

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Ordinary Monthly Parish Meeting of Wretham Parish Council** held on Thu 21st September 2023 at 7:00pm in Wretham Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Sharon Ford, (SF) – Vice Chair, Cllr Paul Barnard (PB), and Parish Clerk, Jules Challenor (JC)

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

1. **APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE** – Cllr Jon Ford due to work commitment, Cllr Lorna Soar due to holiday already booked and Cllr Harold Smith (Chair). In HS absence, SF managed the meeting.
2. **TO RECEIVE DECARATIONS** – None
3. **DISPENSATIONS** - None
4. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on 10th Aug 23 were agreed by all and signed by the Vice Chair. These will be available to view on the Parish Council website and noticeboards.
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – David Fitt from Wretham Village came along and on behalf of the British Legion, provided the wreath for Armistice Day – SF took and will give to HS who presents the wreath.
6. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**
 - 6.1 District Councillors Report – None
 - 6.2 County Councillors Report - None
7. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - 7.1 **OUTSTANDING HIGHWAY MATTERS** – It was reported that the road towards Croxton - there are rather large potholes from farm entrance - SF to take photo and Clerk to contact council.
 - 7.2 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – new councillor, Lorna Soar officially joined us 15th Aug 23 – Matter Closed.
 - 7.3 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**
 - 7.3.1 Deer/Speed Signs Resolved – HS
 - 7.3.2 Dog Bin placement Resolved – Matter Closed
8. **CORRESPONDENCE** – All correspondence sent electronically to all Councillors.
9. **FINANCE**
 - 9.1 Monthly Financial Report emailed to all Cllrs and there are no payments for Sep 23.

9.2 Noticeboards Refurbishment – Richard accepted – Clerk dropped off key 5th Sep 23.

9.3 Barclays Bank – Due to the incompetence of Barclays, we are still no further forward re change of address and moving to online banking. The Clerk prepared a letter asking for the address to be changed etc as a matter of urgency. This letter was duly signed by all signatories and will be posted immediately.

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 – *Approved – Matter Closed*

10.2 **ENF/271/22/PAR** – 4 Manor Cottages - Appeal ongoing & Breckland Council managing.

10.3 **3PL/2023/0694/VAR** – 4 Manor Cottages – Variation – Replace approved brickwork for new coloured render to match rest of house – *Approved 4 Sep 23 – Matter Closed*

10.4 **3PL/2023/0815/HOU** - Larkshall House Thetford Road- First floor extension over previously approved single storey extension – *Decision by 24 Oct 23*

10.5 **3PL/2023/0803/0** – Land between Stonebridge Cottage & Lantern Cottage – for the erection of 3no. detached dwellings at a storey and half each – *Withdrawn*

10.6 **FUL/2023/0032** - OCO Technology - Larkshall Mill – changes in manufacturing etc - letter dated 3 Sep 23 emailed to councillors. Next meeting 6th Oct 23 and PB who represents us will miss as away.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 County Broadband - PB received a letter from Country Broadband only today! The update is that they are in the final stages of build for the Fibre BB. They claim they are just a few weeks away and current schedule is by Oct 23. They apologise for delay and are proposing exclusive offers for persons waiting.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

2023 - 12th Oct and 9th Nov – please note, there will be no Dec 23 meeting.

2024 - 11th Jan 24, 8th Feb, 14th Mar, 11th Apr, 9th May, 13th Jun & 11th Jul 24.