

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CHURCH
MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018

Present– Cllr David Llewellyn - Chairman, Cllr Martin Cann, Cllr Ian Mack, Cllr Mick Peake, Cllr Bill Whitmore, Cllr John Wyett.

Borough Councillor Colin Sampson
 3 members of the public

Public participation was moved from the end of the agenda to before the start of the meeting.

Reports have been received regarding the state of the road left by builders working on a site in Field Lane. This is a Highway matter but Cllr Mick Peake offered to talk directly to the builder concerned.

A suggestion was voiced that a village fete should be organised to hopefully become an annual event where money might be raised for village projects. Mr Michael Sprules offered to set up a committee to look at the possibilities of holding an event. Suggested date: July 28th 2018. The Parish Council Chairman volunteered to act in a liaison role should a committee be formed.

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Mandy Peake</u> County Councillor Martin Storey had also sent his apologies	
2.	<u>No Declarations of Interest made</u>	
3.	<u>The Minutes of the meeting held on 06.11.17 were agreed as a true record.</u>	
4.	<u>Matters Arising from previous meetings</u> <u>Road Signs</u> The Fen Road 40mph speed sign and the cross roads sign are both faded and in need of replacing. This has been reported to Highways and signs will be replaced if it is deemed necessary. <u>Street Name Plate Signs</u> A request has been made to the Borough Council to erect a street name plate for Church Road.	
5.	<u>5.1 Chairman's Report</u> <u>Removal of trees on Wretton Green</u> The agreed felling of the trees in the "pond" area of the Green has not yet begun due to the recent poor weather conditions. <u>Visit to Wissington Sugar Plant</u> Following reports of a stench around Wretton which it was felt emanated from the Wissington Beet Factory during the summer of 2017 members of the Parish Council were invited to the factory to voice concerns directly. The	

	Chairman and Cllr Whitmore attended and were told new settlement beds which have been constructed at the factory which are larger than those in use previously. It is believed the troublesome odours resulted from frequent disturbance to the former smaller beds which will not occur with the new large bed. • <u>Play Area</u> It was reported that the key to the play area has been taken by the grounds maintenance contractors, who were to obtain a copy of the key, but neither the original nor any new key has been returned. • <u>Dog fouling</u> It appears dog waste is not being picked up by some dog walkers and it was agreed appropriate signage should be purchased to be erected by the dog waste bins in the parish. Signs would inform that fines can be issued to those not clearing up after their dogs and would also give details of how to report offenders. Councillor Sampson stated that anyone can contact the Borough Council to name offenders who would then be approached by Enforcement Officers. • <u>Mud</u> It was re-iterated that mud on the roads is a problem in the village at the moment and much is a result of inappropriate large vehicles using roads which are little more than lanes. A query was raised as to whether there is an appropriate pressure group the Council can engage with. Heavy rain led to flooding in Low Road and Fen Road and it appears although the drain has been cleared in Low Road water is not getting into the drains. • <u>Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)</u> The company which supplied the sign will be asked to check the sign as it is appears that it is no longer working. Some are known to malfunction. 5.2 <u>Clerk's Report</u> The Clerk had nothing further to report. 5.3 <u>Risk Assessment</u> The annual inspection of the Play Area raised some low risk maintenance issues and quotes are being sought to undertake repairs as recommended.											
6.	<u>Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.</u> <u>Cheques for approval of payment</u> <table><tr><td>SJ Scarrott</td><td>£118.44</td></tr><tr><td>K & M Lighting</td><td>£35.04</td></tr><tr><td>CGM (grass cutting)</td><td>£82.50</td></tr><tr><td>Aby Solutions (laptop)</td><td>£469.57</td></tr><tr><td>Society of Local Council (subs)</td><td>£41.00</td></tr></table> The Parish Council laptop has been purchased using grant funding obtained with software, anti-virus and a printer also to be obtained with money remaining. Financial position @ 29.12.17	SJ Scarrott	£118.44	K & M Lighting	£35.04	CGM (grass cutting)	£82.50	Aby Solutions (laptop)	£469.57	Society of Local Council (subs)	£41.00	
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	Community Account Balance £3452.14 Business Savings £3414.38	
7.	<u>No planning applications received for consultation</u>	
8.	<u>Play Area repairs</u> Quotes have been requested to undertake the maintenance work at the play area as identified by the Annual Play Equipment Inspection. However, nothing has been received to date and this will be chased.	
9.	<u>Grounds maintenance 2018</u> Three quotes for the grounds maintenance for 2018 were considered with the decision made to accept the quote from Top Garden Services for grass cutting of the play area, green and Churchyard and the footpaths.	
10.	<u>2018 precept request and future projects</u> Councillors considered the current financial position and the predicted expenditure for 2018. It was agreed, with one vote against, to make some increases to figures presented on the draft budget and to request a precept figure of £4500 for 2018. Consideration will be given to producing a three year budget in order that future planning becomes more coherent. It was also agreed to accept the quote of £250 to replace the street light outside 25 Church Road which has not been working for some time.	
11.	<u>Further Reports</u> • Pot holes in Fen Road	

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