

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council on Thursday, 7 January 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

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

- 1 Apologies for absence. None.
- 2 Declarations of interest. None.
- 3 Dispensations. None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** A member of the public said that the flooding problem caused by the drain in Hilda Raker Close had occurred again. The Clerk said he would report this to Norfolk County Council. County Councillor Ian Monson reported that the administration was looking at the responses to the recent consultation on County spending, and would be putting together their budget to be presented to full Council in mid-February.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10 December 2015 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [6.1] **Litter in lay-by south of Forestry Cottages.** The 'Take your litter home' sign has been repositioned.
  - 6.2 [9] **Broadband at Stonebridge Camp.** The Clerk has emailed the developer to ask whether they are planning to do anything to provide the new houses with better broadband access, but has not heard back, nor seen him over the Christmas period.
  - 6.3 [11] **STANTA tour.** The Clerk has booked a coach, which will depart from the Village Hall at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25 May 2016. Seats will cost £10.00 and the Clerk is taking bookings.
  - 6.4 [4.2] **Community Speedwatch Area signs.** After some effort, NCC Highways has checked with the gang who changed the signs, who have confirmed that the Speedwatch sign was not there when they completed the work. This was not in doubt, but it was there when they started. They have now asked the police to provide a replacement.
  - 6.5 [4.4] **A1075 Speed limit past Illington Road and Forestry Cottages.** NCC has responded to the request that it should consider changing the 50 mph limit section south of Stonebridge to a 40 mph limit saying that 'the accident statistics do not suggest a reduction in the speed limit is required. A reduction of this speed limit would also not be in line with the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy.'
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 Age UK Norfolk: *Appeal letter.*
  - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 31 October - 30 November 2015.*
  - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement - 31 October - 30 November 2015.*
  - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement - 1-31 December 2015.*
  - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account statement - 1-31 December 2015.*



**8 Planning.**

- 8.1 **3PL/2015/1253/F: Manor Farm, Church Road.** Revised house type Plot D. Planning Permission dated 15 December 2015 was **received**.
- 8.2 **3PN/2015/0055/PV: Larkshall MRF, Thetford Road.** Installation of 555 JA Solar 270Wp [JAM6(R)-60-270] PV panels. No prior approval notice dated 24 November 2015 was **received**.
- 8.3 **3PL/2015/1211/F: Sunnycreeks, Hockham Road.** Extend house and garage. Planning Permission dated 18 December 2015 was **received**.
- 8.4 **Mere Farm, Larkshall.** Advance notice of application for the Erection of one (of four total) agricultural shed. The Clerk pointed out that as yet the Council had not been formally advised by Breckland that this application had been validated. It was **agreed** that, providing the application when confirmed matched exactly the advance notice received the Clerk should use his delegated powers to respond 'no objection.'
- 8.5 **3PL/2015/1446/LB: Dog and Partridge Public House, Watton Road.** Application for listed building consent to Create disabled access to the dining room. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.
- 9 Stonebridge Green lighting.** The Clerk had received a letter from Norfolk County Council enquiring whether the Council's wished for street lighting on the road for the development at Stonebridge Camp. It was **agreed** not to ask for this, as the suggestion had proved very unpopular when mentioned at a public meeting some years ago. The Clerk will respond accordingly.
- 10 Millennium Row.** The Clerk explained that an arboriculturalist had accompanied him to inspect the 43 trees on Millennium Row He had said that all required the crowns lifting or some other work doing, and he would have to charge £175.00. The Clerk had consulted the Council members, and then given instructions for the work to be done. The Council gave its **approval** and **noted** that the work had already been completed.
- 11 Clean for the Queen.** The Clerk explained that *Country Life* magazine had launched a campaign to clear up the country in time for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, and was encouraging Councils and other organisations to run litter-picks. Breckland Council had recently advised parish council clerks that it had grants of £200 available for organisations which ran a litter pick to go towards the costs of a community event to celebrate the birthday. However, the grant application (with full details of the litter-pick and event, including pricing) must be in by 1 February, the litter-pick has to be held between 1 February and 21 March, the successful applications would only be announced by 15 February, and the event has to be held between 21-25 April, so the Council would have to commit to the celebratory event before knowing whether the grant would be available. Furthermore, while the matter was being discussed the Clerk spotted that only 20 grants were available. It was considered that very little time had been given for arranging the event, and that as there were only 20 grants available and 120-odd parishes in Breckland, let alone sports clubs, Women's Institutes, and other social groups eligible to apply, the chances of being successful in a bid for the grant were slight. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should arrange a litter-pick in any event, but that this should be the limit of the Council's involvement.
- 12 Finance.**
- 12.1 **Millennium Row.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100608 for £175 to Tom West (Treecreeper Arboriculture) be signed, in settlement of his invoice dated 6 January 2016 for the work lifting the crowns of the trees on Millennium Row. (Standing Order 5.1.17 permits a motion to be moved without written notice to authorise payments of



monies up to £200). (*Public Health Act 1875 s. 164 & Local Government Act 1972 Sch. 14 para. 27*)

12.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2015 was received.

13 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.**

14 **Next meeting.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 11 February 2016**, at **7.00 p.m.** in **Wretham Village Hall.**

Confirmed:



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**Harold Smith (Vice-Chairman)**

11 February 2016

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 11 February 2016	Thursday, 9 June 2016	Thursday, 10 November 2016
Thursday, 10 March 2016	Thursday, 14 July 2016	Thursday, 8 December 2016
Thursday, 14 April 2016	Thursday, 11 August 2016	Thursday, 12 January 2017
Thursday, 12 May 2016*	Thursday, 8 September 2016	Thursday, 9 February 2017
	Thursday, 6 October 2016	Thursday, 9 March 2017

\* Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council