

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Councillor Phil Cowen updated the meeting on events at his council, including the setting of Council Tax, and the changes to cabinet made by the new Leader. County Councillor Fabian Eagle informed the meeting about the County Boundary Review, where his Council was recommending that Wretham becomes part of a new division of Wayland. It was pointed out that the tree falling on Woodcock Road had left the post of the speed limit sign leaning out over the road, obstructing the traffic and putting pedestrians at risk. The Clerk said he would report this to Highways.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5 December 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [9, Minutes of 12 September 2019] **Speeding in the parish and fatal incidents on A1075.** The inquest into the death of the motorcyclist on the A1075 on 4 April 2019 found that he died as the result of a road traffic collision, having heard from the investigating police officer that “excessive speed may have been a factor”.
 - 6.2 [9, Minutes of 14 November 2019] **Vehicle Activated Sign (Deer for A1075).** The application for the Deer sign has been submitted to the NCC Parish Partnership scheme. A decision should be made by mid-March.
 - 6.3 [10, Minutes of 14 November 2019] **Defibrillator.** The application to Awards for All has now been submitted. A decision should be available by 21 May 2020.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Breckland Council: *Adoption of the Breckland Local Plan 2011-2036.*
 - 7.2 The Pensions Regulator: *Re-enrolment and re-declaration: your legal duties as an employer.*
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 29 November 2019.*
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement - 1-29 November 2019.*
 - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account statement - 1-29 November 2019.*
 - 7.6 Breckland Council: *Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal under Section 78 - Dog & Partridge Public House.*
 - 7.7 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland newsletter - December 2019.*
 - 7.8 Norfolk Constabulary: *Breckland District Community Speedwatch Monthly Returns - December 2019.*
 - 7.9 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 31 December 2019.*
 - 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement - 30 November - 31 December 2019.*
 - 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account statement - 30 November - 31 December 2019.*

- 7.12 The Pensions Regulator: *Use our re-enrolment duties tool now.*
- 7.13 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland Newsletter* - January 2020.
- 7.14 The Planning Inspectorate: *Appeal Decision - Dog and Partridge Public House.*
- 7.15 *Clerks & Councils Direct* - January 2020.

8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3PL/2019/1411/HOU: Manor Barn, Church Road, Wretham.** Install Wooden Glass Panel Balcony on Master Bedroom replacing Juliette balcony this is to the west facing on first floor. It was **noted** that, after consultation with councillors, the Clerk has responded using delegated powers saying 'No objections'. Planning Permission dated 17 January 2020 was also **received**.
 - 8.2 **3PL/2019/1431/HOU: Covert Cottage, The Park, Wretham.** Removal of garage & erection of side extension. Planning Permission dated 3 January 2020 was **received**.
 - 8.3 **3PL/2019/1447/F: The Estate Office, Larkshall, East Wretham.** Extension to existing pet food warehouse. Planning Permission dated 10 January 2020 was **received**.
- 9 **SAM2 Memorandum of Understanding.** An email was **received** from Norfolk County Council, advising that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was signed by the in relation to the SAM2 device was dated 17 April 2013 and was valid for a period of three years, and so has expired. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should sign a new MoU which has no expiry date.
- 10 **Fuel syndicate.** The Council received with regret the news that the syndicate coordinator had retired, and that none of the members had offered to take on the role. The editor of *Wretham Village News* was asked to put a piece in the next issue to try to find a volunteer to take this on. The Chairman also thanked the retiring coordinator for her work over the past years.
- 11 **Illington Road.** The Clerk reported that he had been told that, when Anglian Water was installing a new main along Illington Road, it completely eliminated a number of grips, and that as a result water was running down and flooding Cherry Tree Close. He had advised NCC Highways which had said that the grips are in the process of being renewed, and this will be looked at when working in this parish. This was **noted**.
- 12 **War Memorial.** The Council **considered** a request from the Free Czechoslovak Air Force Association for a plaque to be added to the War Memorial to commemorate the 112 aircrew members who lost their lives during the period that the No.311 (Czechoslovak) Squadron RAF was stationed at Wretham Airfield, similar to the existing plaque in remembrance of those from the US Air Force 359th Fighter Group who died. The Clerk reported that he had obtained advice from the War Memorials Trust (WMT), the Norfolk Association of Local Councils, and the Breckland Council Historic Buildings Officer, and was able to confirm that, although the Council did not own the Memorial, the *Local Government Act, 1948, s.133* gave the Council power to make this change. However, the various bodies strongly advised consulting all possible interested parties (including the owner of the land on which the Memorial stands, and possibly the Czech Republic and Slovakia Embassies, USA Air Force 359th Fighter Group association, RAF, WMT, and the residents of the parish). Also, as the Memorial now carries Grade 2 listing, it would be necessary for the Council to apply to Breckland for Listed Building Consent for the change. The Council **agreed** in principle to support the proposal, providing all costs were covered by the Czechoslovak Association, but felt that it was important that the proposed new plaque should be the same size and of the same material as the existing plaque. The Clerk was asked to take the matter forward and report back to the Council.



13 Finance.

13.1 **Stationery.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100757 for £175.15 (£145.96 + £29.19 VAT) to the Clerk be signed, in reimbursement for his having paid Viking in settlement of invoices 521217 & 537559 for stationery supplied. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.III*)

13.2 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted:** Barclays Bank Plc: £24.52 - Interest - 31 December 2019.

13.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 January 2020 was received.

14 Matters for consideration at next meeting. None.

15 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 12 March 2020, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:



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Harold Smith (Chairman)

12 March 2020

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 12 March 2020	Thursday, 13 August 2020	Thursday, 10 December 2020
Thursday, 9 April 2020	Thursday, 10 September 2020	Thursday, 14 January 2021
Thursday, 14 May 2020	Thursday, 8 October 2020	Thursday, 11 February 2021
Thursday, 11 June, 2020	Thursday, 12 November 2020	Thursday, 11 March 2021
Thursday, 9 July 2020		