

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 12TH 2021

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

Also present: Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence received from.

Cllr Mandy Peake, Cllr Ian Mack and County Councillor Martin Storey

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in item 6.

3. The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 01.03.21 25.02.21 were agreed as a true record. Minutes will be signed once the Council can meet physically.

4. Reports

4.1 Chairman's Report

Matters will be raised under relevant agenda items but it was noted a helpful meeting has been held with the local Highway Engineer.

4.2 Clerk's Report

Noted that the Council Bank Mandate is still to be amended and that the Council might like to investigate moving to internet banking. This matter will be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

4.3 Risk Assessment

- Annual inspection of the of play equipment has been booked and once the report has been received any necessary work will be undertaken.
- The Council has been made aware of possible loose slates on the roof of the bus shelter. Clls will check this and ensure there is no risk.

5. Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

Cheques for approval of payment

356 subscription	£59.99
Maxeys (play area annual rent)	£107.00

Councillors were presented with budget position and Bank Reconciliation for 31.03.2021.

6. Planning Applications received for consultation

6.1 21/00508/CU Proposed change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at Ashcroft Chequers Road Wretton

Noted that as the Chairman declared an interest in this application, the Vice-Chairman led discussion during item 6.

The Council has received correspondence objecting to this application. All Councillors have been provided with a copy of this correspondence and a copy of the planning submission letter submitted by the applicant.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit the following comments:

“Wretton Parish Council would accept the change of use as applied for but asks that conditions be applied. Permitted development rights should be removed.

The Parish Council would like to see the current unauthorised structures removed from the site and no disturbance of the root system of the protected ash trees on adjacent land should occur. Planting of hedges and trees on the remainder of the agricultural land at the property, as suggested in the Design and Access Statement, would be supported”.

7. Meeting held with Highway Engineer

- The possibility of reducing the speed limit along Low Road was discussed. The Council could fund investigative survey (quoted at £5000) to ascertain whether the speed limit could be dropped from 40 to 30. The Highway Engineer is to check what the chances are of the speed limit being lowered as it is understood the cost of the survey would be refunded if it is decided the speed limit is to be dropped. An update from the Highway Engineer is awaited.
- Noted that the land outside the Old Red Lion from the front of the building to the road is highways and at present a cultivation licence is issued to the occupiers of the Coach House.
- Potholes in Low Road will be checked.
- Highways are aware of overgrown hedges along the West Dereham Road.

8. Village projects: Wretton Green

If the “pond” at Wretton Green is to be filled in an Environment Permit will need to be completed. A pre application form is available on the GOV.UK website but information is needed to complete the form.

The Council needs to state what will be used as infill material and how much.

The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Williams will look for further advice to try to move this project forward.

9. Other Reports – for information only:

Public Participation – Borough Councillor Colin Sampson reported that things are slowly beginning to move towards more normal operations at the Borough Council.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 17th, starting at 7.00pm.

Chairman’s Signature..... Date.....
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION