

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 12 September 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall, Church Road.

**Present: Councillors: Sharon Ford (Vice-Chairman), Paul Barley, Paul Barnard, Jon Ford.**  
**Clerk: Julian Gibson**

*The meeting scheduled for 8 August 2019 did not take place.*

*In the absence of the Council Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.*

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Councillor Smith.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
  - 4.1 A member of the public raised concerns about the state of Illington Road, saying that the quantity of sand and loose gravel was making it dangerous, with vehicles skidding when needing to come to a halt. She also pointed out that although hedges on straight sections, where visibility was not too bad, had been cut well back, it appeared that on corners, where it was naturally more difficult to see ahead, the hedges had been left with longer branches sticking out. This, combined with the slippery road surface, was making exiting from Low Road, Illington extremely treacherous. The Clerk said he would report this.
  - 4.2 A member of the public reported that footpath FP4 was blocked at the Illington end by a field which had been planted with maize completely across the Public Right of Way. The Clerk said he would report this.
  - 4.3 A number of members of the public expressed their concerns about the speed of vehicles through the parish on the A1075, and the Clerk said that it had been hoped that PC Paula Gilluley, Breckland Community Engagement Officer, would be attending the meeting, but she had failed to show. See also item 9 below.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25 July 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [6.1, Minutes of 14 February 2019] **Litter bin.** The Clerk meant to advise the Council at the previous meeting that he had installed the dog/litter bin alongside the Jubilee Trod, as agreed by Breckland Council.
  - 6.2 [11, Minutes of 13 June 2019]. **Bank Signatories.** Barclays have still not dealt with the change of account signatories. The Clerk sent the forms on 14 June with a covering letter clearly stating that Councillor Barnard would be taking his Personal Details form and identification documents into a Branch as required. On 25 June Barclays wrote saying that they had not received these details, so on 15 July the Clerk replied confirming that the forms had now been taken into Thetford Branch. On 12 August, having heard nothing, the Clerk wrote asking why they had not yet dealt with this relatively simple matter. A further month later there has been no response.
  - 6.3 [7.10] **'Slow down' signs.** Possibly as a result of the recent fatal accidents on the A1075, County Councillor Fabian Eagle had made the signs he had obtained available to the parish, and these had initially been deployed in the lay-by south of the Church Road junction and in the entrance to the motocross site.

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

- 7.1 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland newsletter* - July 2019.
- 7.2 Highways England: *All Works - Thetford to Larling*.
- 7.3 Breckland Council: *Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places & Polling Stations*.
- 7.4 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Letter from Crispin Truman, CEO*.
- 7.5 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Countryside Voice* - Summer 2019.
- 7.6 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Fieldwork* - Summer 2019.
- 7.7 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland Newsletter* - August 2019.
- 7.8 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Community, Well-being, Environment and Parish & Town Councils*.
- 7.9 *Clerks & Council Direct* - September 2019.
- 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 30 August 2019.
- 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 29 June - 30 August 2019.

**8 Planning.**

- 8.1 **3PL/2019/0321/F: Tofts Barns, Church Road, Wretham.** Erection of dwelling and detached garage. Planning Permission dated 6 August 2019 was **received**.
- 8.2 **3PL/2019/0379/CU: Dog and Partridge Public House, Watton Road, Wretham.** Change of use of Public House to residential. Notice of Appeal was **received**.
- 8.3 **3PL/2019/0721/F: The Estate Office, Larkshall, Wretham.** Extension to existing pet food warehouse. Planning Permission dated 15 August 2019 was **received**.

**9 Speeding in the parish and fatal incidents on A1075.** The Council expressed its regret at the further incident on the A1075 north of Stonebridge. It was considered to be a great pity that the police representative had not been able to make the meeting as expected. The Council continued to suggest measures which should be considered by NCC Highways to make the road safer, and also possible measures the police could take in the form of active or passive enforcement. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Highways and the Police in the strongest possible terms making all these points, and demanding to be shown copies of any reports arising from actions following the three fatalities, partly so that it is aware who was responsible if no changes were made and there was a further serious accident or fatality. However, as the Council felt it was possible that the County would not carry out a proper risk assessment as requested, the Clerk was asked to investigate the possible cost of commissioning an independent report.

**10 Finance.**

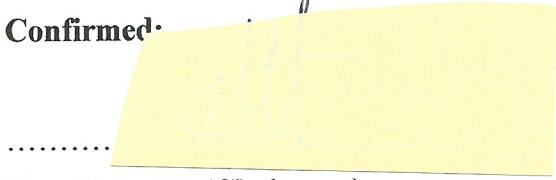
- 10.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100746 & 100747 totalling £1,093.28 (salary for 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019: £1,025.70; payment for use of home as office: £13.50; Mileage Allowance Payment for 5 June 2019 - 5 September 2019: £54.08) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 10.2 **Audit & Elections.** It was **resolved** that cheque numbered 100748 for £75.00 to Breckland Council be signed, in settlement of invoice 934418, being the charge for the uncontested election held in May 2019. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 10.3 **Section 137.** In accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, it was **resolved** that cheque number 100749 for £75.00 to Royal British Legion be signed as a donation, 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 Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 August 2019 was received.

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

**12 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 10 October 2019**, at **7.00 p.m.** in **Wretham Village Hall**. (Note change of date)

Confirmed:



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**Harold Smith (Chairman)**

10 October 2019

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 10 October 2019	Thursday, 9 January 2020
Thursday, 14 November 2019	Thursday, 13 February 2020
Thursday, 12 December 2019	Thursday, 12 March 2020

