

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Mr F McGowan, and Mrs J Cole

In Attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 41 members of the public.

2618: Apologies for absence: None

2619: Declaration of interests: None

2620: Public Forum: The meeting was opened, and the Chairman invited comments from those present.

1. Ref: Planning Application 18/00678 (18 Dwellings, Station Road). A member of the public raised concerns about the volume of traffic through the village once the building of 18 Dwellings along Station Road commences. It was suggested the Parish Council invites someone from TDC.
2. Barbara Pearse (Director from Belhaven): spoke on the behalf of Belhaven regarding problems with the increase of visitors to the foreshore.

"Last Sunday there were approximately 150 visitors at the Foreshore. This is taking its toll on our landscape with many not having respect for the area, I am not talking about people from Wrabness who understand the SSI status.

At the main east end gate the footpath sign was broken and left a gap, we intend to put in new fencing to lessen the gap indicating that it is private property to assist with security. We also want to direct people out towards the river in order to regenerate the area around the first huts, by lessening the footfall here we hope to allow the grass to grow and collect sand which would help prevent flooding of these huts. We hope to have a board made to explain the reasons for trying to regenerate the area as a sea defence and protect the plants and birds that can be found on the shore".

3. Ref: Planning Application 18/00678 (18 Dwellings, Station Road) A member of the public had the following concerns about the development of 18 houses along Station Road:
 - i. "No street-lighting at present, may end up with light pollution coming from this housing estate"
 - ii. "The development, was originally scheduled for 14 houses including a generous amount of affordable housing (of which I approve), was then up to a much bigger footprint with 18 houses, including executive-style 3 bedroom dwellings with double garages. The local services are already badly overstretched, with a shortage of doctors in particular. This development will make matters worse".
4. Ref: Planning Application 18/00678 (18 Dwellings, Station Road) A member of the public asked who would be responsible for the Village Green and raised concerns about the development expanding in the future.
5. Ref: Planning Application 18/00678. A Member of the public felt the Village Green would be a useful addition to the village and asked who would be responsible for it.

The public forum was closed, and the meeting opened.

2621: Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2622: Matters Arising and Actions: None.

2623: Playing Field (2600): Mr H Jones read out a letter/petition signed by a number of residents regarding anti-social behaviour on the playing field and the noise that is created when footballs are kicked against the fence. The residents feel this is having an impact on their wellbeing and have demanded the Parish Council take immediate action.

Mr H Jones read a second letter from a resident, who expressed her disgust at the aggressive tone of the letter/petition written to the Parish Council.

Mr R Colley responded to the points in the letter/petition: The fence noise has been addressed, rubber grommets have been fitted and the netting has been reinstalled. The Parish Council have sought advice from Tendring District Council and our District Councillor regarding the noise and anti-social behaviour.

The Parish Council will monitor the situation and look into putting up a Code of Conduct. **Action: Mr M. Cole.**

2624: Planning Application (2614): 18/00678/DETAIL - 18 Dwellings and provision of a 0.2ha village green, land of Station Road.

Following discussion it was decided the Parish Council would object to the planning application, All agreed.

The Parish Council considers the following elements of this planning application for approval of details are unsatisfactory:

1. *The outline application proposed four affordable homes – we are very disappointed this has been reduced in the detailed application to just one affordable house. This falls well short of community expectation and local need established in a survey promoted by the Parish Council in partnership with the Rural Housing Trust.*
2. *The application lacks information concerning landscaping the development to soften the visual impact of the housing estate. The outline application proposed extensive tree planting including to the site perimeter and this should be an essential element of the detailed layout.*
3. *The application lacks any information about the layout, fencing and landscaping of the proposed village green. The Parish Council considers this is essential to ensure this open space meets the needs of the village.*
4. *The layout shows a new double garage on Plot 18 hard sited hard on the boundary with the Village Hall site. It is strongly recommended this garage is resited away from the boundary of this public access land in the interests of future neighbourliness.*
5. *The proposed highway layout featuring wider estate roads than the village roads leading to the site, pavements and street lamps is unsympathetic to the existing rural character of Wrabness and contrary to the wishes of local residents. No information has been supplied to the Parish Council from either the applicants or the District Council about the proposed legal, financial and future management arrangements relating to the village green. We understand there is a Section 106 legal agreement between the applicants and the District Council we ask to be advised of the content of this and request confirmation whether the plan is to make the village green available to the Parish Council to manage for the future benefit of the village or not?*

Action: Parish Clerk

2625: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane (2609): Councillor Zoe Fairley has suggested a traffic survey as a possible way to properly assess safety concerns and damage to the road. An email has been sent to Councillor Carlo Guglielmi asking for his support with the traffic survey.
Action: Parish Clerk

2626: Essex Highway Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme. After some discussion, it was decided the Parish Council wanted to stay in the Essex Highway Winter Salt scheme but didn't require any salt this year. **Action: Parish Clerk**

2627: Parish Council Meeting Dates next year: Dates for this year/next year all agreed.

2628: Planning Applications:

i: Planning Application: 18/00610/FUL - Beach Hut 44, West Foreshore, CO11 2BD - Proposed single-storey rear extension & internal alterations. Approval - Full, 27.6.18 -

ii: Planning Application: 1800636/FUL - Ness House, Ash Street, CO11 2TG - Demolition of fire-damaged dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. - Approval - full, 14.6.18

2629: Any other urgent Business: None.

2630: Reports:

<p><u>Footpaths:</u></p> <p>i: Public footpath by Spring Cottage, Wheatsheaf Lane - Overgrown: ref: 2572959.</p> <p>ii: Wall Lane Bridge, broken, hole in the bridge- ref: 2572477. Highways inspected and said no damage. Suggested sending photos of the broken bridge to Essex Highways. Action: Mr F McGowan.</p> <p>iii: Mrs J Cole reported Mr H Ramsey has Kindly cleared brambles and nettles along the Blackboy Lane footpath, going down to the River Stour. Mr H Jones thanked Mr Ramsey on the behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	<p><u>W.P.F. A:</u> see items_2623</p>
<p><u>Highways:</u> Nothing to report.</p>	<p><u>Kiosk:</u> Suggested a large plant is put into the Kiosk. Approach Wrabness gardening club.</p>
<p><u>Parish Plan:</u> Nothing to report.</p>	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch:</u> A house was broken into during an evening whilst the owners still in the house and a shed along Rectory Road broken into.</p>

<p><u>Station Garden</u> i: Terri from Essex & Suffolk Community Rail Partnership is sorting and paying for a plaque for Wix and Wrabness Primary School. Parish Clerk to speak to Terri: Action Parish Clerk</p> <p>ii: Mr T Harvey would like to pass on a thank you message from Mrs Julia Prigg for the cheque towards her water bill for watering Station Garden plants. Mrs Julia Prigg is now on the panel for the Essex Community Rail partnership.</p> <p>iii: Mr T Harvey has painted 1 side of the Station Garden fence.</p>	<p><u>Village Hall</u> nothing to report</p>
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2631: Accounts and monies received:

<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CQ</u>
Wrabness Village Hall hire 12.7.18	£ 15.00	1041
RCC membership	£52.80	1043
Parish Clerk wages 15.3.18 - 2.7.18	£425.34	1042

2632: Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account 20th May 2018, £4179.48

Deposit Account: 20th May 2018, £6554.92

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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