

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was resolved to accept the reason for absence provided by Councillor Foster.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** Councillor Schofield said that she would not be participating in the discussion or vote on item 10, as she had a declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the property.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 A member of the public asked about the changes the Planning Inspector has made to the emerging Breckland Local Plan, and wondered why the Capita officers had not pointed out the possibility of this, and also whether the savings predicted from Breckland awarding the contract to managing the District's planning system had actually been realised.
 - 4.2 The agent for the application (agenda item 10) spoke to the proposal, describing the three proposed dwellings as being of modest size and modest cost, which would benefit locals and "essential workers, like nurses and teachers". He said that they were constructed on restricted plots which would ensure that they would remain the size they were rather than be enlarged into more expensive dwellings, and that, if approved, the applicants would be able to move to a single story dwelling elsewhere which would be more suitable for their needs.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6 December 2018 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.** [4.4] **Road names.** Norfolk County Council Highways has provided a link to an on-line mapping system (<http://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/>), which they say is the only map they use which shows the names of some (at least) roads
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Breckland Council: *Prospective Councillor Event - 12 February 2019.* Councillor Ford announced if she were to be elected to serve as a Churchwarden at St Ethelbert's it was not her intention to stand for re-election to the Parish Council in May.
 - 7.2 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service: *Appeal letter.*
 - 7.3 Wretham Parochial Church Council: *Letter of thanks for grant.*
 - 7.4 BT: *We've ended your BT service.*
 - 7.5 Norfolk Constabulary: *Minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting - 27 November 2018.*
 - 7.6 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - as at 31 December 2018.*
 - 7.7 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-31 December 2018.*
 - 7.8 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account - 1-31 December 2018.*
- 8 **Clerks' National Salary Award.** An Employment Briefing from the National Association of Local Councils entitled *2018-2019 National Salary Award* was **received**, and it was **noted** that this allocates a new Spinal Column Point scale. With effect from 1 April 2019, the Clerk will move from old SCP 27 to new SCP 20, and a salary of £13.15 per hour, making an annual salary of £4,102.80

9 **Tree Protection Order.** A notice was received that Breckland Council has made and served Tree Preservation Order 2018 No.15 under the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 over two oak trees in the front garden of Lantern Cottage, Watton Road, Wretham, on the grounds that 'Recent enquiries over the status of the trees and a change in ownership have raised concerns over the owners intention to fell.' The Council will be notified when the Order is confirmed.

In view of her interest, Councillor Schofield took no part in the discussion or vote on the next item.

10 **Planning. 3PL/2018/1498/F: Site adjacent to No. 10 Manor Cottages, Church Road, Wretham.** Application for Proposed single dwelling and two semi detached dwellings. It was resolved that the Council objected on the grounds that this is overdevelopment of a small plot, and in particular to the precedent created which could lead to a mini-housing estate. There was also concern about access via the narrow Church Road, albeit that this may be partially allayed by the suggestion that passing places would be introduced. The Council felt it would probably be happy with the development of a single property on the site.

11 **Finance.**

11.1 **Telephones and postage.** It was noted that on 9 January 2019 BT collected £38.48 (£32.07 + £6.41 VAT) from the Council's account by direct debit in settlement of their final bill reference F034, for provision of broadband services. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)

11.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2018 was received.

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

13 **Next meeting.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 14 February 2019, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:

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Harold Smith (Chairman)

14 February 2019

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 14 February 2019	Thursday, 11 July 2019	Thursday, 14 November 2019
Thursday, 14 March 2019	Thursday, 8 August 2019	Thursday, 12 December 2019
Thursday, 11 April 2019	Thursday, 12 September 2019	Thursday, 9 January 2020
Thursday, 9 May 2019*	Thursday, 10 October 2019	Thursday, 13 February 2020
Thursday, 13 June 2019		Thursday, 12 March 2020

* Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

