

WRETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Wretham Parish Council held on Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 7.00 p.m. This was a virtual on-line meeting.

Present: Councillors: Harold Smith (Chairman), Paul Barley, Paul Barnard, Jon Ford, Sharon Ford.

Clerk: Julian Gibson

- 1 Apologies for absence. None.
- 2 Declarations of interest. None.
- 3 Dispensations. None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** County Councillor Fabian Eagle asked about progress on the Deer sign project. The Clerk advised that he had sent details of the proposed locations in both Wretham and Stow Bedon & Breckles Parishes to Highways and was awaiting their agreement. Cllr. Eagle offered to chase their response. He also suggested that the police should be informed when it comes into operation.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8 October 2020 were **confirmed** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.** None.
 - 6.1 [12, Minutes of 10 September 2020] **Pay Agreement 2020/21.** The Clerk has now realised that the award of an additional day's paid leave only applies to those with less than five years' service, and so will have no impact on him.
 - 6.2 [4.1] **Stonebridge Camp Village Hall contribution.** The Clerk has been copied in with an email from the Breckland Council s.106 officer to the Village Hall Trustees, advising that they have now received the Village Hall Contribution, and that the Trustees have five years to claim and spend the £95,752.64. Any money not spent within that time will be returned to the Developer.
 - 6.3 [10] **County Broadband.** The Company copied and posted Cllr. Jon Ford's letter which has been published in *Wretham Village News* to all residents, and so, having consulted with members, the Clerk did not ask them to send another similar letter from all members. Cllr. Jon Ford advised the meeting that at the virtual meeting County Broadband had held the previous evening, they confirmed that Wretham had now reached its target for residents to sign up, and so they should be installing full fibre to the property within about 12 months. Any other residents who wish to sign up can do so in the next our weeks to take advantage of the six-months fee reduction, the waiver of the £225 connection fee, and to be guaranteed connection. The company also said that Rightmove has suggested that a full fibre connection can add as much as 10% to house values.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Campaign to Protect Rural England: *Norfolk Voice* – Autumn 2020.
 - 7.2 War Memorials Trust: *Bulletin* – November 2020.
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your business accounts – at a glance* – Your balances on 30 October 2020.
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* – 1-30 October 2020.
 - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* – 1-30 October 2020.
 - 7.6 Norfolk Constabulary: *Community Update – All Saints & Wayland Ward* – November 2020.
 - 7.7 Office for National Statistics: *Census 2021* – Sunday, 21 March 2021.
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3OB/2020/0031/OB: Stonebridge Camp, Thetford Road.** Discharge of Planning Obligation on 3TL/2011/0030/TL Approval of open space works details and specification, as per accompanying plans. Re-consultation following submission of

more documents. The Clerk explained that, under this re-consultation, a revised plan had been submitted including a fence around the play equipment, as originally recommended by the Council. The sole access gate was on the A1075 side, and the Clerk had questions this, as he had learned from another equipment supplier that current best practice was always to have two gates, to make it easier for a child trying to escape from an incidence to bullying to escape from the area. The Planning Officer took this up with the developer, and as a result Plan Version R had been submitted, including two gates. The Council **agreed** that this was satisfactory and alleviated their previous concerns, although it was noticed that the Plan did not accurately reflect the situation on the ground in respect to fencing around property no.1. The Clerk will mention this.

- 9 Defibrillator.** The Clerk reported that he had now received expressions of support for this project from a total of 65 residents, and was intending to suggest that the Council try re-applying to Awards for All. However, Awards for All is now only focussing on funding projects dedicated to helping communities through the COVID-19 pandemic, and has asked organisations which are not looking for COVID-19 funding not to apply at this time. The Clerk will see if stressing the need for the Village Hall to operate when permitted, and for people to attend exercise and other social events there is likely to be accepted as close enough to the pandemic, but if they refuse, then there will be no point trying to re-apply at this time.
- 10 Norfolk Association of Local Councils (ALC).** Now that Norfolk ALC has become a co-operative organisation, it has requested that each parish council appoint a representative to attend virtual meetings. Cllr. Barley volunteered to take this on, and this was **agreed**.
- 11 Finance.**
- 11.1 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was noted:
- 11.2 Breckland Council - Precept - £3,550.00 - 1 October 2020.
- 11.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2020 was **received**.
- 12 Matters for consideration at next meeting.**
- 12.1 Budget for 2021-2021.
- 12.2 Precept for 2021-2021.
- 13 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday, 10 December 2020, at 7.00 p.m. via video link.**

Confirmed:



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Harold Smith (Chairman)

10 December 2020

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 10 December 2020

Thursday, 14 January 2021

Thursday, 11 February 2021

Thursday, 11 March 2021