

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

29 September 2016

**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, 6 October 2016 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, 8 September 2016.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
  - 6.1. [6.4] **Robert Vincent Beaupre Memorial Seat.** Mr Foster has now secured the bench with chains and padlocks, to which the Clerk has keys.
  - 6.2. [8.2] **Stonebridge Camp, Thetford Road, Stonebridge.** District Councillor Phil Cowen has confirmed that this matter will go before Breckland Planning Committee, and not be determined by the officers.
7. **To receive** Correspondence (pre-circulated)
  - 7.1. CPRE Norfolk: *URGENT - Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Consultation.*
  - 7.2. Norfolk Citizen's Advice: *Appeal letter.*
  - 7.3. *Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2016.*
  - 7.4. Norfolk Constabulary - Attleborough Safer Neighbourhood Team: *Minutes of the Safer*

*Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting - 7 September 2016.*

- 7.5. Gavin Barwell MP, Minister for Housing and Planning: *Neighbourhood Planning Bill.*
- 7.6. Breckland Council: *Payment remittance.*
- 7.7. Barclays Bank Plc: *Savings interest rates are reducing.*
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and to decide on comments to be made where necessary.
  - 8.1. **3PL/2016/1133/F: Manor Farm, Church Road, Wretham.** Application for Proposed Development of three detached dwellings. (Revised scheme).
9. **To receive** and **to consider** making a response to the consultation on the Breckland Local Plan Preferred Sites and Settlement Boundaries proposals.
10. **To receive** a letter from CPRE Norfolk headed *Join us in opposing damaging new housing targets*, and **to consider** giving support to their campaign to ensure that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2036 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed.
11. **To receive** a document giving legal advice on the Government's proposals for *Precept Consultation* from the Norfolk Association of Local Councils and **to consider** responding to the Government's Technical Consultation Paper on *The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement* as a result.
12. **To note** that under the Pensions Act 2008 the Council must put staff who (a) earn over £192 per week (or £833 per month), (b) are aged 22 or over, and (c) are under state pension age, into a pension scheme and pay into it ('automatic enrolment') and that the Council's staging date is 1 April 2017. The Clerk does not meet all of these criteria, but could ask to join a pension scheme, and within six weeks after the staging date the Council must write to ask him to tell the Council in writing if he wants to do this. Within five months after the staging date the Council must complete an on-line declaration of compliance.
13. **Finance.**
  - 13.1. **To approve** payment of £60.60 to Mr Philip Foster in reimbursement of his costs in securing the Robert Vincent Beaupre Memorial Seat to the ground.
  - 13.2. **To approve** payment of £48.00 (£40.00 + £8.00 VAT) to BT in settlement of their bills reference M005 32 for internet and telephone services. The total bill amount is £121.24, but this includes £32.16 overcharged on the last bill, the 90p price rise (plus 18p VAT, which came in before the service was connected but well after the contract was entered into) and another late payment charge. The Clerk has therefore deducted these. He is still waiting for BT to make these and various other corrections on the account, and has written to his contact in their Complaints department saying that if she does not get this sorted he will report the whole sorry tale to the Ombudsman.
  - 13.3. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
14. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
15. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Thursday, 10 November 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 10 November 2016	Thursday, 9 February 2017
Thursday, 8 December 2016	Thursday, 9 March 2017
Thursday, 12 January 2017	