

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 1ST 2021

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

County Councillor Martin Storey, Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public has undertaken a door knocking exercise within the parish to help gauge feeling amongst residents in relation to the “The Green” and possible creation of a pond.

It was noted that:

- More communication is felt to be needed so residents are more aware of discussion at Parish Council meetings.
- Could the Parish Council produce a community newsletter to assist with communication and aid discussion and consultation? Newsletter could include Church information, community events and parish issues.
- Parish footpaths are recorded on the Definitive Map.
- Confirmation was requested regarding protection of Footpath 3 and the Jane Forby land situated behind All Saints Church
- Public consultation is needed regarding the play area equipment.

1. No Apologies for Absence received

2. No declarations of Interest made

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 23.08.21 were agreed as a true record.

4. Reports

4.1 Chairman’s Report

Items will be covered within the agenda.

4.2 Clerk’s Report

Update from previous meeting:

- The Highway Engineer has advised that planters would be fine by the village entrance signs, but a licence would need to be applied for. Having taken a look at There is concern that there is not a lot of space at the suggested locations however and maintenance might be an issue as the signs are quite a way from the centre of the village.
Dedicated volunteers would be needed to look after the planters.

Agenda Item 7 – play equipment.

To date only one quote has been received to repair the play equipment.

Agenda Item 8.1

Initial enquiries with a local solicitor are indicating that to register Wretton Green would cost in the region of £700 plus VAT.

Correspondence

Weekly updates from Norfolk ALC are forwarded to Councillors.

Items to note:

1. Million Trees for Norfolk - reminder:

As part of a Defra-funded scheme, from August anyone can apply for a free tree pack – ahead of the planting season in November. The first round of applications has closed but more are to follow.

2. Flooding

Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance formally adopts Strategy – e-mail forwarded to Councillors dated 18.10.21

3. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – e-mail forwarded 22.10.21

4. BCKLWN invitation to the next Parish Update Session – e-mail forwarded 22.10.21

5. Commemorative Plaque

Commemorative Plaques are to be delivered to all parishes in Norfolk to recognise the community resilience shown during the Covid pandemic. It is hoped they can be presented in person at a time convenient to each parish and at a location within the Parish that is a focal point of the community

A request will be made for the plaque to be presented in the Spring possibly at a event to be organised in the Church.

4.3 Risk Assessment Update

The play equipment is in need of some repair as indicated on the annual play equipment inspection.

A suggestion to contact a local tradesman will be followed up, with another inspection to be undertaken once the work has been completed.

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
Wel Medical	£50.34
Wicksteed Annual Play Equipment Inspection	£72.00
CGM Grounds maintenance	£387.00
HMRC PAYE	£44.40

Finance – @ 30.09.21:

Current Account (includes precept)	£9894.53
Business Premium Account	£3468.92

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. No CIL money has been spent to date.

It was noted that some thought is needed for the budget requirement for 22/23. The Parish Council is currently predicted to be slightly underspent on some budget headings for the current year and thus only an inflationary rise may be required for the next financial year. However, if any large projects are to be undertaken and funding is required, it may be that the precept request will need to be considerably increased.

6. Planning

6.1 21/01936/F Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 19/00118/RM at Clover Social Club Low Road Wretton King's Lynn Norfolk PE33 9QN

No comment

6.2 For information - 21/01935/S37 Consultation under S37 of the Electricity Act 1989 at Low Road Wretton Norfolk.

7. Play Equipment

One company has quoted to install a roundabout, as suggested, to replace the teen shelter at the village play area. Four different options have been given, ranging in price from £4691 to £7018. There are many options for equipment out there and consultation will be undertaken within the village to gauge the most appropriate replacement for the teen shelter. Grant funding may be available to replace the ageing play equipment and support would be welcomed from parishioners to raise funds for any project, as was the case when the equipment was originally purchased.

Some repairs, as recommended in the annual play equipment inspection report, remain outstanding. A local craftsman will be asked to undertake the work and a further inspection will be arranged once the work is completed.

8. Village Projects:

Wretton Green

A resident was thanked for producing a discussion summary which included possible options for enhancing the “pond” area on Wretton Green.

Suggested Option 1 to infill the “pond” depression is looking to be cost prohibitive if infill materials are to be transported to the site. A former suggestion to restructure the soil on the Green is possibly no longer an option either due to the proximity of a high voltage electricity cable running underground east to west across the site.

Next steps should be to look at the proposals presented and decide what is the favoured deliverable option. Both initial capital cost and future revenue needed to manage any project must be considered. The present grounds maintenance contractor engaged by the Parish Council will be approached to provide cost estimates.

The Parish Council is willing to help facilitate any project and it was suggested a sub-committee might be formed to consider options which would then be reported to the Parish Council. The Chairman will help organise a future meeting with residents and look to form a sub-group to move any project forward.

The Green will be an agenda item again for the next Parish Council meeting on January 10th 2022.

8.1 It was resolved that the Parish Council will engage a local solicitor to register the land at Wretton Green with Land Registry. Estimated cost of £700 plus VAT.

9. Parish Partnership Scheme

It was resolved that the Council will submit an application to the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme for 50% funding towards a second SAM 2 sign for the parish. Estimated total cost of £3150 of which the Parish Council would pay half.

10. CPR Training

A cost of £450 to provide CPR training for 8 to 12 parishioners will be considered as an addition to the 2022/23 budget requirement.

11. Other Reports – for information only:

- Potholes have been marked along Fen Drove but not yet repaired.
- The County Council reminded those present that the Norfolk County Council website lists available grants and a new initiative has recently been included to provide funding for road safety issues in West Norfolk. It is possible some funding could be sourced to pay for a traffic survey which would be needed to proceed with a speed reduction request along Low Road. A site meeting will be arranged with NCC Highways to investigate this further.
- Norfolk County Council has committed to remove any fly-tipped rubbish.
- The District Councillor informed the meeting that district councillors have been allocated a small allowance which can be used to help local projects. It was asked if funding could be given to support production of a leaflet to outline the options for Wretton Green.

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