

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

4 February 2021

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council to be held **via video link** on Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 7.00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business. Join the meeting using computer, iPad, mobile phone or the like, via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88319882731>, or using a land-line telephone, dial 0203 695 0088 and follow the instructions, entering meeting number 883 1988 2731.



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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, 14 January 2021.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [4.1] **Leaking pipe in Church Road.** The Environment Agency has now confirmed that this is only the fourth time that the levels in the aquifer have caused a leak since their records began in 1977. Their contractors are sourcing a bolt to hopefully secure and make the hole in the middle of the borehole watertight but meanwhile have temporarily eased the flow with a wooden bung. They also intend to repair the existing damage to the pipe head. At the Clerk's request, the landowner has agreed to get a trench dug from the pipe to the ditch so that any water goes there rather than on the road.
 - 6.2. [4.2] **Flooding on Illington Road near pig farm.** NCC Highways has sent their standard response to the Clerk's report, saying that the problem "has already been reported and action identified to resolve the issue".
 - 6.3. [4.4] **Flashing lights at Wretham Camp.** Landmarc has confirmed that they do have repaired of the lights in hand, however as they are a specialist light there is a backlog on orders from their supplier, largely due to the pandemic situation.

- 6.4. [6.2] **Stonebridge Camp fences.** Breckland's Planning Enforcement has responded saying that the "relevant permission does not restrict permitted development in respect of fences, so the fence is permitted development and a further application is not required." Therefore they will take no action and have closed the case.
7. **To receive** the following correspondence:
7.1. *Clerks & Council Direct* - January 2021.
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
9. **To consider** a request received from a resident that the Council try to have a dog waste bin installed on Church Road, in an attempt to encourage the irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their pets to do so, and then to make use of it.
10. **To agree** a response to the NCC consultation on *A1075 Thetford to Dereham - Proposed Amendments to Speed Limit* (which proposes extending the 50 mph limit southwards from south of Forestry Cottages to south of the junction with Cricket Ground Road, and more changes in Stow Bedon & Breckles, and Ovington Parishes).
11. **To note** that at the time of issuing this agenda, the COVID legislation permitting Parish Councils to meet virtually is due to expire at midnight on 6 May 2021 (and it is believed that the Government is resisting the lobbying of both the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks to have this extended), and **to consider** any suitable action.
12. **Finance**
- 12.1. **To approve** payment to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs totalling £1,101.58 (salary for 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 £1,053.78; homeworking allowance £13.50; Mileage Allowance Payment for 3 December 2020 - 4 February 2021 £14.30; Telephone Allowance £20.00).
- 12.2. **To approve** payment of £53.07 (Postage & Telephones £29.48; VAT £23.59) to the Clerk in reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 3 December 2020 to 4 February 2021.
- 12.3. **To approve** payment of £111.75 (£93.13 + £18.621 VAT) to Mrs Joy Townsend, in reimbursement for her having paid invoice 865897733 to Wix.com Limited, for the Village Website.
- 12.4. **To note** that cheque no. 100784 for £518.92 to Serco authorised for payment at the meeting on 10 December 2020 appears to have been lost in the post, and so the bank has been instructed to stop payment of this and cheque 100788 has been issued as a duplicate.
- 12.5. **To note** the following debit: Barclays Bank Plc - Stopped cheque commission - £12.50 - 4 February 2021.
- 12.6. **To note** receipt of the following credit: Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council - Deer sign grant - £494.38 – 26 January 2021.
- 12.7. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
13. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
14. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Thursday, 11 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m. via video link.

Future Meeting dates:

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