

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH WRETTON
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018

Present: Cllr David Llewellyn – Chairman,
Cllr Mick Peake, Cllr Mandy Peake, Cllr Martyn Cann, Cllr John Wyett

Also present: Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and Norfolk County
Councillor Martin Storey

1. Apologies for Absence accepted from:

Cllr. Bill Whitmore and Cllr. Ian Mack

2. No declarations of Interest made:

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 08.01.18 were confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising:

- Reported highway matters have been passed to the Highway Technician for action. Pot holes in Fen Road are still in need of repair and faded speed signs need replacing.
- A street name plate has been requested for Church Road.
- Cllr. Mick Peake approached the builder who is working in Field Lane regarding clearing mud from the road. This is now being undertaken and the road is kept clear.

5. Chairman's Report:

- The SAM 2 vehicle activated sign has been undergoing repair but has now been returned and has been re-sited.
- Removal of the trees in the 'pond area' of Wretton Green has taken place but the site is still in need of clearing of debris. Cllr. Wyett offered to remove rubbish that has become visible since the trees have been cleared. It was felt the depression should be filled in and replanted with suitable trees and consideration will be given to planting a community orchard. The arboriculturist at the Borough Council will be approached for advice regarding future planting and the removal of the stumps left from felling. British Sugar will be approached regarding supply of top soil to fill the depression.
- The footpath sign at the end of Green Lane is broken and this will be reported to Highways.
- The village recently experience an electrical power surge which resulted in loss of electricity to some dwellings. As a result of the surge electrical equipment was damaged and it may be that street lights in the parish were also affected. This is being investigated by the street lighting maintenance contractor. It was felt the parish should look to producing an Emergency Plan and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Clerk's Report:

- Small paper dog fouling signs have been supplied by the Borough Council. However, these are felt to be very small and 4 larger plastic signs of similar design will be ordered to be attached to footpath sign posts.

Cllr. Sampson reported that the Borough Council is considering more action regarding how to deal with dog fouling and a survey is to be undertaken to establish the extent of the problem.

6. Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

Cheques for approval of payment

Clerk's salary (Feb. /March)	£118.44
K & M Lighting Services x2 (street light maintenance)	£35.04
Anti-virus	£83.99
HMRC	£44.40

As the expenditure has already been agreed it was accepted the tree work could be paid for once an invoice is received

Finance – @ 31st January 2018:

Community Account	2597.84
Business Premium Account	3452.14

7. Maintenance of play equipment

A quote to repair the play equipment as identified in the annual inspection report has been received. Another quote has also been received to fit a slamming plate on the pedestrian gate at the play area.

Councillors will look at the work that needs to be done before any decision is made as some work may be able to be undertaken by Councillors.

8. Three-year financial planning

Once the tree work and other agreed expenditure for the current financial year has been paid for the Parish Council current account will be reduced dramatically.

If work is undertaken on the play area equipment the expenditure will need to be deducted from the Premium Account and reserve funds are starting to dwindle. Once the end of year accounts have been completed the financial position will be clearer and the Council will need to consider appropriate budgeting if projects are identified.

9. Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was agreed by all that the same internal auditor will be appointed for 2018 as in 2017.

10. Planning Applications:

18/00298/F Porchester House Chequers Road Wretton
Alteration & extension including new roof over single storey rear extension
No objection from Parish Council

18/00305/F Fairview Farm Low Road Wretton Construction of 4 dwellings
2318/03/2018

The Parish Council feels this development should not be permitted and refusal will be recommended as the site is outside the original development boundary, is not appropriate for the location and will alter the street scene.

11. Other Reports – for information only:

Update given by County Councillor Martin Storey.

Chairman’s Signature..... Date.....

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