

MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON MARCH 7TH 2022

Present: Cllr David Llewellyn – Chairman,
Cllr Martyn Cann, Cllr Ian Mack, Cllr Peter Garnett, Cllr Mandy Peake, Cllr Mick Peake,
County Councillor Martin Storey and 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Members of the public were invited to raise planning concerns at the appropriate agenda item.
- The Parish Council was asked if it would help fund the Jubilee Fun Day on June 5th by paying for the insurance of the event.

1. No Apologies for Absence received

2. Declarations of Interest made:

Martyn Cann declared an interest in item 6.2 as a neighbour and Peter Garnett in item 6.1 as a neighbour.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 10.01.22 were agreed as a true record.

4. Reports

4.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman apologised that he has not had time to help produce a village newsletter as was hoped for. He will however work with a member of the public to publish something prior to the Annual Parish Meeting.

The encroachment of what is common land at Green Lane has been reported to the Countryside Access Officer at Norfolk County Council and enquiry will be made as to how this is being pursued. The Chairman offered to meet with the Countryside Officer.

4.2 Clerk's Report

Update from previous meeting:

- A letter has been sent to Norfolk County Council requesting the speed limit along Low Road be lowered.
E-mail acknowledgement received from Jason Moorse, Area Manager West (Highways):

“Hi Jane thanks for the email and attachment, we will of course review and respond accordingly in due course.”

Councillor Storey offered to financially help with the Low Road speed reduction request from his 22/23 members budget. Noted that an initial cost for a speed survey would be around £3000 and it was felt pressure needs to be placed on Norfolk County Council to fund this.

- The land registration application for Wretton Green is ready to be submitted to Land Registry once the solicitor has been sent the £20 registration fee.
- Borough Councillor Colin Sampson has suggested that the Parish Council should apply to the Councillors Community for a possible small donation to a community project. It was agreed that an application will be made to provide a memento to village children in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which could be distributed at the village Fun Day on June 5th.
- The Parish Council should be notified this month if it has been successful in applying for Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership funding to purchase a second SAM 2 sign.
- Pot holes along Fen Road have still not been filled.

4.3 Risk Assessment Update

- The company which originally quoted to undertake repair work to the play equipment has re-quoted and it was resolved that the quote for £547.75 would be accepted. It will be investigated whether CIL money can be used to fund the repairs.
- The perspex in the doors of the notice board attached to the bus shelter need to be replaced. It was agreed to spend up to £50 to do this work.

5. Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

Councillors presented with income and expenditure figures.

Cheques for approval of payment

Clerk's salary	£118.44
K & M Lighting Services x2 (streetlight maintenance)	£38.64
Ward Gethin Archer (Green registration)	£20.00
Norfolk Association of Local Council subs 2022/3	£125.53

Finance @ 30.01.22:

Current Account	£8279.49
Business Premium Account	£3469.01

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.

5.1 Grounds Maintenance Contract

It was resolved to remain with the current grounds maintenance contractor and request a price for a new 3 year contract as is in place currently.

5.2 Street Lighting

It was resolved to remain with the current street lighting maintenance contractor for a further 3 year contract.

The Council is looking to replace the street lights with LED fittings and the contractor will be asked for information regarding the lower maintenance and energy costs which should result. Possible midnight turn off of the lights will also be investigated. CIL money could be used to pay for the replacement to LED.

5.3 Agreed to accept quote to repair play equipment (item 4.3).

5.4 Review of current expenditure

The Council has few areas within the budget where savings can be made. However it is possible electricity costs for the street lighting could be reduced if LED fittings are to be purchased. The Council's insurance is regularly reviewed with comparison with providers made at each renewal. A suggestion was made that the Council could routinely fund village events by managing the events and thus the Council's insurance would cover the event. This option will be investigated.

Cllr Sampson will be asked if he can provide information relating to where money received from those fined for dog fouling goes.

6. Planning

6.1 22/00147/O Outline application with some matters reserved for up to 4 proposed dwellings at land between Myamber and Field Cottage, Field Lane, Wretton

Noted that many residents have registered their objections to this application.

The Parish Council will also object:

- Proposed development is on historic agricultural ground which should not be developed.
- Development in a hamlet, such as Wretton is, should be infill only. There are no services to accommodate development.
- The development would increase vehicular movement along a single track road where there is no adequate passing space. This road is prone to surface water flooding.
- This development would not enhance the local community and there is no justification for it.
- The village development envelope should not be enlarged in this manner.

6.2 22/00134/F Extension to bungalow and construction of garage/garden store at Yew Tree Lodge, Low Road, Wretton

No comment

7. Village projects

It was resolved that a village meeting will be held on April 4th in All Saints Church starting at 7.30pm to discuss Wretton Green. The Chairman will publicise the meeting in the planned newsletter to residents.

8. Other Reports – for information only:

- Cllr Storey reported on the Norfolk County Council budget which can be viewed on the County Council website. It was noted that two staff positions at Norfolk Association of Local Councils have been financed to help improve the relationship between Norfolk County Council and parish councils.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Maintenance work is felt to be needed to cut the crowns of trees on the Green and to repair the village benches.
- Suggested that the Council might use free software instead of paying for Microsoft 365.
- Concern raised as to how the Borough Council might help those suffering from fuel poverty.

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

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