

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 10 October 2019 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**

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Cllr Jon Ford.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** County Councillor Fabian Eagle put forward his proposals for two measures which hopefully would improve road safety on the A1075, given that he felt there was no hope of NCC Highways actually doing anything. Firstly, he suggested that the three parishes in his Division through which the road passes (Wretham, Hockham and Stow Bedon & Breckles) should consider using the Parish Partnership Scheme to obtain a Vehicle Activated Sign which could be positioned in a number of locations along the road. He said he would make a contribution towards the cost from his personal budget. He had spoken with the Chairman of Hockham Parish Council who had indicated that he thought his Council would be willing to participate, and Stow Bedon & Breckles would be able consider the idea at its meeting on 21 October. The deadline for applications for the Parish Partnership Scheme is 6 December. Cllr Eagle said he has spoken to the local Highway Engineer and also the Martin Wilby, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, who had indicated their support. At the moment it was uncertain what would be displayed on the sign, although a deer was a possibility, and this would light up together with a "Slow Down" sign whenever a vehicle passed at in excess of a selected speed. The Council indicated that it could be interested in supporting this idea, and the Clerk was asked to research further and bring a firm proposal to the next meeting. Secondly, Cllr Eagle explained that he had arranged for some stickers for wheelie bins depicting a child to be printed, and would let the Clerk have some in the hope that these would be more effective in slowing traffic through the village. Finally, he said that it was expected that his Council would increase the Council Tax by 3.99%, of which 2% was ring-fenced for adult social care.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 September 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [4.1] **Illington Road.** NCC Highways initially refused to accept that there was any problem with the sand and gravel on this road, but when the Clerk suggested that their council could be held responsible by the victims of any accidents or damage to vehicles which occurred as a result of the unsafe surface, they suggested reporting it to Breckland Council. Illogical though it may seem it is this council which is the cleansing authority responsible for cleaning the highway and is equipped with mechanical sweepers. So the Clerk has contacted that council and is awaiting a response from its contractors, Serco. District Cllr Phil Cowen has also said he would chase the matter.
 - 6.2 [9] **Speeding in the parish and fatal incidents on A1075.** As yet there had been no response from NCC Highways to the note sent after the last meeting. However, the police had responded and said that neither beat officer was available to attend this meeting. However, the Safety Camera Partnership has made the location of the motorcyclist fatality a priority site for enforcement, and had visited four times last month.



6.3 [10, Minutes of 25 July 2019] **Defibrillator**. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the clerks of three parish councils which had obtained grants from Awards for All for defibrillators, and received detailed and very positive responses from the two which replied. Both used Community Heartbeat Trust, and could not speak more highly of them. Both also confirmed that they obtained grants for 100% of the cost, and had included other items in their application, like hire of a hall for training sessions. He then spoke again to CHT and obtained some more information about the cost and installation. The likely maximum cost of machine and a lockable cabinet under a Managed Solution is in the region of £2,300, plus for a fixed fee of £200 CHT would get their regular team of electricians to carry out all aspects of the installation. CHT could then provide an ongoing support agreement, which would mean that the future cost of batteries, pads and other disposables is fixed at about £135 p.a., although it might be possible to include some of this in the initial grant request. The Clerk will obtain a quotation from CHT, and prepare the grant application for signature at the next meeting if agreed by the Council.

7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:

- 7.1 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland newsletter* - September 2019.
- 7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation*.
- 7.3 Acting Secretary to Wretham Parochial Church Council: *St Ethelbert Churchyard*.
- 7.4 Michael Corrie, Internal Auditor: *Letter of thanks*.
- 7.5 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Annual General Meeting - 20 November 2019 - Invitation & Agenda*.
- 7.6 Norfolk Constabulary: *Minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) - 25 June 2019*.
- 7.7 Came & Company: *Intra-group reorganisation affecting Stackhouse Poland Limited trading as Came & Company Local Council Insurance*.
- 7.8 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: *Poppy Appeal 2019*. The RAF Association service will be held at St Ethelbert, Wretham, at 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday 6 November, and the Remembrance Day service at Great Hockham Church at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday, 10 November at 10.45. The Chairman will lay a wreath on behalf of the parish at both services.
- 7.9 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts- at a glance* - balances on 30 September 2019.
- 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 31 August - 30 September 2019.
- 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 31 August - 30 September 2019.
- 7.12 Breckland Council: *Change in contractor for Textile Bank*. The existing textile bank will be removed between 7-16 October, and the replacement installed by the new contractor, ASTCO, between 17-19 October.

8 **Planning. 3PL/2019/1059/EU: Money Tree Farm, Summer House, Cricket Ground Road, Wretham.** Use of Summer House as a dwelling (certificate of lawfulness - existing use). It was **noted** that the Clerk has responded saying that the Council has no knowledge regarding how long this Summer House may or may not have been used as a dwelling, but has no objections to the application, after consulting with four Members

9 **Finance.**

- 9.1 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Breckland Council: £3,325.00 Precept - 24 September 2019.
- 9.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 September 2019 was **received**.

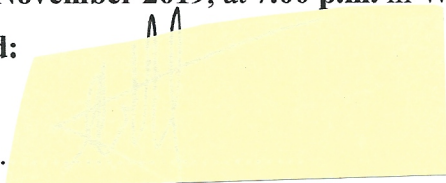
10 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

10.1 Vehicle Activated Sign;

10.2 Defibrillator.

11 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 14 November 2019, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:



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Harold Smith (Chairman)

14 November 2019

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 14 November 2019	Thursday, 13 February 2020
Thursday, 12 December 2019	Thursday, 12 March 2020
Thursday, 9 January 2020	