

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2017 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 14 members of the public.

2464: Apologies for absence: Mr H Jones (Chairman)

2465: Declarations of interest: - Mr T Harvey item 2468, Wrabness Playing Field Fencing. Item 2475: Request to purchase Anti Climb paint and signs for Playing Field Container.

2466: Public Forum: The meeting was opened and the Vice Chairman invited comments from those present.

- i. Three member's of the public raised some issues about antisocial behaviour on the Playing Fields, the pinging noise, which is due to footballs being kicked against the Playing Field Safety Fence behind the goal and footballs being kicked into their gardens. The member of public played a recording of the pinging sound. Asked if the Parish Council could look into this.
- ii. Karl Giles from the Playing Field Association explained about the replacement fencing to the north and east sides of the Playing Fields, replacing with 3 metre high green chain-link fence on galvanised steel posts.
- iii. A Director and the Company Secretary of Balhaven Ltd addressed the meeting about recent problems on Wrabness Beach. Since the winter of 2015/6, there have been over 30 incidents of theft and vandalism on the huts including one hut being totally destroyed by fire. Several boats have also been stolen or vandalised. This summer the peace, tranquillity and safety of the site has been compromised on several occasions by youths from outside the local area and our security guard has attended. Following a large increase in media attention recently Balhaven feels these type of incidents will only increase in the future and new signage is required to clarify site rules and deter un-welcome visitors. Balhaven acknowledges the public footpath access and aim is to be inclusive with the villagers in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for us all.
- iv. The applicant gave a supporting statement regarding Planning Application 17/00840/FUL – relating to an agriculturally-tied residence and detached garage at the top of Shore Farm Lane along with an extension to the existing barn.

The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.

2467: Minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2017: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2468: Matters Arising and Actions:

2457: Blackboy Inn Telephone Kiosk – Parish Clerk gave an update: Contracts for the legal ownership of the Kiosk have been completed and a signed copy returned to the Parish Council. A poster has been placed inside the kiosk indicating that BT is no longer responsible for the Kiosk and to contact the Parish Clerk. BT has sent an information pack about suggestions regarding the maintenance of the Kiosk, paint, door etc. The management and maintenance of the Kiosk to be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Parish Clerk

2457/2466: Wrabness Playing Field Fencing –

- i. Replacement fencing to the north and east sides of the Playing Field. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with the replacement fencing and place an order for the replacement green chain-link fence 3 meters high with galvanised steel posts as quoted by C&W Fencing. All Agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

ii: Noise created by balls being kicked against the safety fence: Last year the Parish Council consulted TDC Leisure Services and Environmental Health about the noise being generated from footballs being kicked and bounced against the safety fence and this was discussed at May 2016 meeting. The advice was that noise generated from TDC recreation and sports grounds is a normal feature for adjacent residents. Given the concerns expressed by the three members of the public the Parish Council agreed to explore the issue again and also put a notice in Wrabness Newsletter for any suggestions from residents.

Action: Parish Clerk

2457: Network Rail and Works Act, Proposed Closure of Wheatsheaf Level Crossing:

The Parish Council has made representations to the Department of Transport objecting to the proposed closure of the Wheatsheaf pedestrian level crossing as this will diminish the utility of the public footpath network in Wrabness. The Department of Transport has reviewed the representation's received from the Parish Council and other local people and has announced a local public inquiry will be held to determine this proposal. To accord with the DoT timetable an urgent decision was made in consultation with the Chairman to participate in the local inquiry and Mr R Colley to submit a statement of case objecting to the proposed closure and the related changes to the public footpath network. All agreed to this course of action.

Action: Mr R Colley

2458/2455: Station Masters Garden, Metal sculpture for wildlife: Community Art Cooperative are waiting for funding, are expecting to hear end of the summer. Will carry this forward to next meeting.

2460: The National Planning Policy Framework Book: The cost of the book is £44.00. The book is continually being updated. The update version is available on line to view at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework>. Decided viewing online for free. All Agreed.

No Further Action.

2457: Electoral Review of Tendring: Wrabness Parish Council received final recommendations for District Council Ward boundaries; Wrabness will be part of the Stour Valley ward, which will include Bradfield and Ramsey. The Parish Council did not support the proposed ward boundaries as Wrabness has most links with Wix, due to the connections with the pre-school, primary school and church.

The draft order will provide for new electoral arrangements for Tendring District Councillors to be implemented at the local elections 2019. A full copy of the report is available at:- www.lgbce.org.uk.

2469: Planning Application 17/00840/FUL - Shore Farm Church Street, Wrabness, CO11 2TG: New detached Dwelling, detached garage and barn extension for agricultural use.

Following discussion it was decided the Parish Council is neutral on this application.

2470: Planning Application: 17/00954/FUL – The Gate House, Harwich Road, Wrabness: New annexe.

Following discussion, it was decided the Parish Council would object to the planning application for the following reason, the two storey detached annex looks to be a dwelling well beyond the village settlement limits for new residential development.

2471: Planning Application: 17/00922/FUL – Ness House, Ash Street, Wrabness, CO11 2TG - single storey side extension to replace garage. Following discussion, it was decided the Parish Council would object due to the size and bulk of the extension in the proposed AONB.

2472: Grant Application for Wrabness Newsletter has requested a grant of £175.00 towards the printing of the November edition. – All agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

2473: Essex Rural Strategy Delivery – Neighbourhood Planning - EALC is working alongside Essex Rural Strategy Delivery and have asked Parish Councils to complete a questionnaire on Neighbourhood Planning. Mr R Colley volunteered to complete the questionnaire. All Agreed.

Action: Mr R Colley

2474: Public Consultation on Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033

Tendring District Council has been working to update TDC Local Plan since 2008. Wrabness Parish Council has participated in every public consultation stage since it started. The latest edition of the Local Plan has been published for a final public consultation during a six-week period between 16 June – 28 July 2017. The draft Local Plan and six supporting appraisal volumes can be inspected at local libraries or on line on the Tendring District Council web site.

Following this public consultation the new Local Plan will be subject to formal Examination by an independent Inspector. Once approved the Plan will provide the local planning policy context for Tendring District to the year 2033 and beyond to guide future development and decision making on planning applications.

On viewing the proposals for Wrabness included in the updated Tendring District Local Plan Publication Draft (2017) the Parish Council highlighted the following issues:

1. Wrabness Settlement Development Boundary: Object to the mapping. The boundary of the extended Wrabness settlement development area reflects the decision of TDC Planning Committee to grant outline planning permission (15/01737/OUT) subject to legal agreement for 18 dwellings and a 0.2 acre village green adjacent to the Wrabness Village Hall. As such the Map should seek to safeguard a site of 0.2 ha immediately to west of Village Hall as approved as local green space. Currently the policy Map promotes a residential development over the entire extended settlement area and fails to provide for open space.

2. Safeguarded Local Green Space: Support the inclusion of the Rectory Road Playing Field within this policy as currently mapped.

Object to the proposed designation of the railway cutting to the north of Station Road, Wrabness as Safeguarded Local Green Space. This railway cutting is steeply sloping operational railway land, inaccessible to the public with no prospect of becoming available as public open space.

Request that 0.2 acres of land immediately to the west of Wrabness Village Hall is mapped as proposed Safeguarded Local Green Space, to help address the current shortfall of public open space at Wrabness village.

Request that the Station Masters Garden area at Station Road, Wrabness is mapped as Safeguarded Local Green Space. The Garden was provided by the Parish Council as a Millennium Project and has matured into a pleasant formal public garden adjacent to Wrabness Railway Station enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

3. Local Wildlife Site: We strongly recommend the designation of the Wrabness Station Yard as a local wildlife site is reviewed – the station commuter car park has been extended into the former Station Yard and the adjacent fenced area is in regular use as an operational yard for track and network maintenance.

4. Mapping: The Parish Council is disappointed at the quality of the mapping on the policy document and would strongly recommend it needs to be improved to reduce ambiguity. It is also recommended that the proposed AONB boundary is clearly delineated on the Wrabness Village Map.

It was proposed that these representations be made to TDC on behalf of the Parish Council;

All Agreed.

Action: Mr R Colley

2475: ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

i. W.P.F.A – Signs and Anti Climb Paint– As discussed at the last meeting item 2461. Quote:-

2 x DO NOT CLIMB ON CONTAINER, 2 x DO NOT CLIMB ON FENCE, 4 x CAUTION ANTI CLIMB PAINT, signs and 1 tin of anti climb paint Total £165.20. All Agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

ii. RCCE – Neighbourhood Planning Training Session: Training sessions clashes with Wrabfest so unlikely anyone will be able to attend.

2476: Reports.

Highways:

- i. Mr M Cole mailed ECC Andy Erskine - Chairman of the LHP - asked for an update on the Give Way Sign, with cc to County Cllr Guglielmi.
- ii. Signpost at crossroads reported but Mr R Colley noted it's not showing up on the Highways website, Mr. M Cole to chase. **Action Mr. M Cole.**

Neighbourhood Watch: - Nothing to report.

Footpaths:

- i. Woodland walk (behind Glebe House) cleared. Also, Mr McCauley has cleared the footpath alongside the railway. Letter of thanks to send to Mr McCauley. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- ii. Footpath past Julies House - needs clearing. Mr Garnham volunteered to clear it.

Parish Plan: Carry forward September meeting.

Village Hall: Nothing to Report.

Station Garden: See item 2468.

TALC/EACL: Nothing to Report.

Public Health: Nothing to Report.

Foreshore Liaison: See item: 2466.

Public Transport: Nothing to Report.

Wrabness Playing Field: i: The Football Tournament on 17th June at the Playing Field was successful. ii: AGM, 25th May – same committee with a few extra volunteers. iii. See items: 2466, 2468, and 2475.

Kiosk: See item: 2468.

2477: Accounts and money received;

RECEIVED	AMOUNT
Contribution from residents towards First Aid Course, 19.5.17	£320.00

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
Wrabness Village Hall Rental 12 th July 2017	£15.00	001001
RCC membership	£52.80	001002
Parish Clerk wages 22.5.17 – 3.7.17	£145.95	001003
Mr F McGowan (EALC, planning workshop, travel expenses)	£37.20	001004
Village News Letter.	£175.00	001005

2478: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances as follows:

Current Account: 13th June: £3374.40

Deposit Account: 9th June: £8551.43

The meeting closed at: 21.22 pm

The next Council meeting and Wrabness Council Annual Assembly will be on Wednesday, September 13th ' 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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