

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2 December 2015

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, 10 December 2015 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 November 2015.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [9] **Transparency Fund.** The Clerk has been told by Norfolk Association of Local Councils that the Board has now set a limit on how much can be claimed for the annual internet cost, and so the amount of the application has been reduced to £1,838.98.
 - 6.2. [7.13] **Breckland Council's retention of Government grant funding for the benefit of parish councils.** Whereas in the past the Government has been openly critical of district councils which did not pass on the funding to parishes, it seems that now it is doing a U-turn, saying that this is purely a local matter, and not one where it should intervene or even state a view.

7. **To receive** Correspondence (pre-circulated)
 - 7.1. Norfolk Constabulary: *Minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting* - 3 September 2015.
 - 7.2. Norfolk Citizens Advice: *Appeal for Financial Help*.
 - 7.3. Norfolk County Council: *Weed killing Trod and Lay-by verge*.
 - 7.4. War Memorials Trust: *Bulletin* - November 2015.
 - 7.5. War Memorials Trust: *Your legacy, their memory*.
 - 7.6. Norfolk County Council: *Re-imagining Norfolk - Strategic and Financial Planning 2016-17*.
 - 7.7. United Kingdom Debt Management Office: *Loan repayment due 14 December 2015*.
 - 7.8. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement* - 1-30 October 2015.
 - 7.9. Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement* - 1-30 October 2015.
 - 7.10. Norfolk Constabulary: *Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting minutes* - 24 November 2015.
 - 7.11. Lawrence Beaupre: *Email responding to the Clerk having written to advise about the damage to the Memorial Bench*.
 - 7.12. Breckland Council: *Breckland (Emerging) Local Plan: Preferred Directions Development Plan Document and Emerging Site Options Consultation*.
 - 7.13. Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Fieldwork* - Winter 2015.
 - 7.14. Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Countryside Voice* - Winter 2015.
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and to decide on comments to be made where necessary.
 - 8.1. **3PL/2015/0730/EU: Mill House, Watton Road, Wretham.** Vehicle restoration, repairs and maintenance, including spare parts storage (Certificate of Lawfulness). Certificate of Lawful use or development dated 19 August 2015.
 - 8.2. **3PL/2015/0157/A: Grove Farm Nurseries, Thetford Road.** Erection of two wooden hoardings both non illuminated. Notice of an Appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of Breckland Council to refuse to grant advertising consent. (**Note:** Normally this appeal would have been timed out, as it was submitted over five months after the decision date as against the 8 weeks permitted. However, as Breckland Council omitted the usual note regarding the time limit from the decision notice, the Planning Inspectorate has accepted the appeal.)
 - 8.3. **3PL/2012/0707/F: Watering Farm.** Emails between Agent and Norfolk County Council regarding damage to Peddars Way.
9. **To receive** an update on the broadband issue.
10. **To consider** authorising the Clerk to arrange for the trees on Millennium Row to be inspected by an arboriculturalist, and to have the crowns lifted where appropriate. (There is £100 in this year's budget for this work.)
11. **To note** that the Council has been offered the opportunity to take a coach party round the Stanford Training Area on Wednesday, 25 May 2016, at 5.30 p.m. at West Tofts, and **to authorise** the Clerk to make the arrangements as in previous years..
12. **To confirm** that the Council should allow the arrangements for the New Audit Regime which the Sector-Led Body (SLB) being set up by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities to proceed, rather than to opt out of these arrangements and appoint an auditor locally. (**Note:** from 2017/18 smaller authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000 p.a. will not have to have an

external audit, but must have an auditor appointed in case there are questions from electors to be resolved. We are advised to budget for a one-off SLB fee of up to £100 in 2016/17.)

13. **To receive** a revised proposal from Norfolk County Council for a 50 mph speed limit on the A1075 between Stow Bedon and Watton, and **to consider** making a response to the consultation.
14. **To agree** a Meeting schedule for next year.
15. **To agree** the budget for 2016/17.
16. **To agree** the Precept for 2016/17.
17. **Finance.**
 - 17.1. **To approve** payment to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs totalling £760.94 (salary for 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015: £671.40; Mileage Allowance Payment for 3 September 2015 - 2 December 2015: £89.54 (of which £3.90 is the VAT element)).
 - 17.2. **To approve** payment of £69.09 (Postage & Telephones: £28.57; Publications: £17.00; Other: £19.12; VAT: £4.40) to the Clerk as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 13 June 2015 to 2 December 2015.
 - 17.3. **To consider**, and if agreed **to approve** a grant to Wretham Parochial Church Council towards the cost of maintaining the burial grounds in the parish. (Note: £260 was given last year, and this is in the budget.)
 - 17.4. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
18. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
19. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Thursday, 7 January 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 7 January 2016

Thursday, 11 February 2016

Thursday, 10 March 2016