

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 14 January 2021 at 7.00 p.m. This was a virtual on-line meeting.

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.**
 - 4.1 The Clerk took the opportunity to update Members on the situation with water coming from the top of the pipe on the south side verge of Church. After some investigation it has been found that this is used by the Environment Agency to test the water levels in the aquifer. Their agent had not seen this leaking before, but said that it cannot be turned off, and that they had reported the spillage on the road to NCC Highways (as the Clerk had already done). Highways had subsequently given their standard, "Does not meet our intervention criteria" response, despite the water leaving some of the road impassable on foot. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency again to report that the pipe was damaged, and that perhaps a repair would solve the problem.
 - 4.2 Cllrs. Barnard and Ford spoke about the flooding on Illington Road by the pig farm, which had rendered the road virtually impassable. The Clerk said he would once again report this issue to Highways, although he did not expect any action as a result.
 - 4.3 The Clerk said he was aware that the Chairman of Breckland Council was collecting details of flooding in parishes, intending, with the help of George Freeman MP, to take these up with various authorities, and would ensure the detail of these two incidents would be passed on.
 - 4.4 Cllr. Jon Ford said that the flashing lights in Wretham Camp were causing a distraction danger to motorists. The Clerk said he would contact
- 5 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10 December 2020 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 Matters arising.** None.
 - 6.1 [6.1] **Deer sign.** In anticipation of the imminent purchase of the sign, the Clerk has added it to the Asset Register, and arranged for it to be added to the Council's insurance policy. The Clerk has been told this will not involve any additional premium.
 - 6.2 [8.1] **Stonebridge Camp.** The Council noted that the Stonebridge Camp development had only just had the plans for the open space as submitted in application 3OB/2020/0031/OB approved, but was concerned that the fence at No.1 has been moved to take all the open space in front of the house into the garden. This noticeably changes the aspect at the entrance to the estate. The Clerk was asked to report this to Breckland Planning Enforcement, asking whether the change should be subject of a revised application.
- 7 Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk Constabulary: *Community Update* - December 2020.
 - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 31 December 2020.
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1-31 December 2020.
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 31 October -31 December 2020.

8 Planning.

8.1 **3PL/2020/1478/HOU: 1 Roudham Junction, Bridgham.** Single storey side extension and glassed canopy over front door. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.

8.2 **3PL/2020/1258/F: C & D Foods (Larkshall) Limited, Larkshall, East Wretham.** Single storey extension to join existing intake building. Planning Permission dated 7 January 2021 was **received**.

9 Deer sign. The Council **approved** a Memorandum of Understanding between this Council and Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council regarding the use of the "Deer" sign and payments in relation to this, and **authorised** the Chairman to sign this on behalf of the Council.

10 Financial Regulations. The Council **agreed** to waive Financial Regulation 11.8 (which requires striving to obtain three quotations) with regard to the following item, on the grounds that in the present situation this would be difficult to achieve, and that the Council was highly satisfied with the standard of work carried out by Serco in the past.

11 Grass cutting. It was **agreed** accept a quotation for grass cutting for 2021 and 2022 from Serco at £432.43 + VAT per annum, the same rate as applied for the last two years. It was also **agreed** that the Clerk should sign an agreement accordingly.

12 Schedule of Meetings. A schedule of meetings of the Council for 2021-22 was **agreed**.

13 Finance.

13.1 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100786 for £4,740.00 (£3,950.00 + £790.00 VAT) to Westcotec Limited be signed, in settlement of invoice no. 11857 for the "Wild animals likely to be in road" (Deer) sign. (*Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s. 72*)

13.2 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100786 for £3,252.00 (£2,710.00 + £542.00) to The Community Heartbeat Trust, be signed in settlement of invoice no. 7496 for the supply and installation of a defibrillator. (*Public Health Act 1875 s.164*)

13.3 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credits was noted:

13.3.1 Cynthia Della Hoy Croxton Charity - Defibrillator grant: £1,500 - 15 December 2020.

13.3.2 Barclays Bank Plc - £4.81 - Active Saver Account Interest - 31 December 2020.

13.3.3 Norfolk County Council - Parish Partnership Scheme and NCC Members Contribution Grants - £ 2988.99 - 14 January 2021.

13.4 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2020 was **received**.

14 Matters for consideration at next meeting. None.

15 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 11 February 2021**, at **7.00 p.m.** via **video link**.

Confirmed:



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Harold Smith (Chairman)

11 February 2021

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 11 February 2021	Thursday, 8 July 2021	Thursday, 9 December 2021
Thursday, 11 March 2021	Thursday, 12 August 2021	Thursday, 13 January 2022
Thursday, 8 April 2021	Thursday, 9 September 2021	Thursday, 10 February 2022
Thursday, 13 May 2021	Thursday, 14 October 2021	Thursday, 10 March 2022
Thursday, 10 June 2021	Thursday, 11 November 2021	