

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

1 November 2017

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council to be held in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road, on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.



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Agenda

1. **To consider accepting** the reasons for any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda. Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate in the whole of an agenda item in which they have an Interest. In the interests of transparency, Members may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an agenda item, in support of the seven Nolan Principles, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.
3. **To consider** any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to participate and vote on an agenda item in spite of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
4. **Public participation session.** The Council's Standing Orders allow members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This session should not exceed 20 minutes, and members of the public are requested to keep their comments brief. Please note that the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law at this meeting unless the item is already included on the published agenda. It can, though, place the matter on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.
5. **To confirm** and **sign** the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 October 2017.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [7.6] **BT's refusal to permit Parish Councils to be their customers.** Elizabeth Truss MP had been continually pressing BT to change their policy and to allow the account with them to be in the name of the Council. Her aide has now forwarded a message from BT saying that her concerns have been passed to their policy team which is looking at making changes to their process. There is no timescale for this, but she has been assured changes will be made.
 - 6.2. [9] **Children's Play and Outdoor Sports.** The Clerk had a meeting with Mr Thomas-Jones, Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees, and explained he had found that the Council could not apply for a grant from Breckland Council unless any play equipment would be installed on land it owned itself. However, charities were entitled to apply on their own behalf, and so it may be that the Trustees will do so.

7. **To receive** Correspondence (available at the meeting).
 - 7.1. The Pensions Regulator: *By law minimum pension contributions will soon be increasing.*
 - 7.2. CGM Group: *Perfect for your Parish Council* - Ground maintenance advertising letter.
 - 7.3. Barclays Bank Plc: *We're making important changes: updating your terms, and creating our ring-fenced bank.*
 - 7.4. Came & Company: *Council Matters* - Autumn 2017.
 - 7.5. Breckland Council: *Parish Precept Requirement 2018-19.*
 - 7.6. Breckland Council: *Parish Grant Allocation 2018-19 to 2020-21.*
 - 7.7. Breckland Council: *Guidance for setting parish/town precepts 2018/19.*
 - 7.8. Interprint: *Marketing letter.*
 - 7.9. Wicksteed Playgrounds: *raising funds for your new play area? We'll match it!*
 - 7.10. *Clerks & Councils Direct* - November 2017.
 - 7.11. Breckland Council: *Brownfield Land Register.*
8. **To note** that Councillor Will Townsend has resigned from the Council, and that the process to fill the resulting Casual Vacancy has commenced. A Notice of the Vacancy has been displayed, with the due date for receipt of requests to hold an election being 10 November 2017. After this date, Breckland Council's Democratic & Electoral Services Support Officer will advise whether sufficient requests have been received for an election to be called, and if not, the Council will be in a position to fill the vacancy by cooption.
9. **To receive** a letter from Defence Infrastructure Organisation, and **to note** that because of recent incursions onto the Stanford Training Area, with effect from 19:00 hrs on 31 October 2017 Gate 13 at Corkmere Bottom, and Gate 17, Mousehall will be kept permanently locked and monitored by CCTV. The public have no legal right to use these gates.
10. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
 - 10.1. **3PL/2017/0929/VAR: Development of Three Dwellings, Church Road, Wretham.**
Proposed development of three detached dwellings. 2016/1133 Conditions(s) 2, 3 and 4 - Plots 1 & 2. Planning Permission dated 13 October 2017.
11. **To agree** a schedule of meeting dates for 2018/19.
12. **To agree** the budget for 2018/19.
13. **To agree** the Precept for 2018/19.
14. **Finance.**
 - 14.1. **To approve** payment of £11.25 (£6.25 + £5.00 VAT) to Norfolk Association of Local Councils in part settlement of their invoice no. 1291, being this Council's share of the cost of the Clerk attending GDPR Training on 1 November 2017.
 - 14.2. **To note** that on 6 November 2017 BT collected £49.08 (£40.90 + £8.18 VAT) from the Council's account by direct debit in settlement of their bill reference M020 UP, for provision of broadband services.
 - 14.3. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
15. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
16. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Thursday, 7 December 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Thursday, 11 January 2018

Thursday, 8 February 2018

Thursday, 8 March 2018