

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mr. M Cole (Chairman), Mr. R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr. H Jones, Ms. R Thornton, Mr. F McGowan, Mrs. J Cole, Mrs. L Byrne

**In Attendance :** Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

**2810: Apologies for absence:** None.

**2811: Declaration of interests:** None.

**2812: Public forum:** The Council would like to invite members of the public to address the Council, raise or ask questions on matters relating to the parish. The Council reserves the right not to answer questions but will respond in writing as soon as it is practical after the meeting.

I: A member of the public asked the Parish Council to reconsider cutting back the Oak tree at the entrance to the Playing Field as she has problems with acorns, leaves getting stuck in her property's guttering and sap on cars.

The Chairman responded; the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

### **The Public forum was closed, and the meeting opened.**

**2813 Minutes of the meeting held:** on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

### **2814: Matters Arising and Actions:**

i: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane (2800): On the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> November the school bus and a lorry from the storage depot were stuck for half an hour, neither able to pass, inconvenience and danger to pedestrians and other vehicles not able to pass. Parish Council to contact the school bus company, Panther Travel Ltd, All agreed. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

Wrabness Parish Council received the completed speed and volume survey information for Wheatsheaf Lane, Wrabness.

### ***The Report from Assistant Highway Liaison Officer | Tendring and Maldon Districts:***

*The survey was undertaken approximately 225m north of the junction with B1352 Harwich Road, between 10/09/2019 and 16/09/2019, within the 60mph speed limit.*

### **Northbound**

*With a total of 1,289 vehicles counted across 7 days the Average Daily Speed was recorded at 27.6mph.*

### **Southbound**

*With a total of 1,241 vehicles counted across 7 days the Average Daily Speed was recorded at 31.0mp*

### ***The Report from Assistant Highway Liaison Officer | Tendring and Maldon Districts***

*The above data demonstrates that there is good compliance within the posted speed limit. I have also provided a breakdown of vehicle classes during the survey below.*

*The data here does suggest that there is evidence of HGV usage in order to access the storage depot. However, the concern is here that there is not a suitable alternative route to direct HGVs along in order to access where they need to get to.*

**2815: Draft Budget 2020/2021:** A sub-committee was formed of Mr. R Colley, Mrs. C Greenwood and Mrs. Liz Byrne to meet, discuss and draw up the forthcoming financial year. Action: Mr. R Colley/ Mrs. L Byrne/ Mrs. C Greenwood.

**2816: Parish Council Website:** Essex County Council have given notice they are closing down free Essex Info website platform at the end of March 2020. The Parish Council have received information about several alternative providers, most will charge. The Parish Council need to decide if they pay a firm to set up a new website or the Parish Council do it themselves at no cost. It was suggested the Budget Committee meeting next month have a look at the options prior to a decision at the next Parish Council meeting. All Agreed.

**2817: The Council's Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

Over the coming months the Tendring District Council will be developing a new Corporate Plan for 2020-2024. The Council's Corporate Plan sets out their vision and values, together with key strategic long term aims and priorities for the benefit of the Tendring District. Town/Parish Councils have the opportunity to comment on the Plan.

The services listed and affect the Parish are: recycling. refuse collection and planning, all of which need to be improved. The recycling and refuse collections have been inconsistent and the recycling offered is limited. The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of an adopted Local Plan for the District to guide future development which has led to pressure for speculative housing in rural areas and some poor planning decisions.

All agreed to send the Parish Council comments to TDC. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

**2818: NHS Urgent Treatment Centre's in North Essex.** From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 Urgent Treatment Centre's will replace the walk-in Centre in Colchester and minor injuries units in Clacton and Harwich. Dr Nim de Silva explains more on the following link. <https://vimeo.com/362069958>. Plus further information can be viewed on the CCG website: <https://www.neessexccg.nhs.uk/uts>.

Parish Council to put up poster in Village Shop and Village Notice boards. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

**2819: Parish Council Meeting dates:** It was agreed next year Parish Council meetings would take place: January, February, April, May, June, July, September, October and November. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

**2820: Planning Applications:**

i: 19/01374/FUL - Steeplefield Ash Street Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TG/ Variation of condition 2 of application 19/00518/FUL to amend approved elevational drawings. - No objections – All agreed.

**Action: Parish Clerk.**

ii: 19/01040/FUL - Alta Vista, Ash Street, Wrabness, Proposed alterations to rear dormer, replacement conservatory, porch and new rear dormer. – No objections - All agreed.

**Action: Parish Clerk.**

**2821: Planning Applications update: No updates.**

**2822: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

i; The Parish Council has received a Grant Application for All Saints Church Yard. As it was received after this month's agenda was displayed ,will be carried forward to next month's meeting.

ii: Oak tree at the Playing Field – it was discussed and suggested further arborcultural advice be sought and a maintenance plan be prepared.

**The Chairman reopened the public forum to discuss the Oak tree:**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could consider a management plan for the oak tree on the Playing field. Refer to comments item: 2812.

**The Public forum was closed, and the meeting opened.**

It was resolved to seek further advice from Tree and Landscape Officer from TDC on a maintenance plan for the oak tree and discuss the outcome at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action: JC**

**2823: REPORTS**

<b>HIGHWAYS:</b> Nothing to report	<p><b>FOOTPATHS</b> The overgrown footpaths along Harwich Road have been cut back by ECC.</p> <p>Vehicles have been parking half on the road and half on the public footpath along Harwich Road, this has forced pedestrians to walk onto the carriageway of the busy main road. Mr M Cole will adjust the advisory parking notice to include bullet points to cover the above problem.</p>
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	<b>Action: Mr M Cole.</b>
<b>VILLAGE HALL:</b> i: Replacing lights with LED to save money, received a couple of grants. ii: Eastern Angles Theatre will be booked for 2020	<b>W.P.F.S .</b> i: Anti-vandal paint been reapplied. ii: Mrs. L Byrne has started a log of any complaints regarding the Playing Field.
<b>FORESHORE/LIASION:</b> Nothing to report.	<b>STATION GARDEN:</b> Nothing to report.
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH:</b> Very good training morning was given by Harwich Community First Responders who are all volunteers.  £80.00 raised from the raffle was given to Community First Responders, they sent a letter of thanks.	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:</b> Nothing to report.
<b>KIOSK:</b> Mrs. J Cole is Looking for donations of pumpkins for the kiosk.	<b>TRANSPORT:</b> Community Transport: 4 <sup>th</sup> November Harwich Connexions AGM, is open to Parish Councillors and members of Harwich Connexions.
<b>MONTHLY MICRO GRANTS;</b>  Applicants can apply for up to £500 per project. The grant could be used to launch the new Parish Council Website.	

#### 2824; ACCOUNTS AND MONIES RECEIVED:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISUREMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ
Precept TDC	£2810.00	Wrabness Village Hall Hire 16.10.19	£15.00	001112
		Wrabness Village Hall Hire 16.08.19	£30.00	001113
		Wrabness Village Hall Hire 24.7.19 (chq cancelled for ~July meeting.		
		Tendring District Council Election Expenses	£1041.44	001114
		Julia Prigg (Contribution towards water bill for watering Station Garden)	£10.00	001116
		Reimburse Julia Prigg hedge trimmer for station garden.	£39.99	001115

#### 2825: Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - £6850.89

Deposit Account: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - £6,613.68

The meeting closed: 8.36pm

The next Wrabness Parish Council Meeting:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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