

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr H. Jones (Chairman), Mr R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr T Harvey, and Mr M Cole, Ms R Thornton.

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

2394: Apologies for absence: None

2395: Declarations of interest: - None

2396: Public Forum: The meeting was opened and Mr H Jones invited comments from those present.

- i. One member of public spoke in support of one of the applicants for the Parish Council Vacancy.
- ii. One member of public raised concerns about the planning permission for the 18 houses.
- iii. One member of public raised concerns about potholes along the road edge, Church Road next to Wrabness Hall.
Mr M Cole responded – This has been reported to ECC Highways, following ECC risk assessment the defect did not meet the criteria for immediate repair. Mr M Cole has taken photos, will continue to monitor.
- iv. One member of public raised concerns about fly tipping in Harwich Road, B1352, this has reported to TDC.
- v. Mr Herman Ramsey and Mrs Pauline Ramsey have volunteered to supply soup and rolls for this year Parish Council Litter Pick.

The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.

2397: Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2016 and 4th January 2017: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2398: Matters arising and actions:

1.Highways – 2376: Mr M Cole gave an update about a Highways Surgery meeting on 29th November in Chelmsford. County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi was not in attendance, Councilor Eddie Johnson (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for Essex County Council) agreed to see Mr. M Cole in absence of Councilor Guglielmi.

Action: Mr M Cole.

2.Increase in train noise – 2376: Parish Clerk gave an update: Network Rail is still reviewing the Parish Council concerns.

Action Parish: Clerk.

Contact details for Network Rail:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/asp/1030.aspx>

03457 11 41 41

3.Closure of Wrabness Level crossing: 2376 – As discussed at October's Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council strongly object to the proposed closure of Wheatsheaf Lane - Station Road Pedestrian Rail Level crossing. The Parish Council objection has been acknowledged and will be taken into account. No further action until March/April 2017.

4.Blackboy Inn Telephone Kiosk – 2376: Parish Clerk gave an update: The adoption agreement for the Kiosk was emailed on the 20th October and a receipt for the agreement received 26th October. The process could take up to 3 months. Parish Clerk to follow up beginning February.

Action: Parish Clerk.

5.Playing Field Equipment: – 2376: Parish Clerk gave an update: Playdale requested photographs of the split in the swing A frame and uneven chain links, Parish Clerk had forwarded photographs photos and waiting for a site visit to be arranged.

Action:

Parish Clerk.

6. Wrabness Playing Field Association Fencing: 2385: Mr T Harvey had received three quotes for replacement fencing to the north and east sides of the Playing Field. Most competitive quote is £6,558.84p. The W.P.F.A offer to contribute £2000. towards the project and the Parish Council has some funding available. Mr R Colley had contacted TDC regarding Section 106 funds and established £2,832 is currently available for a suitable project relating to open space in the parish. Mr R Colley will make an application outlining the project. All were agreed.

Action Mr R Colley

2399: Vacancies on Wrabness Parish Council: The Parish Council received 5 applications for the 2 vacancies, Lynne Acton, Jane Cole, David Eager, Kate Kincaid and Fran McGowen. Before voting took place the Parish Clerk read out the guidelines for Co-Opting onto the Parish Council. Ballot papers were completed by the Parish Councillors present and the Parish Clerk added up the votes. The first applicant with the majority votes was Jane Cole.. Fresh ballot papers were completed for the second co-opted place Mr Fran McGowen received the majority votes.

2400: Essex County Council Survey: Essex County Council are asking residents to get involved by completing an online survey asking 3 questions about Essex: 1. What Makes Essex unique? 2. What holds Essex Back? 3. What's your future ambition for Essex?

Please find link below: Essex Pulse Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6FMCXDS?c=5306bc1345>
This survey is organised by the Essex Partnership Board (c/o Essex County Council, PO Box 11, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1LX).

2401: Wrabness Litter Pick 2017: Mr H Jones confirmed that this years Litter Pick would be held on Saturday 11th March at commencing at 10.00am, meeting at the Village Hall. A soup and rolls lunch will be provided afterwards. Volunteers are asked to contact Mr H Jones.

2402: Wrabness Environmental Award 2017: After discussion it was proposed that Julia Prigg should be put forward for this years Wrabness Environmental Award in recognition of her work in managing the Station Masters Garden in the centre of the village. The Award will be presented at the next meeting. All were agreed.

2403: Wrabness Council Budget and Precept requirements for 2017/2018. At the last Parish Council meeting the budget had been set for 2017/2018, conformation was awaited from TDC for final calculation. This has now been received and the precept for the year 2017/2018 is £5609.00, this includes the localising Council Tax Support Grant of £154.00. This is a stand still budget with no increase in the Parish Council Tax precept for householders.

2404: Wrabness Parish Council Website: The Parish Council received a report concerning the Parish Council Website at www.essexinfo.net/wrabness-parish-council. The development and management of the web site has been undertaken by a Parish Councillor no cost to the community. The site provides public information about the Parish Council, local community facilities and services. It currently comprises 23 pages of information, plus links to background documents, hot links to external web sites and Facebook pages (such as Shop and Gardening Club), which offer information of specific relevance to Wrabness. During 2016 a total of 6,019 visits were made to the web site, an increase of 12% compared with the previous year. Village facilities are benefiting from the free publicity of the Parish Council website and there is scope to develop the website further as information relevant to Wrabness becomes available. If any of our community groups wish to have more exposure on the website – they just have to ask and provide the information. Contact Richard Colley – 01255 880868 or by email at wrabness.parishweb@gmail.com

2405: Local Highways Panel Recommendations for 2017/2018 financial year. It was decided to carry this over to next months meeting. **Action Mr M Cole**

2406: Planning Applications: recent shortcomings with TDC notifications. Mr H Jones will be attending TALC meeting on the 18th January and will report the Parish Council concerns. **Action Mr H Jones**

2407: ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

- i. **Tendring Recycling Centres:** As from the beginning of this month Essex County Council made changes to recycling centres. They will refuse to accept business waste at all its centres across the county. At the same time further restrictions were brought in at Dovercourt, Kirby and Lawford recycling centres for household waste. They are no longer accept soil, hard-core, plasterboard, bathroom ceramics, kitchen unit doors and window frames as well as no longer permitting access to trucks, vans and pick-ups. These restrictions raise concerns over a potential increase in fly tipping.

[Changes to Recycling Centres can be found on the following link](http://www.recycleforessex.com/our-waste-strategy/changes)

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Contact details: 0345 603 7625

2408: Reports.

Highways: see above, 2398.

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

Footpaths: Nothing to report.

Parish Plan: March meeting.

Village Hall: i. AGM beginning March. ii. Damage to Village Hall after a 16th birthday last month, toilets broken, mirror broken, car park broken glass. Due to the amount of damage to the Village Hall, the Village Hall Committee is looking to increase the deposit.

Station Garden: To purchase a waterbutt and a hose.

TACL/EACL: Meeting next week.

Public Health: The First aid course is due to go ahead March/April. The Wrabness Parish Council all agreed to subsidise the First Aid Course for parishioners and village community groups.

Foreshore Liaison: Nothing to report.

Transport: Nothing to report.

2409: Accounts and money received;

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	.
Wrabness Village Hall Rental 4 th & 11 th January 2017	£30.00	976

2410: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances were as follows:

Current Account: 9th December: £8,549.31

Deposit Account: 12th December: £4,574.84

The meeting closed at: 9.33pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday February 8th 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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