item 9.3), and their dissatisfaction with the standard of the Public Open Space which has been provided, which was nothing like the quality they were told to expect when they agreed to purchase the dwellings. The Clerk reported that he had been told that District Councillor Phil Cowen had visited the site with Planning Officer dealing with the application, and were not satisfied with what had been provided. Accordingly, the matter had been passed over to the Planning Enforcement Team, which would be contacting the applicant and explain the enforcement measures which would be taken if the site was not developed in accordance with the permissions given.

4.3 Residents also asked what action would be taken now that the applications at 4 Manor Cottages had been refused permission (agenda items 9.5 & 9.6), especially with regard to the fence and hedge which it is now apparent is situated on the public highway. The Clerk said he had been informed by Breckland Council that as soon as the first application was refused retrospective permission the case was transferred to them, and they had asked the Agent to find out his client's intentions with regard to rectifying the planning breaches.

4.4 The meeting was appalled to be told by a resident of Peddars Way to the east of the A1075 that a dog owner (probably only one) had on about six occasions taken to lobbing used poo-bags over the shrubs/trees which separate his garden from the public footpath and onto his lawn. It was hoped that making this public knowledge, and asking people to pass the information and opinions about the behaviour to friends and neighbours would eventually reach the offender, and persuade him/her to desist.

4.5 This led to questions about the dog bin which was recently knocked out of the ground in its location on Millennium Row. The Clerk apologised for not having repositioned this, but said that the hard ground and then a shoulder injury had prevented him from doing so. There was a general feeling that, with the increased number residents being dog owners on the Stonebridge Camp site the eastern end of Church Road might be a more suitable location. The clerk pointed out that the Council had previously tried to get Breckland



Council to agree to a further bin to be permitted at this location, but had been unsuccessful before of the proximity to the one on Millennium Row. However, he said that if it was a matter of moving the existing bin to a different location, Breckland might agree, and he would ask.

- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14 July 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.** [11, Meeting 11 March 2022] **Larkshall Mill.** Cllr. Barnard reported that he had attended the first meeting of the OCO Technology Limited Larkshall Mill Community Liaison Group earlier that day, and among other things learned that the silos would actually be lower than had been stated in the application.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 Breckland Council: *Local Plan (Partial Review) Regulation 19 Consultation.*
  - 7.2 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Countryside Voices - Summer 2022.*
  - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 29 July 2022.*
  - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-29 July 2022.*
  - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *We're changing our business savings accounts.*
  - 7.6 Breckland Council: *County Broadband - The electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - Notice of works.*
  - 7.7 Email from resident: *Re: 3PL/2021/1531/EU - 4 Manor Cottages, Church Road, Wretham - Changing roof from pitched to flat balcony roof and extending by 1m on 2 forthcoming sides - certificate of lawfulness existing use.*
  - 7.8 Breckland Council: *Breckland Council: Local Plan Partial Update (Regulation 19 Consultation).*
  - 7.9 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Pre-Submission. Invitation to make representations.*
  - 7.10 Breckland Council: *Breckland Local Plan Update.*
  - 7.11 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Norfolk ALC Share Certificate.*
  - 7.12 County Broadband: *Plans for Wretham project.*
  - 7.13 Breckland Council: *Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003, providing one calendar months' notice of the intention to make alterations to the electronic communications apparatus located at Croxton Road, Wretham, Thetford, Suffolk, IP24 1RB Wretham Camp)..*
  - 7.14 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 30 September 2022.*
  - 7.15 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 30 July - 30 September 2022.*
- 8 **Stonebridge Camp/Mill Stone Green.** This item had been covered under item 4.2 above.
- 9 **Planning.**
  - 9.1 **3PL/2022/0778/HOU: Lane End, Watton Road.** Proposed single storey rear extension and detached single storey garden room. It was **noted** that, after consulting with Members, the Clerk has responded "No objections" using delegated powers, and Planning Permission dated 18 August 2022 was **received**.
  - 9.2 **3PL/2022/0171/VAR: 10 Manor Cottages, Church Road.** Removal of condition(s) 2 and 8 on PP 3PL/2018/1498/F. Re-consultation: Updated application form received - removal of conditions 7 and 8. It was **noted** that, after consulting with Members, the Clerk has responded using delegated powers, saying that in view of the change of advice from the experts at NCC Highways, the Council now withdraws its previous objection, and planning permission dated 30 August 2022 was **received**.
  - 9.3 **3PL/2022/0994/VAR: Stonebridge Camp, Thetford Road.** Variation of Condition(s) 1 & 7 on 3PL/2020/0305/VAR - Replace 'Landscape Masterplan; Drwg no. SCR01 Rev J' (27/08/20) with 'Landscape Masterplan; Drwg no. SCR01 Rev M' (30/08/22). Include additional plan 'Planting Details; Drwg no. SCR02 Rev J (30/08/22) (Extension in response deadline until 17 October agreed by Breckland Council.) It was **resolved** that the Council objects to the application, on the grounds that the newly proposed planting



plans fall far short of the proposals which were given permission, and even if followed to the letter, would be inadequate when it comes to providing the sort of green open space Wretham deserves in exchange for more or less doubling the size of the Stonebridge hamlet. In addition, it seems that the applicant thinks that what is proposed in this application is what they have done on the ground, which is simply not the case. The Council asks that this application be refused, and that, if necessary, enforcement action is taken to get the developer to deliver of what was previously promised.

- 9.4 **FUL/2021/0072: Larkshall Mill, Thetford Road.** Change of use from waste transfer station/materials recovery facility to a facility for the manufacturing of carbon-negative aggregates for use in the construction industry including demolition of existing storage shed, construction of feed hopper and conveyor, curing bay shed, covered aggregate conveyor system, 7 no. silos, CO2 tank and associated site works. It was **noted** that this application went to Norfolk County Council's Planning Regulatory Committee on 23 September 2022 and approval notice dated 13 October 2022 was **received**.
- 9.5 **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. Refusal to grant Planning Permission dated 23 September 2022 was **received**.
- 9.6 **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. Refusal to grant Planning Permission dated 27 September 2022 was **received**
- 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. Prior Approval Refusal dated 28 September 2022 was **received**.
- 9.8 **3PL/2022/1061/HOU: Oakwood House, Woodcock Road.** Erection of a covered Verandah to the rear of the property. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.
- 10 **External Auditor.** It was **resolved** that the Council wished to continue to "opt in" to the external auditor central procurement regime managed by *Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments for the 5-year appointing period running from 2022-23 until 2026-27*.
- 11 **Decisions taken by the Clerk using delegated powers.** The following decisions taken after consultation with members were **noted**.
- 11.1 Payment via cheque 100839 & 100840 to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs totalling £1,127.75 (salary for 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 £1,072.50; Homeworking Allowance £19.50; Mileage Allowance for 3 June 2022 - 28 August 2022 £35.75). (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 11.2 Payment via cheque 100841 of £62.49 (Postage & Telephones £14.80; Other £42.24, VAT £5.45) to the Clerk in reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 3 June 2022 to 1 September 2022. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 11.3 A donation of £75.00 via cheque 100842 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in relation to the provision of the wreath for the Remembrance Day services, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 137*).
- 12 **Finance.**
- 12.1 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Breckland Council - Precept - £3,920.00 - 27 September 2022.
- 12.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 September 2022 was **received**.



12.3 **Hire of the Hall for meetings.** It was noted that the Clerk has been advised that the charge for hiring the Hall for meetings will rise to £7.50/hour (£15.00/meeting) from 1 January 2023.

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

14 **Next meeting.** The next meeting, of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 10 November 2022, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

Confirmed

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**Harold Smith (Chairman)**

10 November 2022

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 10 November 2022	Thursday, 9 February 2023
Thursday, 8 December 2022	Thursday, 9 March 2023
Thursday, 12 January 2023	