

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

Present: Cllr David Llewellyn – Chairman,
Cllr Mick Peake, Cllr Mandy Peake, Cllr Martyn Cann, Cllr Peter Garnett, Cllr Paul Williams.

Also present: Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and 2 members of the public

It was noted in public participation that funds have been raised to help provide a defibrillator in the village phone box and that it is hoped this project can now move forward quickly.

1. Apologies for Absence accepted from:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Martin Storey.

2. Declarations of Interest made

Cllrs Mick and Mandy Peake declared an interest in item 11.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20.08.18 were confirmed as a true record.

4. Update on matters arising from previous meetings:

- Cllrs Llewellyn and Mack will liaise regarding Remembrance Day and laying of a poppy wreath in Wretton.
- The Bridle path through to the river is overgrown.
- The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from the Borough Council regarding permission to re-site the dog waste bin in Field Lane.

5. Co-option

Having offered to stand as Parish Councillors both Peter Garnett and Paul Williams were co-opted to fill the two casual vacancies on Wretton Parish Council.

6. Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman reported that the hosting for the Parish Council website has recently changed to a new company but the rolling contract held with the former host runs until August 2019. The Chairman offered to investigate what further information might be added to the website with a view to revamping the site in the next year.

6.2 Clerk's Report

- Repairs have been undertaken to the village play equipment as identified in the last annual play equipment inspection and it is now time to book the 2018 annual inspection.
- Stoke Ferry Parish Council is considering undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan and has informally approached Wretton Parish Council to enquire whether a joint approach would be considered.

Correspondence received:

- Norfolk ALC Newsletters.
- New address notifications Laburnhams to Yew Tree Lodge, Low Road and 1 and 2 Hillcrest Cottages to Hillcrest Farm Cottage and Leveret House, Field Lane.
- Query received regarding the name Fen Road or Fen Drove. Councillors feel that Fen Road is acceptable but that consistency is wanted.
- Norfolk County Council budget consultation.

6.3 Risk Assessment Update

As above re. annual play equipment inspection.

7. Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

Cheques for approval of payment

Clerk's salary (Sept. Oct)	£118.44
K & M Lighting Services x2 (street light maintenance)	£35.04
Top Garden Services (grounds maintenance x2)	£452.56
HMRC PAYE	£44.40
Royal British Legion	£17.00
Fenland Leisure Products	£257.04
Sound Wave Marketing	£72.00

Finance – @ 28th September 2018:

Community Account	£3408.18
Business Premium Account	£3457.30

It was noted that £2196 has been received from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

8. 2019/20 Budget and precept request

Councillors were presented with a budget update which indicates expenditure so far for this current financial year is much as anticipated and should remain within budget at the end of the financial year. The felling of the trees on the Green were not considered part of planned spend and reserve money has been used for this.

Suggested figures for the 2019/20 budget were considered with final decisions to be made at the January meeting of the Parish Council. An increase in the staffing budget was suggested with allocation also introduced to provide for possible future repairs to the play equipment. Another consideration is the nine street lights of the parish which may need replacement, although the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy or grant funding for this will be investigated.

The grounds maintenance contract for next season will need consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

9. The Green

The Parish Council is still investigating removal of the tree stumps and filling in of 'the pond' on the Green. So far all quotes received to fill the pond are extremely expensive. Cllr. Williams offered to investigate what can be done.

10. Phone box and defibrillator

It was reported that £663 was raised at the Community Fun Day in the village to be put towards provision of a defibrillator in the village phone box. The Parish Council pledged £500 to initiate the project. Cllr. Mack was asked to lead on this project and he will liaise with those who have raised money. British Telecom (BT) will be approached regarding power to the phone box as will providers of defibrillators. Councillors have been passed information from the Community Heartbeat Trust who work with BT and a decision will be made regarding the defibrillator package wanted with a definitive funding need to be identified.

11. Planning Applications:

Having declared a personal interest Cllrs Mick and Mandy Peake left the building for this agenda item.

No objections were raised against planning application 18/01752/F construction of one dwelling & garage between Peake View Cottage and New House, Fen Drove, Wretton. Comment was made however that it is hoped that this application will not lead to further adjacent land being subject to future development.

12. Other Reports – for information only:

- It was noted hedges around Lime House Drove are in need of cutting back.
- Concerns regarding flooding by Lime House Drove and All Saints Place will be passed to Highways again.
- Grass verges at the end of Church Road remain uncut.
- Information on Power Networks Priority Services Register and use of the 105 number to receive updates on power cuts will be added to the Parish Council website.

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