

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 4TH 2021

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

Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and County Councillor Martin Storey also present.

1. No Apologies for Absence received

2. No Declarations of Interest made:

3. The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 02.11.20 were agreed as a true record.
Minutes will be signed once the Council can meet physically.

4. Reports (including updates from matters raised at the meeting on 02.11.20)

4.1 Chairman's Report

- Noted that flooding had occurred in the parish following heavy rain on Dec. 23rd 2020, with water running down Chequers road very nearly entering houses. The Chairman has asked Anglia Water to investigate and it was suggested that Anglia Water should be contacted to request sight of a maintenance schedule for the culvert which was inundated with water run-off.
- Excess water has also been evident along the West Dereham Road. Grups have recently been dug out around the parish which may help alleviate the surface water.
- A security tool is wanted to replace brackets to support the VAS sign and a new software download cable may need to be obtained if the original lead cannot be found.
- Parking outside the Old Red Lion continues to create a hazard as visibility is hampered when pulling out from Church Road.

4.2 Clerk's Report

Written report circulated with the agenda.

Budget notes included in the report are copied below.

5. Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

Cheques for approval of payment

Clerk's salary	£118.44
K & M Lighting Services x2 (streetlight maintenance)	£38.64
CGM grass cutting	£372.00
Society of Local Councils subs contribution	£45.00

It was noted that an invoice for £67.90 for internet security for the Parish Council laptop up until 13.01.2024 has been received and will be presented for payment at the Parish Council meeting in March.

Finance – @ 30th November 2020:

Current Account	£7689.70
Business Premium Account	£3468.56

CIL Report

Current account holds CIL money of £2196 received 08.10.18, plus another £1441 received 28.10.19. Total £3637.

CIL money should be allocated/spent within 5 years of receipt.

It was suggested the CIL money could be put towards infilling of the “pond” area on Wretton Green.

5.1 Precept Request 2021

2021 Budget and Precept Request – notes presented to Councillors prior to the meeting

- Over on 2020 street light electric budget allocation
- Over on 2020 admin allocation but figure does include Internal Audit and IT costs. Approx £160 remains of IT transparency grant so IT spend could be taken from general reserves if not able to vire within the budget
- Grass cutting expenditure 2020 includes payment for March 2020 but should remain within budget
- Insurance underspend so could vire to admin
- Still waiting for invoice for play equipment inspection
- Dog bin emptying will be charged at end of year
- If nothing unforeseen occurs should remain within overall budget for 2020
- 2020 budget identified estimated need of £5090. Precept and Support Grant totalled £5169.70. There is therefore £79.70 remaining to allocate where they may be any shortfall.

Update:

2020 Tax base was 144.7 (amended). If this figure remained correct then Band D properties saw a Council Tax charge of £35.51 for Wretton.

The tax base figure given for 2021 is 151, so if the precept request remained the same the Wretton part of a Band D household charge would be slightly down.

The estimated 2021 budget need indicates that Wretton PC does not need to increase the precept unless there are any suggestions for possible additional expenditure.

5.1 The 2021/22 budget was agreed as presented.

5.2 The 2021/22 precept request was set at £5191 (2% increase)

6. It was agreed to accept the Standing Orders 2020 as presented once personalised for Wretton Parish Council.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council the Council will look to adopt additional Standing Orders relating to virtual meetings.

7. No Planning Applications received for consultation

8. Other Reports – for information only:

- Concern raised regarding the use of two mobile homes in the parish.
- The hedge at Chequers Road will continue to be monitored
- Cllr Williams has been trying to obtain information from the Environment Agency regarding infilling of “the pond”. The Clerk was asked to also try to contact the Environment Agency. It was suggested CIL money could be used to help with the infill.

Public Participation – Borough and County Councillors both gave brief reports as time allowed.

Chairman’s Signature..... **Date**.....