

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

In Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr H Jones, (Chairman), Mr R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr T Harvey, Mr M Cole, Mr F McGowan, and Mrs J. Cole.

In attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

2541: Apologies for absence: Ms R Thornton

2542: Declarations of interest: - None

2543: Public Forum:

1. Mr David Blackiston from Community Speed Watch Group addressed the council and asked to give a short talk on the benefits of the scheme.

"I am here this evening to talk about Community Speed Watch and bit about my background. I spent 41 years as a police officer and a further 11 years in corporate service for the Home Office. The traffic monitoring scheme is co-ordinated by Essex Police Casualty Reduction Section and supported by Essex Road Partnership. The scheme aims to increase drivers' perception of the risks from speeding and encourage them to slow down to reduce collisions and the severity of injuries on local roads and so improve the quality of life for local communities.

"Community Speed Watch is an initiative where members of local communities join with the support of the police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. The scheme is run and managed so far by 31 volunteers covering Harwich and District. We still need many more volunteers. I hope more residents will join up to monitor speeds in hotspot areas across Harwich, Dovercourt, Great Oakley, Ramsey, Parkeston, Wix, Wrabness and Bradfield. Health and Safety assessments are carried out in the problem areas to protect the volunteers. Training is provided by Essex Highways.

Speeding vehicles are logged and referred to the police who send out a warning letter. The aim is to educate drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where the letters are ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated, enforcement and prosecution follow.

I received complaints about speeding in Wrabness, problem areas reported are Rectory Road, Station Road and B1352.

My aim this evening is to make you aware of the scheme and seek support from the Parish Council in promoting Harwich and District Community Speed Watch Partnership and for you to raise any concerns you have about areas within the village that have a speed problem.

Residents interested in volunteering or that have any questions can contact me via facebook or email;

Facebook page: Harwich and District Community Speed Watch Partnership
Email: harwichspeedwatch@gmail.com

2. A resident from Wheatsheaf Lane raised the following concerns about the lorries coming and going from the depot:-
 - i: There are problems in lorries meeting down the single lane and not able to pass each other, resulting in a vehicle having to reverse.
 - ii: The school bus has been forced to reverse when lorries have refused to/been unable to.
 - iii: Residents walls have been damaged while lorries try to reverse.
 - iv: It is dangerous when children are walking along the road to the bus stop.

Mr R Colley responded: Please refer to item 2550.

3. Mr H Ramsey reported a dog being poisoned in Stour Woods – tests are being carried out to determine the poison. This information published on social media the same day to warn dog owners.
4. Mr H Ramsey has kindly volunteered to cater for the litter pick on the 10th March.
5. Susie Jenkins from Community Art Cooperative attended the meeting to finalise the details of the garden sculpture. The size of the sculpture, materials being used, fixings, location and with or without a roof.
 - i: The structure will be 1.5 metres high and 80cm wide without the roof.
 - ii: A metal structure with ceramic tubes.
 - iii: The structure will be fixed to a concrete base wider than the sculpture and at least 20 centimeters deep, using epoxy resin and rag bolts to secure.
 - iv: Location – Next to the signal at the end of the garden.

The Parish Council to discuss and confirm in item 2546.

2544: Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2017: A correction was agreed and initialled. Mr M Cole was minuted as present and sending his apologies. This was corrected, agreed by all and initialled by the Chairman. The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed.

2545: Matters Arising and Actions:

i: Recycling (2522):

Some residents have shown an interest in a bottle bank in Wrabness. The Parish Clerk contacted Greater Anglia about Wrabness Station as a possible location. The Parish Council is waiting for a response from Greater Anglia.

Action: Parish Clerk

ii: Wrabness Playing Field update (2524): At the last meeting grommets were ordered and have now arrived. Anti-climb paint and DO-NOT-CLIMB signs have been purchased.

The invoice for the fencing has been paid and an application to Tendring District Council has been submitted to release the Section106 money.

TDC have acknowledged the application and will arrange a site visit before processing the 106 money.

iii: Community Governance Review (2528): Town and Parish Councils: As discussed at the last meeting comments submitted 27.11.17 and the Parish Council have received acknowledgement. Forward copy to Councillor Zoe Fairley

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Action: Parish Clerk.

iv: Tendring District Local Plan (2529) Statement of Community Involvement: As discussed at the last meeting, information is available online, anyone can comment on the new document until 8th January. Mr R Colley submitted comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

Dear Planning Policy Manager

Tendring District Council – Statement of Community Involvement (2017)

Thank you for consulting the Parish Council about the Tendring District Council Statement of Community Involvement (2017) relating to planning matters. We wish to make the following observations on community involvement.

Wrabness Parish Council values the opportunity to participate in planning matters. We have participated in every public consultation stage of the Local Plan process.

The Parish Council is very disappointed with outcomes from the Local Plan consultation process. Our basic concerns raised about policies relating to Wrabness at the various consultation stages of the Local Plan process remain mostly unmet. As a responsible local authority we are convinced that Wrabness Map B31 has shortcomings. This has left us with no alternative but to maintain objections to the Local Plan submitted to the Secretary of State.

As a Parish Council we do feel frustrated – if localism is to have a role in planning - we would like our local knowledge to be better filtered into planning decision making on policy and applications - something the current planning arrangements fail to harness. As example of this is your Chief Executive made the time for a liaison visit to Wrabness to meet Parish Councillors during 2017; such liaison visits should be built in for the planning team during the local plan process. We would encourage periodic dialogue with parishes on planning matters as a valuable opportunity to inform the process on both sides.

We consider the current publicity for planning applications is too limited and we frequently hear residents saying they were unaware of a proposal. The red site notices are important, but the limited use of notification letters is universally criticised by residents.

Since you aspire to encourage community involvement, residents living close to application site would definitely appreciate neighbour notification letters.

For details of Community Involvement please visit link below

<http://tendring-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/>

2546: Station Masters Garden, Metal sculpture for wildlife (2523): See Public Forum

As discussed in the public forum: Size of the sculpture – 1.5 metres x 80cm, no roof, and metal structure with ceramic tubes. The fixture will be concrete, at least 20cm deep, using epoxy resin and rag bolts to secure. Location will be next to the signal.

Suggested to contact adjacent residents. All agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2547: Wrabness Litter Pick: Mr H Jones confirmed that this year's Litter Pick would be held on Saturday 10th March at commencing at 10.30, meeting at the Village Hall. Soup and rolls /lunch will be provided afterwards. Volunteers are asked to contact Parish Clerk.

2548: Wrabness Environmental Award; After discussion, it was proposed that Cas Jones should be put forward for this years Wrabness Environmental Award in recognition of her contribution to so many clubs and organisations within the village such as: Newsletter, Village Hall, WI, Shop and being script writer for pantomimes. Mr H Jones abstained from the vote. Mr F. McGowan proposed and Mr R Colley seconded it, all agreed. The Award will be presented at the Parish Annual Assembly on 14th March.

2549: Wrabness Council Budget and Precept Requirements for 2018/2019: At the last Parish Council meeting the budget had been set for 2018/2019, confirmation was awaited from Tendring District Council for the final calculation. This has now been received and the precept for the year 2018/2019 is £5675, this includes the localising Council Tax Support Grant of £198.40. This is a stand- still budget with no increase in Parish Council Tax precept for households. Parish Clerk.

2550: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane (2533)

At the last meeting, the Parish Council agreed to write to TDC regarding lorry movement and times. Residents have raised concerns regarding HGV's attempting to pass each other (or farm vehicles or the secondary school bus) on Wheatsheaf Lane, as this is a narrow road this is resulting in vehicles reversing -including the school bus, verges and property damaged

Tendring District Council was very quick to respond and carry out a site inspection. The outcome, as stated in the letter below is that the depot are within their quota allowance for vehicle movements.

Dear Mr Colley,

I have visited the site today and have seen the quarterly written returns of vehicle movements over 10 tonne. The figures show that they are well within their quota allowance for each period.

We hereby confirm the following vehicle movements of 10 tonnes or more carrying capacity during the months of October, November and December 2017.

OCT	NOV	DEC
184	160	103

The operators say the cause of the current issues is that the school bus has recently changed to a double decker.

I hope that this assists.

Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning Services

Tendring District Council, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9AJ

As the depot is within their quota there is nothing TDC can do. It was suggested to contact Zoe Councillor Fairley for advice. All Agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2551: Kiosk- Parish Clerk and Mr Fran McGowan met with Tendring District Council Engineering Operations Manager and their contract painter for advice and a quote on painting the kiosk. The Parish Council has received the quote; labour and materials £545.00. It was suggested to get a second quote before a decision is made. Rather than wait for next meeting, all agreed to go with the cheapest quote. Mr H Jones proposed, Mr F McGowan seconded it. All agreed

Action: Mr M Cole.

2552: Update on Planning Applications:

Planning Applications: 17/01838/FUL – The Priory Harwich Road, Wrabness Co11 2UG – Proposed single-storey rear extension – to form living room and bedroom: No objections. Full approval: Date decided 18th December.

2553 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

- i. Community Speed Watch Group: All agreed to support. Publicise in the next newsletter. All Agreed.
- ii. Poison found in Stour Woods- See item 2543. Poison wrapped in ham found in Stour Woods along the footpaths. Necessary authorities informed and notices put up in the woods warning dog owners to avoid the area until test results of the poison come back.

2554: Reports.

- Highways: i. Residents raised concerns about parking issues along Rectory Road - suggested notice on windscreens. ii: Sign bottom of Primrose Hill: Part of the sign removed, Needs reporting again: **Action Parish Clerk**
- iii: Dropped drain Rectory Road. Has been reported several times and on Parish Councils Highways Action List. Report again and update Highways List: **Action: Mr M Cole.**

Neighbourhood Watch:

Footpaths: The public enquiry into the closure of Wheatsheaf Level crossing footpath is adjourned until further notice.

Parish Plan: Nothing to report.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Meeting 12th December.

Foreshore Liaison: Nothing to report.

Station Garden: See item's 2543 & 2545

Public Transport: Nothing to report.

TALC/EACL: Nothing to report.

Wrabness Playing Field: See Item: 2545.

Kiosk: See Item: 2551

2555: Accounts and money received;

RECEIVED	AMOUNT
	Nil

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ
Grant for Village Hall (see item 2530)	£100.00	1019
Wrabness Hall Hire January 3rd	£15.00	1020

2556: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances as follows:

Current Account: - 5th December £8880.55

Deposit Account – 5th December £6553.22

The meeting closed at 10.06pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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