

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 14 June 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

Present: Councillors: Harold Smith (Chairman), Paul Barclay, Sharon Ford, Jean Foster, Ann Schofield.
Clerk: Julian Gibson

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 A resident reported on the accident south of Forestry Cottages which resulted in a car careering through the lay-by, taking out the wheelie bin and the post to which it was secured, and ending up in the field. As the ambulance was leaving, a second car nearly collided with it. Once again the suggestion of reducing the 50 mph speed limit to 40 was raised. The Clerk said he would contact both NCC Highways, asking them to look at the speed limit or other ways of resolving this issue, and the police asking whether some enforcement in this area could be arranged.
 - 4.2 District Councillor Phil Cowen gave an update, mentioning the new Community Reserve Fund of £1.7m which had been established, the Market Towns initiative, and Shopappy, where Breckland was becoming only the second area to try this.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10 May 2018 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [6.3 Minutes of 12 April 2018] **Wheelie bin.** The promised bin in the lay-by south of the junction of the A1075 and Church Road has yet to materialise. The Clerk will chase Breckland.
 - 6.2 [6.2 Minutes of 10 March 2016] **Tree no. 10 on Millennium Row.** In this position the original Green Beech died and in January 2012 was replaced with a maple. This too died and in March 2016 was replaced with a field maple. This, the third tree in this spot, has now died. The Clerk was asked to consult the original donors, but members felt that it would be wrong to leave Millennium Row with a hole in the row of trees.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 *Clerks & Councils Direct - May 2018.*
 - 7.2 *AXA: Your statement of fact.*
 - 7.3 *Came & Company: Local Insurance Core Cover Summary.*
 - 7.4 *Came & Company: Table of comparisons.*
 - 7.5 *AXA: Council Commercial Combined Policy Summary.*
 - 7.6 *Came & Company: Important information - Please Read.*
 - 7.7 *Came & Company: Terms of Business.*
 - 7.8 *AXA: Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance.*
 - 7.9 *AXA: Your policy schedule.*
 - 7.10 *Seafarers UK: Please help to raise public awareness of our island nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping by flying a Red Ensign ashore on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September.*
 - 7.11 Mr Mike Corrie (Internal Auditor): *Letter of thanks.*

- 7.12 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - 31 May 2018.
7.13 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement* - 1-31 May 2018.

- 8 **Planning. 3PL/2018/0527/F: Church Lane (recte Road), Wretham.** Application for New dwelling. It was **resolved** that the Council objected on the grounds that this is a proposal to develop in the open countryside, and therefore against current and proposed future Breckland policies. Permitting this paddock to be developed would set a precedent which could lead to development right the way along Church Road, resulting in increased traffic on a single track road. Additionally, although not within the Conservation Area, the site is only just outside it, and so will form an unacceptable intrusion into the rural scene.
- 9 **Predetermination/Predisposition.** A very clear and helpful email from the Breckland Council Monitoring Officer addressed to her Council Members on the subject of the difference between predetermination and predisposition was **noted**.
- 10 **Battle Area Tour.** Councillor Ford reported that unfortunately, the tour on 6 June was cancelled by the STANTA authorities at the last minute, for operational reasons. As the Clerk was abroad, she had contacted as many who had booked as possible, and was at the Village Hall to explain what had happened to those who arrived. The Clerk has now rebooked with STANTA and the coach company for Wednesday, 25 July, and contact all those who had previously booked. Some will not be able to make this date, and so the Clerk will advertise and hopefully fill any remaining seats. The tour guide has said that he would try to make this visit even more special by way of compensation.
- 11 **Annual Parish Meeting.** The contents of the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 10 May 2018, to be confirmed and signed at the next Parish Meeting were **agreed**.
- 12 **Stonebridge Green development.** A copy of a revised plan showing the proposed route of the new footway to be constructed through the front of the Stonebridge Green development, replacing that section of the Trod was **received**. As the Council had previously stated it preferred, this footway is located further back from the A1075 than that approved in the existing Planning Permission.
- 13 **Insurance.** Having received and examined three quotations, it was **resolved** that the Council's insurance should be changed to a new policy with Inspire (via AXA). It was **resolved** that cheque number 100703 for £379.08 to Came & Company be signed, being the premium for the policy under a three-year Long Term Agreement, and that the Clerk be empowered to sign any necessary forms. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111 & 140(1)*)
- 14 **Finance.**
- 14.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100704 & 100705 totalling £961.82 (salary for 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018: £818.66; Mileage Allowance Payment for 29 February 2018 - 2 June 2018: £143.16) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)f
- 14.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100709 for £71.12 (Postage & telephones: £21.12; Internal Audit: £50.00) to the Clerk be signed, as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 2 March 2018 to 2 June 2018. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 14.3 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100706 for £10.36 (£8.63 + £1.73 VAT) to SLCC Enterprises Limited be signed, in settlement of their invoice no. 125585, being this parish's share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Regional Training Seminar on 6 September 2017. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.4 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100707 for £66.00 (£55.00 + £11.00 VAT) to Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, in settlement of their

invoice no. 1996 for Councillor Barley attending *Being a Councillor* training on 9 May 2018. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)

14.5 **Loan repayment.** It was **noted** that on 14 June 2018 the United Kingdom Debt Management Office Public Works Loan Board deducted £220.44 from the Council's account by direct debit, being the repayment due on the Council's loan. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)

14.6 **Telephones.** It was **noted** that on 6 June 2018 BT collected £50.96 (£42.47 + £8.49 VAT) from the Council's account by direct debit in settlement of their bill reference M027, for provision of broadband services. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)

14.7 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credits was **noted**:

14.7.1 £150.81 - Fabric recycling credit from Breckland Council.

14.7.2 £240.00 - Seats on the STANTA Tour.

14.7.3 £136.07 - Glass recycling credit from Norfolk County Council.

14.8 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 May 2018 was **received**.

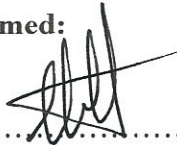
15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

15.1 Welcome Pack.

15.2 Litter bin.

16 Next meeting. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 12 July 2018, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:



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Harold Smith (Chairman)

13 September 2018

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 12 July 2018	Thursday, 11 October 2018	Thursday, 10 January 2019
Thursday, 9 August 2018	Thursday, 8 November 2018	Thursday, 14 February 2019
Thursday, 13 September 2018	Thursday, 6 December 2018	Thursday, 14 March 2019

