

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 9 April 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

In view of the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held as an online video conference, as authorised by *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*.

**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 gave an update of how his council was continuing to work throughout the Government's measures to combat coronavirus.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 March 2020 were **confirmed** for retrospective signing by the Chairman of the next face-to-face meeting of the Council.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [4.1] **Litter Pick.** As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, this has been cancelled.
  - 6.2 [4.2] **Tree felling in church road.** The arboriculturalist has confirmed that the land owner is responsible for and will be clearing the debris in due course.
  - 6.3 [4.3] **Future meetings.** *The Coronavirus Act 2020* gave the Minister of State power to pass secondary legislation to enable virtual meetings, and this has been done in *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*. These Regulations have also temporally removed the necessity of posting notice of meetings in a conspicuous place in the parish (although agendas must still be published on the website), and holding the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council this year. The Clerk added that *The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020* were published on 7 April and come into effect on 30 April. These basically put the schedule back by two months.
  - 6.4 [6.5] **Deer Sign.** Hockham Parish Council has now advised that it changed its mind about joining with Stow Bedon & Breckles PC and this Council in the project to install this sign along the A1075 Unfortunately they but did not think to advise the other Councils involved, nor apparently, County Cllr. Fabian Eagle about this. However, as this will mean that less posts and brackets will need to be purchased, and thanks to the grants from both the Parish Partnership Scheme and Cllr. Eagle's budget, this will only result in a small increase in the initial cost to the two remaining parishes, and a bit more on the annual running costs.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 Came & Company: *Wretham Parish Council Insurance Renewal.* The Clerk has confirmed that all is in order.
  - 7.2 Came & Company: *Renewal Risk Presentation for Wretham Parish Council.*
  - 7.3 FPK Littlejohn: *2019/20 - instructions delayed pending clarity over coronavirus implications.* This has now been superseded by the new regulations.
  - 7.4 Breckland Council: *2019 Annual Review.*
  - 7.5 Breckland Council: *SAM2 delays.*

- 7.6 Breckland Council Planning: *Consultation [on planning applications] with Parish and Town Councils during Covid-19 period.* Breckland is no longer sending out paper copies of plans, and all comments on applications must be submitted electronically.
- 7.7 Norfolk Association of Local Council: *Information note.*
- 7.8 Chris Kot Esq.: *Speeding along the A1075 through East Wretham.*

## 8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3PL/2020/0305/VAR: Stonebridge Camp, Thetford Road.** Variation of Condition 1 & 7 on 3PL/2016/0939/VAR Replace drawing 'Proposed Site Plan 2364-002 Rev M' with drawing 'Proposed Site Plan 2364-002 Rev O'. It was **resolved** that the Council objected strongly to the attempt to get out of the previously agreed planning obligation to provide children's play equipment on the site. The applicant has suggested that this is not needed now that the Village Hall Trustees have installed some equipment, but this for adult exercise, and not children's play.
- 8.2 **3PL/2020/0329/HOU: Wretham Manor, Church Road.** Replacement of 6 no. 1st floor windows. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.
- 8.3 **3PL/2020/0330/LB: Wretham Manor, Church Road.** Replacement of 6 no. 1st floor windows. (Application for Listed Building consent.) It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.
- 8.4 **3PL/2020/0190/F: 4 Manor Cottages, Church Road, Wretham.** Erection of 3 bed single storey detached dwelling with attached double garage & detached tractor port. Refusal of Planning Permission dated 8 April 2020 was **received**.

- 9 **Defibrillator.** The response of the National Lottery Awards for All, regarding the application for a grant for a defibrillator, saying it is unable to fund the project, was **received** with regret. It was **agreed** that the Council should follow the advice of the Heartbeat Trust and re-apply, but first try to obtain more evidence that the project had the strong support of the residents.

## 10 Finance.

- 10.1 **Subscriptions.** It was **noted** that on or around 19 April 2020 the Information Commissioner's Office will collect £35.00 from the Council's account by direct debit, being the new data protection fee due under the *Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018.* (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 10.2 **Subscriptions.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100763 for £36.00 to the Campaign to Protect Rural England be signed, being the subscription for the year ended 10 May 2020. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111(1)*)
- 10.3 **Section 137.** In accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was **resolved** that cheque number 100764 for £75.00 to Age UK Norfolk be signed as a grant towards the charity's work in support of older people in the community, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 137*)
- 10.4 **Subscriptions.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100765 for £113.54 to the Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, in settlement of their invoice no. 3945 for the annual subscription for 2020/2021. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.143*)
- 10.5 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 March 2020 was **received**.

- 11 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.

- 12 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 28 May 2020, at 7.00 p.m. via video link.**

*Because of the difficulties in signing minutes as required by The Local Government Act 1972, Sch, 12 para 41(1), these minutes were approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 May 2020, and later signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 8 October 2020.*

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**Harold Smith, Chairman**

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 28 May 2020	Thursday, 10 September 2020	Thursday, 14 January 2021
Thursday, 11 June, 2020	Thursday, 8 October 2020	Thursday, 11 February 2021
Thursday, 9 July 2020	Thursday, 12 November 2020	Thursday, 11 March 2021
Thursday, 13 August 2020	Thursday, 10 December 2020	

