

# WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

4 October 2018

**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, 11 October 2018 at 7.00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.



Julian Gibson

Clerk to the Council

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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, 13 September 2018.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
  - 6.1. [9] **Speeding.** The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team says that the police spotted carrying out speed checks as reported to the previous meeting must be from another unit, as it was not them. However, they have in the week ended 20 September been out on four occasions for a total of two hours, working in both marked and unmarked cars from the lay-bys north and south of the A1075 junction with Illington Road. Only one offending vehicle warranted a ticket being issued, but they will continue to give this area attention when they are able to do so, but not as frequently as during this specific week.
  - 6.2. [10] **Millennium Row Tree no. 10.** The Treecreeper arboriculturalist has said he would replace a significant area of soil and plant a species which is tolerant of

pollutants and poor soils, like an Alder. The manager of the Stonebridge Green development has offered to supply the topsoil. The Clerk has asked him to proceed.

- 6.3. [11] **Millennium Row Trees.** The Clerk has accepted a quote £250 + VAT for crown-lifting of the trees along Millennium Row. He has also obtained assurance from Norfolk County Council that weed killing treatment will be applied to the trod by their contractor, and this should be done by mid-October.
7. **To note** that, having reported the damage to the signs on the A1075 opposite Illington Road to NCC Highways several months ago, chased to find out when they were going to be repaired, and found that because of a mix up with other nearby signs also being damaged and these signs only having been repaired a short while before they were again damaged, the work had not even been ordered. He has been assured that this has now been done.
8. **To receive** Correspondence (available at the meeting).
  - 8.1. *Clerks & Council Direct* – September 2018.
  - 8.2. Royal Mail: *Scam Mail*.
  - 8.3. Norfolk Constabulary: *Minutes of Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting* – 6 September 2018.
  - 8.4. Royal British Legion: *Poppy Appeal 2018* – Remembrance Day service at Shropham Church at 10.45 on 11 November.
9. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
10. **To approve** the contents of the draft Welcome Pack prepared by Councillor Ford, and **to agree** its distribution to new residents of the parish.
11. **Finance.**
  - 11.1. **To approve** payment to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs totalling £779.85 (1 July 2017 to 30 September 2018 back-pay following increase in hours: £712.35; payment for use of home as office: £67.50).
  - 11.2. **To note** that on 8 October 2018 BT collected payment of £49.08 (£40.90 + £8.18 VAT) from the Council's account by direct debit in settlement of their bill reference M031, for provision of broadband services.
  - 11.3. **To note** receipt of the following credits:
    - 11.3.1. £12.00 for a seat on the STANTA Tour.
    - 11.3.2. Precept £2,700.00 & Revenue Support Grant £19.00, from Breckland Council.
  - 11.4. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
12. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
13. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Thursday, 8 November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Wretham Village Hall.

**Future Meeting dates:**

Thursday, 8 November 2018	Thursday, 14 February 2019
Thursday, 6 December 2018	Thursday, 14 March 2019
Thursday, 10 January 2019	