

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council on Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

**Present: Councillors Will Townsend (Chairman), Harold Smith, Sharon Ford, Jean Foster (formerly Gray), Ann Schofield.
Julian Gibson (Clerk)**

1 **Apologies for absence.** None.

2 **Declarations of interest.** None.

3 **Dispensations.** None.

4 **Public participation session.**

4.1 District Councillor Phil Cowen spoke about the Watering Farm applications, saying that (as the Clerk had been advised that day) all five were going to Planning Committee on 25 July. He shocked all present by saying they had a recommendation for approval. Basically, the applicant has said that if he does not get approval for the buildings he put up in 2011, he would fit the maximum number of pigs he could on the land he owns, which he could do without planning consent, and then the pollution, smell, number of vehicle movements, and damage to Peddars Way would be even greater. Under this sort of blackmail he felt that, whatever his view was, the Planning Committee would fall into line, and do what the applicant wanted. Councillor Cowen said that had action been taken at the earliest opportunity, it might be that there would have been a different outcome, but the planners failed to act at the right time. He moved on to criticize the Norfolk County Council questionnaire about devolution, saying that the questions were loaded so heavily in favour of the answer that they wanted, it was useless.

4.2 **Dog waste bins.** A member of the public said he did not think that such bins were needed.

4.3 **Letchmere Corner.** The Clerk was asked why Serco no longer cut under the trees. He suspected it was because the crowns needed lifting, and he said he would ask Norfolk County Council if they could raise these.

4.4 **Manor Farm barn.** It was pointed out that the caravan which has been positioned next to the old barn appears to be occupied. The Clerk said he would ask Breckland Council if they have missed advising this Council on the application for planning permission for this.

5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 June 2016 were **confirmed and signed.**

6 **Matters arising.**

6.1 [14, Minutes of 12 May 2016]. **Transparency Fund.** The Council's application has been successful and the grant of £953.40 received.

6.2 [6.3] **Robert Vincent Beaupre Memorial Seat.** The Clerk has found a form of fixing which may be suitable. Councillor Foster said she would ask her husband whether this would work.

6.3 [8] **Dog and Partridge Public House, Watton Road.** The planned site visit by the Planning Inspector on 20 June did not take place because a postponement was requested.

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

- 7.1 The Pensions Regulator: *Act now - the law has changed.*
- 7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils.*
- 7.3 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Norfolk ALC Newsletter - 3 June 2016.*
- 7.4 The Pension Service: *Employers - your earnings records.* (Note: The Clerk has written asking for more information about the information they urgently require.)
- 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Changes to the way you receive statements.* (Note: The Clerk has advised that paper statements are still required.)
- 7.6 Breckland Council: *Local Land & Property Gazetteer incorporating Street Naming & Numbering.*
- 7.7 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Summer Seminar - 28 July 2016.*
- 7.8 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Norfolk Voice - May 2016.*
- 7.9 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Invitation to AGM - 18 July 2016.*
- 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement - 1-30 June 2016.*
- 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account statement - 1-30 June 2016.*
- 7.12 *Clerks & Councils Direct - July 2016.*
- 7.13 Barclays Bank Plc: *The Financial Services Compensation Scheme.*

8 Planning.

8.1 **3PL/2016/0639/F: Grove Farm Nurseries, Thetford Road, Wretham.** Application to Retain temporary mobile home for security & during building works. It was **noted** that the Clerk has responded "No objection" under his delegated power.

8.2 **Watering Farm Applications.** It was **noted** that all five applications have been referred to Breckland Planning Committee on 25 July.

9 A1075. Details of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order creating a 50 mph speed limit on the A1075 between Stow Bedon and Watton, and Watton and the end of the Ovington bends were **received**.

10 Breckland Local Plan. A letter entitled *Invitation to Local Plan Working Group for Interim Site Allocations and Settlement Boundaries Consultation* from Breckland Council was **received**. The Council confirmed that it had absolutely no desire for the reinstatement of a Settlement Boundary (which was removed years ago as part of the LDF process) and that it objected strongly to the possibility of development on the only site put forward in the Emerging Options document published in December 2015, and **authorised** the Clerk to speak accordingly at the meeting on 19 July.

11 Dog waste bins. After some discussion it was **agreed** not to take this suggestion any further at this time.

12 "Forestry Cottages" name signs. In 2002 the Council had purchased and installed signs at either end of the verge in front of Forestry Cottages, but these were now rotting away. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should obtain a new, larger, metal sign to be placed at the Hilda Raker Close end, perhaps with an arrow to help delivery men to identify where the cottages were.

13 BT. The Clerk reported that he had accepted a "goodwill gesture" from BT which was offered as a credit on the account of £205.00 +VAT in compensation for the time wasted by his waiting in the Village Hall for five hours for an engineer who did not arrive, and for various other errors made in the installation process. However, he added that he had that day received an email confirming that they had actually credited the account with £219 + VAT. It remains to be seen how much has actually been credited. This was **noted**.

- 14 **Finance. Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 June 2016 was **received**. It was also **noted** that so as to avoid misleading apparent overspends, the Clerk has added funding received from grants and elsewhere to the original budget figures.
- 15 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.
- 16 **Next meeting.** As the Clerk will not be available, the Chairman has agreed that the August meeting should be cancelled. The next meeting will therefore be on **Thursday, 8 September 2016, at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:

W. J. Townsend

Will Townsend (Chairman)

8 September 2016

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 8 September 2016	Thursday, 8 December 2016	Thursday, 9 February 2017
Thursday, 6 October 2016	Thursday, 12 January 2017	Thursday, 9 March 2017
Thursday, 10 November 2016		