

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council on Thursday, 9 June 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

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

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the chair.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for an apology for absence offered by Councillor Townsend.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 **Dog waste bins.** A member of the public asked if the Council would consider installing dog waste bins in the parish. After some discussion it was considered that these would be appropriate at the south end of Woodcock Road, in East Wretham, and at the southern end of the Jubilee trod. The Clerk said he was aware that Breckland Council was prepared to have litter bins which could also be used for collection of dog waste, which the meeting thought would be better than a single purpose bin. He said he would seek the necessary agreement from Breckland and Norfolk County Councils, and bring the matter back to the next Council meeting with an estimate of costs.
 - 4.2 **Norfolk County Council matters.** Councillor Ian Monson said that his council was meeting on 27 June to decide on whether to agree to the Government's devolution plans to link with Norfolk with Suffolk. He said that nobody seems to be in favour of an elected mayor to cover both counties, and that at the moment he opposed the proposals. He also mentioned the new round of Parish Partnership funding, which the Clerk said would appear on the agenda at the next Council meeting. Finally, he spoke about the damage being done to verges by over-large farm vehicles, saying that, although he was a farmer himself, he was very concerned about the Government's plans to increase the maximum weight of a tractor and trailer from 31 tonnes to 44 tonnes, and the impact that this would have on the small roads in the county.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 14 April 2016 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [9.2] **STANTA Tour.** Despite the slightly inclement weather, the tour was very much appreciated by all who went.
 - 6.2 [11.1] **Stonebridge Camp.** The Planning Officer dealing with the new application to revise the affordable housing obligations for this development has verbally assured the Clerk that the Index-linking clause relating to the payment of £80,000 for an extension to the Village Hall contained in the original Section 106 Agreement in 2008 did and would still apply.
 - 6.3 [12] **Robert Vincent Beaupre Memorial Seat.** The Clerk has obtained permission from Norfolk County Council for this bench to remain on the former bus shelter base alongside the old Croxton Road at Letchmere Corner. He will continue to try to find a way of securing it to the ground.

- 6.4 [13] **Forestry Cottages sign.** The Clerk reported that Breckland Council was only able to supply name signs for roads, and not for groups of houses, such as Forestry Cottages. He would bring details of the cost of the Council purchasing signs to the next meeting.
- 6.5 [13, Minutes of 10 December 2015] **50 mph speed limit on A1075 between Shipdham and Stonebridge.** The Clerk said that he was surprised to be sent details of a proposed 50 mph speed limit on two sections of the A1075 between Stonebridge and Stow Bedon and between Watton and Shipdham, when previously Norfolk County Council had specifically advised that it had withdrawn the proposal for the first of these. However, it turned out that the NCC Officer has sent out the wrong plans. It is now intended to apply a 50 mph limit between Stow Bedon and Watton, and northwards from Watton to just past the Ovington bends, with a speed camera van pad being constructed half way along the straight bit of road after that point. However, it is evident that a considerable number of parishes have not been consulted at all about these proposals, so it is possible that the plans will change again.

7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:

- 7.1 From The Clerk Magazine (SLCC): *Finance matters - important dates relating to the Annual Return, publicity and electors' rights.*
- 7.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Training.*
- 7.3 Breckland Council: *Payment Remittance (Glass recycling).*
- 7.4 Fields in Trust: *The Centenary Fields Programme - protecting valuable green space across the Country.*
- 7.5 United Kingdom Debt Management Office: *Loan Payment due 14 June 2016.*
- 7.6 Norfolk County Council: *Total Transport Project.*
- 7.7 Mr Michael Corrie: *Letter of thanks.*
- 7.8 Aviva: *Your Parish Council Policy.*
- 7.9 Came & Company: *To whom it may concern.*
- 7.10 Aviva: *Certificate of Employers' Liability Insurance.*
- 7.11 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *90 years of CPRE: yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.*
- 7.12 Norfolk Constabulary: *Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood action Panel (SNAP) Meeting Minutes - 31 May 2016*
- 7.13 H M Revenue & Customs: *Change in way to claim a VAT refund.*
- 7.14 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 30 April - 31 May 2016.*
- 7.15 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver - 30 April - 31 May 2016.*

8 **Planning. 3PL/2015/1446/LB: Dog and Partridge Public House, Watton Road.** Application for listed building consent to create disabled access to the dining room. Notice that the Planning Inspector will carry out a site visit on Monday 20 June at 09:45, related to the Appeal against non-determination was **received**.

9 **Annual Parish Meeting minutes.** The contents of the Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016, to be confirmed and signed at the next Parish Meeting, were **agreed**. The Clerk reported that Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service had said they would clear the vegetation from around the fire hydrant outside Forestry Cottages. They also assured residents that fire fighters also have a computerised mapping system to locate hydrants available in their vehicles.

10 **Clerk's salary.** It was **noted** that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached an agreement for new pay scales for 2016-2017 to be implemented immediately and backdated to 1 April 2016 and new pay scales for 2017-2018 to be implemented from 1 April 2017. For the Clerk currently on Spinal Column Point 24, this will take his rates from

1 April 2016 to £11,302/hour (£2,983.73 p.a.) and from 1 April 2017 to £11,415/hour (£3,013.56 p.a.) if he remained on the same SCP.

11 Finance.

- 11.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100630 & 100631 totalling £829.78 (salary for 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016: £745.93; Mileage Allowance Payment for 5 February 2016 - 1 June 2016: £83.85) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 11.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100634 for £59.25 (£6.25 Postage & Telephones; £50.00 gift for Internal Auditor; £3.00 Land Registry search) to the Clerk be signed, in reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 4 March 2016 to 2 June 2016. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 11.3 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100632 for £240.00 (£200.00 + £40.00 VAT) to Harry Stebbing Workshop be signed, in settlement of invoice no. 2325 for Wheelie bin speed stickers. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*). Councillor Ford said she had already affixed stickers to her bins, and would be approaching other parishioners to ask them to do the same.
- 11.4 **Section 137.** In accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was **resolved** that cheque number 100633 for £240.00 to STANTA Central Bank be signed, being a donation to military charities following the recent tour of the Training Area, 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. This will be distributed equally between The Army Benevolent Fund, Help for Heroes, The Sailors, Soldiers and Air Force Association, and the Battle Area Churches Restoration Fund (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 137*)
- 11.5 **Budgets.** It was **agreed** to vire £200 from the Contingency budget line to the Other budget line to cover the cost of purchase of the wheelie bin speed stickers.
- 11.6 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 May 2016 was **received**.

12 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

- 12.1 Litter/dog waste bins.
12.2 Forestry Cottages name sign.

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

Confirmed:

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Will Townsend (Chairman)

14 July 2016

Future Meeting dates:

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