

**MINUTES OF WRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON JULY 4th 2022**

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

Borough Councillor Colin Sampson and 3 members of the public, including Internal Auditor Ann Morgan.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A young resident shared his ideas for replacement equipment at the play area – new teen shelter, zip line, basket swing, a second football goal and nets for the Green. Suggestions were also put forward to increase the provision for younger children and provide outdoor gym equipment for adults. The Parish Council could look into possible grant funding.

**1. Apologies for Absence received**

No apologies received.

**2. No declarations of Interest made**

**3. The minutes of the meeting held on 09.05.22 were agreed as a true record.**

**4. Reports**

**4.1 Chairman's Report**

**Low Road speed limit reduction**

Correspondence has been received from Norfolk County Council proposing a reduction of the speed limit along Low Road to 30mph from the village crossroads to just before Limehouse Drove. The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the proposal.

The Council welcomes the proposal but feels it is not appropriate to end the 30mph at a blind bend. The Parish Council would like to see the 30mph limit running from the Wretton signs at each end of the village.

Comments will be fed back to the County Council and the County Councillor will be asked to support the proposal made by the Parish Council.

A query was raised regarding who will be funding the proposed speed reduction.

**FP2**

Recently erected fencing is thought to be encroaching on FP2 and the adjacent common land.

Common Land doesn't mean either that nobody or everybody owns it. It may still have a registered owner. Information should be recorded on the commons register and ownership and rights, including access rights, need further investigation.

It is felt that there is clear encroachment as access is being impeded by posts but Norfolk County Council considers this a minor matter and will not take action. Those that want access possibly need to seek further information.

Footpaths around the parish are cut by the grounds maintenance contractor and have been cut in May. It was agreed the contractor should be requested to undertake a second cut in the near future.

### Platinum Jubilee Fun Day

Unfortunately the weather was not good for the Fun Day but £200 was raised. The Parish Council had offered some financial support towards the day and it was resolved that a contribution of £84 would be made to pay for the cost of insurance for the event.

It was agreed that a formal letter of thanks should be sent to Ivan Kenny for refurbishing the village jubilee bench.

### Play Area

Ely Diocese will be contacted to establish a longer term for the lease of the play area land in preparation for possible sourcing of grant funding to replace the play equipment.

A suggestion has been made that the land could be secured through a land swap with the Jane Forby Charity.

Research will be undertaken into what grants are available for projects to improve the play area and enhance Wretton Green. Plans will begin to be compiled from suggestions made. An offer was made that information could be displayed in All Saints Church.

## **4.2 Clerk's Report**

### Parish Partnership

Notification has been received that the Parish Partnership Scheme will be running once again for 22/23.

### Churchyard

Noted that the Churchyard looks good following grounds maintenance work undertaken by volunteers who will be thanked for their efforts.

The grounds maintenance contractor has been approached regarding the quality of the grass cutting in All Saints Churchyard and as a result standards appear to have improved.

The contractor will be asked to continue to trim around the edge of the wildlife area on Wretton Green but to only cut to around 30cms into the depression to encourage natural plant growth.

## **4.3 Risk Assessment Update**

All repairs listed on the Annual Inspection of the play equipment have been undertaken with the 2022 inspection now booked.

## **5. Finance**

Accounts were presented and accepted for payment.

### **Payments approved:**

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| Clerks Salary                         | £118.44 |
| Street lighting maint. (K & M) X2     | £38.64  |
| Printing                              | £6.60   |
| Wicksteed – play equipment inspection | £144.00 |
| Grounds maintenance                   | £548.26 |
| FLP play equipment repairs            | £941.72 |

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£20.98

### **Bank Balances at 31.05.22**

Current Account £11768.27

Savings Account £3469.10

### **CIL Report**

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

#### **6. Replacement of street lamp lanterns with LED:**

6 lanterns could be replaced with 20 watt LEDS at a cost of £70.00 each plus VAT and the other 3 would need new lamps at £220 each plus vat.

Total £1080 plus vat

No extra cost for timers as already included.

It was resolved to instruct the street maintenance contractor to go ahead and replace the street lamp lanterns as quoted with CIL money to be used to finance the replacement.

Replacing the lighting with more efficient LED lights, should result in a reduction on electricity costs. Once the lights are replaced a new certificate would be provided showing less usage and bills would be amended accordingly.

#### **7. Low Road Speed Reduction**

Covered in the Chairman's Report

#### **8. Parish Partnership Funding**

It was resolved to order a second SAM2 portable speed indicator device with data collection unit and download leads at a cost of £3200 plus VAT.

Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership scheme will fund 50% of the cost.

The location and posts currently used for the SAM2 sign will also be used for the second sign.

The original SAM2 sign is not working properly and is to be returned to the supplier so an estimate can be given as to the cost of repair.

It is anticipated the new SAM2 sign can provide data which may be able to inform the Police of times when speeding occurs through the village.

## **9. Village projects**

As spoken of earlier in the meeting the Parish Council will investigate possible grant funding for a project for Wretton Green including works to the wildlife area. The Green volunteers will be asked for input to help put a project together.

Funding should be available through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme as Wretton is within ten miles of the Blackborough End landfill site but a clear plan must be compiled.

It was suggested Wissington Sugar Beet Factory could also be approached for support.

## **10. Planning**

No planning applications received for consultation.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 @ 7.30pm

## **12. Other Reports – for information only:**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Borough Councillor Colin Sampson suggested the volunteer group which is working on Wretton Green might like to investigate applying for funding from the Councillors Community Fund. If a project can be outlined the Parish Council could apply on behalf of the group (up to £400 possibly available). Cllr Garnett will consult with the group and obtain feed back as to how any grant might be used.
- Councillor Sampson informed the meeting that bat boxes can be obtained through the Borough Council.
- A query was raised as to what Anglian Water are doing in the village.
- Pot holes still remain in Fen Drove.

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