

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk)

2361: Apologies for absence: None.

2362: Declarations of interest: - Mr T Harvey. - See item 2368 (Playing Fields Grant)

2363: Public Forum: The meeting was opened and Mr H Jones invited comments from those present.

i. A member of public asked if the Parish Council have enough salt for the roads this year. Mr H Jones responded – The Parish Council have enough salt for this year and are in the Salt Scheme if more salt needed.

The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.

2364: Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2365: Matters arising and actions:

- 1. Highways – 2352:** Mr M Cole gave an update: Wrabness Highways Report has been updated. A provisional appointment as been made to attend a Highways Surgery on 1st November in Chelmsford. **Action: Mr M Cole.**
- 2. Increase in train noise – 2325:** Parish Clerk gave an update: Essex Community Rail has advised us to contact Network Rail. It was suggested at the meeting, as well as the Parish Council logging the complaint again, that residents who are affected by the noise could also log a complaint. The Parish Clerk will contact local Parish Council's that may be affected by train noise to see what action they may have taken. **Action Parish Clerk.**

Contact details for Network Rail:

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

03457 11 41 41

- 3. Wall Lane Fields: 2325:** No further action at present.
- 4. Closure of Wrabness Level crossing– 2327:** Network Rail is proposing to close the pedestrian level crossing near Brakey Grove. Following discussion the Parish Council resolved to strongly object to the proposed closure of Wheatsheaf Lane – Station Road Pedestrian Level Crossing for the following reasons:

'Wrabness Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed closure of E48 Wheatsheaf Crossing. The proposed closure of this well used crossing will lead to the loss of an important through footpath route linking the north and south sides of our civil parish which is bisected by the rail line. This is an important feeder footpath route linking to the Essex Way Long Distance Footpath to the north of the rail line. It will diminish the recreational potential of our locality and leave us with two lengthy cul-de-sac footpaths, which do not connect, to anywhere. The E48 Wheatsheaf crossing was recently upgraded at considerable expense to meet modern safety requirements; it enjoys good visibility due to the alignment of the railway and there is no record of a safety incident or loss of life at this crossing. We urge you not to close E48 crossing.'

Action: Mr R Colley

5.Blackboy Inn Kiosk – 2355: As discussed at the last Parish Council meeting on 7th September the Parish Council was given the option to adopt the Kiosk for £1, it was decided to go ahead with the adoption of the Kiosk as many residents had expressed an interest in keeping it. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

- 6. 2355: Playing Field – 2325:** Parish Clerk contacted Playdale regarding the swing which has a split down one side of the A frame and uneven link chains. There will be a £95.00 site charge if the equipment is out of warranty. All agreed to go ahead and pay the £95.00 site charge if the equipment's warranty has expired. Also agreed was to ask Playdale to check over all the equipment whilst doing the site visit. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

7.Over hanging hedge between Butlers Lane and Gate House: The Parish Council would like to thank Alistair Davidson for cutting back the overhanging hedge between Butler's Lane and Gatehouse.

2366: Draft Budget: for 2017/2018 – A sub-committee was formed of Mr R Colley, Mr H Jones and Ms R Thornton to meet, discuss and draw up the budget for the forthcoming financial year. **Action: RC, HJ, RT, and Parish Clerk.**

2367: Planning Application: 16/01407/FUL – West Foreshore, Wrabness, CO11 2BB. Provision of 2 No. 54,000 litre water tanks with underground pipework to new fire hydrants and fire appliance laybys, one each to be located on the West Shore and East Shore. No Objections. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

2368: ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

1. Resignation of Ms Dawn Barry: Mr H Jones read out Ms Dawn Barry resignation letter.

A vacancy notice will be displayed on Wrabness Parish Council notice boards and Tendring District Council to be Informed of Ms Dawn Barry resignation. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

2. Grant Application for Wrabness Playing Field Association: W.P.F.A are having a jumble sale onSaturday 12th November and have requested a grant of £37.00 for the hire of Wrabness Village Hall. **Action: Parish Clerk**

All

2369: Reports:

Highways: see above, 2365.

Neighbourhood Watch: Boat stolen and a shed broken into along Rectory Road

Footpaths: Nothing to report.

Parish Plan: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Station Garden: Mr M Cole has offered to donate a Christmas tree for Station Garden.

TACL/EACL: Nothing to report

Public Health: A number of residents have expressed an interest in attending a first aid course. Ms R Thornton will arrange for Frinton First Aid to run a course next spring. The last course was in 2013 and was well attended. The Parish Council will subsidise the course for residents.

Foreshore Liaison: Nothing to report.

Transport: Nothing to report.

2370: Accounts and money received;

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	.
Wrabness Village Hall Rental -7/09/16	£15.00	

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	.
W.P.F.A (Contribution for the replacement shed)	£1,500.00	
Precept 2 nd Instalment	£2,812.00	

2371: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances were as follows:

Current Account: 7th September £5,873.09

Deposit Account: 9th September £4,048.10

The meeting closed at: 9.25pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday November 23rd 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Carol Greenwood: Wrabness Parish Clerk

2 Fredricks Close, Wix, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 2AY.

Email: Wrabness.pariahclerk@gmail.com