

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017

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 4 members of the public.

2488: Apologies for absence: Ms R Thornton

2489: Declarations of interest: - None

2490: Public Forum:

- i.** A member of the public raised concerns about an increase in antisocial behaviour on the Playing Fields. Youths from outside the village climbing into gardens, playing loud music and bad language. They feel this is putting younger children off using the Playing Fields.
- ii.** A member of the public raised concerns about the damaged signpost at the crossroads.
Mr M Cole responded: It has been reported. Highways assessed the signpost problem and consider it a low priority, could not give a time when it would be fixed. Mr M Cole will monitor.
- iii.** Karl Giles from the Playing Field Association explained the replacement fencing to the north and east sides of the Playing Fields, work will commence week beginning September 27th.

The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.

2491: Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2017: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2492: Matters Arising and Actions:

2468: Network Rail and Works Act, Proposed Closure of Wheatsheaf Level Crossing: Mr R Colley gave an update:

In May the Parish Council 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 representations received from the Parish Council and other parties and has announced a combined public inquiry will be held to decide this proposal and other disputed crossing closures in Essex.

During August Mr R Colley attended a pre- inquiry meeting at Chelmsford when the Inquiry Inspector announced the arrangements for the inquiry, which will commence on 18th October in Chelmsford for 20-day period, then adjourn and recommence at a future date. It is likely the inquiry will be based at Colchester for the Wrabness crossing hearing on dates to be announced. The inquiry arrangements require the submission of statements and summaries and it was agreed Mr R Colley should represent the Parish Council and deal with documents required for the inquiry.

Action: Mr R Colley

2468: Station Masters Garden, Metal sculpture for wildlife: Community Art Cooperative have been successful in securing funding for the Wildlife Express project and thanked the Parish Council for their support. Final Details and date to be agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

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

Based on the review at our July meeting representations were made to Tendring District Council concerning the Tendring District Local Plan Publication Draft (2017). It was reported that Parish Council has received formal acknowledgement of the representations. An independent inspector will be appointed to consider unresolved comments made about the District planning policies.

2493: Wrabness Playing Field

i: Noise created by balls being kicked against the safety fence. (2468):

An informal meeting was held between the Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee to discuss a possible solution.

The Playing Field Committee are going to try rubber grommets on the safety fence and tighten the fence fixings, hoping it will reduce the pinging noise.

Anti – climb paint and DO NOT CLIMB signs have been purchased and will be placed on the container and fencing backing onto gardens.

ii: Wrabness Playing Field Replacement Fencing. (2468)

As discussed at the July meeting the fencing has been ordered to replace fencing on the north and east side of the playing field. Weather permitting work will be carried out week beginning 27th September.

2494: Recycling: Some residents have shown an interest in a bottle bank in Wrabness. All agreed to write to District Councillor Zoe Fairley for advice. And discuss at the next meeting.

Action: Parish Clerk

2495: Update on Planning Applications:

It was reported the following applications have been determined by Tendring District Council:

i. 2469: Planning Application 17/00840/FUL - Shore Farm Church Street, Wrabness, CO11 2TG: New detached Dwelling, detached garage and barn extension for agricultural use. Decision Date 23/8/17 – Full Refusal.

ii. 2470: Planning Application: 17/00954/FUL – The Gate House, Harwich Road, Wrabness: New annexe. Decision Date 30/8/17: Full Approval

iii. 2471: Planning Application: 17/00922/FUL – Ness House, Ash Street, Wrabness, CO11 2TG - single storey side extension to replace garage. Decision Date 8/8/17 – Full Approval.

2496: ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

- i. Essex Highways Stakeholder Survey: Mr M Cole has volunteered to fill in the survey. **Action: Mr M Cole**
- ii. Parish/Town Budget Meeting for 2018/2019: Wrabness Parish Council has been invited.

2497: Reports.

Highways: See 2496

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

Footpaths:

- i. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Macaulay for clearing the footpath alongside the railway.

Action: Parish Clerk

- ii. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Simon Garnham for clearing the footpath past Julies House.

Action: Parish Clerk

iii. A couple of residents have mentioned problems in using pushchairs on the Main Road pavement between Chapel Cottage and The Ivories due to loose stones on the pavement. Contact residents and ask if they could clear it.
Action: Parish Clerk

iv. On the path between Well Cottage and 1 Harwich Road the tarmac is broken up and there are potholes. Mr F. McGowan will report to Essex Highway.
Action: Mr F McGowan

Parish Plan: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Station Garden: i See item 2492. ii: Verges along the railway very overgrown, not being cleared by Abellio. Contact Abellio.
Action: Parish Clerk

TALC/EACL: Nothing to report.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Foreshore Liaison: Nothing to report.

Public Transport: A pane of glass at the Bus Shelter at Main Road/Primrose Hill has been smashed. Parish Clerk contacted the Bus Company, Parish Clerk to also contact Essex County Council.
Action: Parish Clerk

Wrabness Playing Field: see item: 2493

Kiosk: needs cleaning and painting, Mr F McGowan has suggested to contact Approved Contractors to paint the Kiosk due to lead in the paint. Parish Clerk to contact local Parish Councils who have a kiosk for recommendations.
Action: Parish Clerk

2498: Accounts and money received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT
W.P.F.A(contributions towards replacement fencing)	£2000

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ
Wrabness Village Hall Rental September 13 th 2017	£15.00	001006

2499: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances as follows:

Current Account: 18th July £3191.25 (waiting replacement statement for August)

Deposit Account: 9th August £8552.14

The meeting closed at: 9.15 pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18th '2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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