

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CHURCH
MONDAY JANUARY 5TH 2015

Present– Cllr David Llewellyn - Chairman, Cllr Martin Cann, Cllr Mick Peake, Cllr Mandy Peake, Cllr Lydia Beatty, Cllr John Wyett.

County Councillor Martin Storey
 Borough Councillor Colin Sampson

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1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr John Reeve	
2.	<u>No Declarations of Interest made</u>	
3.	<u>The Minutes of the meeting held on 03/11/14 were agreed as a true record.</u>	
4.	<u>Matters Arising from previous meetings</u> <u>Paper bank</u> The paper bank continues to be used by parishioners. This is encouraging as money from the recycling credits is used by the Parish Council to pay for maintenance of the play equipment. Thanks were voiced for the assistance given by Cllr. Wyett and others who have recently undertaken maintenance work on the equipment. <u>HGV signs for Wretton Row</u> Following an incident which was reported at the November Parish Council meeting Highways were contacted once more about the unsuitability of Wretton Row for use by HGVs. No response has been received from Highways. Cllr. Storey offered to also report the incident. It was felt there is a general issue around the use of rural roads by HGVs. The Chairman felt this may be a matter to pursue with Elizabeth Truss MP. <u>Lydia's Lane</u> There is still concern about what is perceived as encroachment of common land at Lydia's Lane. Vegetation has been cut back along Green Lane and the same will be undertaken along Lydia's Lane. Posts are also to be erected by the farmer of the field along which the Right of Way runs to designate the route of the footpath. It was noted the farmer can no longer drive a tractor through the gap at the road entrance to Lydia's Lane.	
5.	<u>5.1 Chairman's Report</u> The Chairman voiced concern that the play equipment is in need of inspection as the wooden supports of the equipment appear visibly sound but they have been erected some years now and maintenance may be needed. An inspection will be arranged as soon as possible.	

	<u>5.2 Clerk's Report</u> The Clerk had nothing to report other than to confirm an inspection of the play area is being arranged through the Borough Council. <u>5.3 Risk Assessment check</u> Checks made of the Green and Play area. The fence and gates around the play area need attention and this matter will be considered again at item 6. A decision may need to be taken regarding whether the seat in the Play Area should be removed if it is considered to be past repair.																			
6.	<u>Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.</u> <u>Cheques for approval of payment</u> <table><tr><td>SJ Scarrott (Nov/Dec.)</td><td>£112.48</td></tr><tr><td>K & M Lighting (x2)</td><td>£33.78</td></tr><tr><td>CGM –grounds maintenance</td><td>£412.50</td></tr><tr><td>BT – adoption of phone box</td><td>£1.00</td></tr><tr><td>Fenland Leisure – play area maintenance</td><td>£186.00</td></tr></table> <u>Financial position @ November 30th 2014</u> <table><tr><td>Community Account Balance</td><td>£3147.29</td></tr><tr><td>Business Saver Account (1)</td><td>£687.55</td></tr><tr><td>Business Premium Account</td><td>£12278.78</td></tr><tr><td>Business Saver Account (2)</td><td>£0.36</td></tr></table> 6.1 Grounds Maintenance contract 2015 As only one quote had been received for the grounds maintenance contract this matter will be an agenda item again for the March meeting. 6.2 Play Area fencing Various options and quotes having been considered it was agreed further quotes to replace the current fencing around the Play Area with 4ft chain link fencing will be sought. It is envisaged the support posts can be cut down and re-used. It was agreed to accept the quote received to alter and repair the gates of the fencing at a maximum cost of £174 including VAT. 6.3 Councillors had previously been presented with a budget update and were asked to consider the budget needs for 2015. The precept request will be kept the same as 2014 at £3476.	SJ Scarrott (Nov/Dec.)	£112.48	K & M Lighting (x2)	£33.78	CGM –grounds maintenance	£412.50	BT – adoption of phone box	£1.00	Fenland Leisure – play area maintenance	£186.00	Community Account Balance	£3147.29	Business Saver Account (1)	£687.55	Business Premium Account	£12278.78	Business Saver Account (2)	£0.36	
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7.	<u>Correspondence</u> - Dial a bus timetables to be posted on the Parish Council website - Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Norfolk Link etc. - Communication from Norfolk Constabulary regarding match funding scheme for the provision of parish PSCOs. - CPRE light pollution survey.																			
8.	<u>Planning applications received for consideration</u> No planning consultations received but a hard copy of the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan – Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-Submission Document has been sent to the Parish Council. The document can be viewed on the Borough Council website –www.west-																			

	norfolk.gov.uk Wretton is classed as a hamlet and as such the intention of the policy is to permit modest levels of development which deliver against the identified local needs, while avoiding scales of development which are either inappropriate to the scale and character of the settlement, or could cumulatively lead to a higher level of housing being developed in the rural areas than planned by the Core Strategy.	
9.	<u>Adoption of BT phone box</u> It was agreed the Parish Council will proceed to adopt the village phone box.	
10.	<u>Further Reports</u> • The crashed car at the entrance to Wiles Drove has recently been removed. It was noted the Borough Council Team who deal with fly tipping should be congratulated for clearing rubbish very quickly once it has been reported. The Internal Drainage Board has also cleared rubbish dumped in the dyke. • Wretton has high speed broadband! • The Church clock does not work and repair is being considered. The Parish Council may be approached for a contribution towards repair. • Progress is being made regarding the installation of water, toilets and a kitchen at the Church. Access to the Church should also be improved. The Parish Council may be approached regarding financial assistance towards the improvements to the Church. It is likely that the Parish Council will need to adopt the General Power of Competence to have the power to assist the Church and future consideration will be given to this following the Parish Council elections. • A pot hole was reported opposite the terraced houses.	I

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Cllr Storey informed the meeting that the County Council has voted that rubbish should be dealt with by means other than incineration. The County Council will hold its budget meeting in February and it was noted that unfortunately more spending cuts will be necessary.
- Cllr Sampson asked for opinions as to whether the Police Budget should be increased by 2%.

Chairman's Signature..... Date.....