

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance :** Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk), Councillor Zoe Fairley, Leanne Thornton, TDC Community Safety Officer, and 19 members of the public.

**2742: Apologies for absence:** Mr. M Cole.

**2743: Declaration of interests:** None.

**2744: Public Forum:**

1; Councillor Zoe Fairley, introduced Leanne Thornton, Community Safety Officer from TDC.

2. Councillor Zoe Fairley listed a few upcoming events. i: Corbeau Seat Rally run by Chelmsford Motor Club will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> The rally will go through Wix and Bradfield. ii: Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show 31st May - 2nd June 2019. iii: Wix Young Farmers raised money for CRY, Cardiac Risk in the Young.

3. Leanne Thornton gave a report on her visit to Wrabness Playing Field. Full report below:

## **Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour – Wrabness Playing Field Background**

*I am in receipt of Playing Field Minutes (Noise, Anti-Social Behaviour) reported April 2016 to February 2019.*

*Carol Greenwood gave me a copy of the minutes of Parish Council meetings where ASB had been reported, also I received a copy of a document which detailed some incidents of ASB and was written and signed by eight residents.*

*I received an email and phone call from Carol Greenwood in relation to undertaking a site visit and I also received an email from Cllr Zoe Fairley requesting that I attended the playing field / area and conduct a site visit to see if there was anything further that could be done in relation to the ASB that had been reported to the Parish Council.*

**Site Visit – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 –**

*Leanne Thornton  
PCSO Paul Beer  
Carol Greenwood (Parish Council Clerk)  
Harry Jones (Parish Council Chairman)*

*Upon visiting the site on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the four people above conducted a full review of the site, taking into consideration the reports that had been received by the Parish Council about the noise and ASB issues. We looked at the fencing of the properties that backed onto the playing field and checked the Anti-Climb paint that had been painted on the fences and the signage (DO NOT CLIMB) (purchased by the Playing Field Committee) we also checked green wire fencing by kicking footballs at it, we agreed that the vibration of the fencing was annoying, however it was not very loud, as the Committee had fitted rubber grommets to the fencing in order that it didn't vibrate loudly and annoy neighbouring properties.*

*We also walked around the perimeter of the whole field and picked up any plastic bottles that were on the field, as it had been extremely windy leading up to the visit and indeed on the morning of the visit we concluded that the plastic bottles could have been blown there from elsewhere. We only collected a few and came to the conclusion there were adequate bins for any rubbish. We did not find any glass or glass bottles and we did not find any other type of rubbish.*

*In relation to balls being kicked into people's gardens, unfortunately there is nothing that can be done to mitigate this from happening, however I would imagine there were very few incidents of this happening as the fences were over 6 foot high and they have the anti-climb paint on them.*

*PCSO Beer looked on the Police computer to ascertain whether the ASB had been reported to the Police (as stated in the document from residents) and he confirmed that only once were the Police informed of ASB on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the complainant said that the kids were smoking drugs and causing tension in the village and they want the play equipment removed. The person that made this complaint was not one of the residents who signed the letter.*

*PCSO Beer confirmed that both he and a colleague made visits to the Wrabness Playing Field last summer at different times during the day and at night, and weekends and there was no ASB happening on any of the times they visited.*

## **Conclusion**

*Based on all of the evidence above, I can conclude that the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee have done everything they can to try and alleviate the problems that go back a few years, by mending the perimeter fencing, putting the grommets on the green wire fencing and by putting up signs and using anti climb paint to discourage people from climbing on the residents fencing.*

*The Police have made regular patrols and there was nothing of note happening when they visited, and only one unrelated ASB issue has been reported to Essex Police, and no reports have been reported to TDC ASB Team.*

We have conducted the site visit as requested and concluded that there is no further action to be taken.

Leanne Thornton  
Safer Communities Manager  
Tendring District Council

#### 4: Playing Field

- i: Member of the public felt residents should have been present at the site visit.
- ii: Asked if vandal paint could be reapplied.
- iii: Requested that a full meeting be arranged between residents and the Parish Council to discuss anti-social behaviour on the playing fields.
- iv: Resident asked Leanne Thornton who they should contact to report any anti-social behaviour.

Leanne Thornton gave contact details to report anti-social behavior: TDC ASB Team on: 01255 686359, office hours only. Email: [ASB@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:ASB@tendringdc.gov.uk) or click on link below for further information.

**<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/community/crime-community-safety/report-anti-social-behaviour>**

5. Playing Field i: Member of public asked if residents could install CCTV by the playing field. Leanne Thornton replied: Wouldn't be appropriate to install a camera. ii: Asked if the Parish Council has thought about restricting the playing field usage to certain times.

6: Playing Field Mrs. J Cole Jane (Parish Councillor) replied: please consider the many positives of having a village playing field.

7. Playing Fields Member of the public asked are they allowed to record the noise level from the playing fields: Leanne Thornton replied, any recordings of excessive noise level can be sent to her.

8. Playing Fields: i: A Member of the public who lives behind the Playing Fields said they haven't experienced anti-social behaviour on the playing fields.

9. Playing Field: Member public has offered to speak to anyone who is allegedly being anti-social on the playing fields.

10: Playing Field Mr. R Colley thanked Leanne Thornton from TDC in attending the meeting, explaining the outcome of the report and answering questions.

11: Oak Tree: A member of the public asked if the oak tree at the entrance could be cut back. To be carried over to the next meeting and discuss getting quotes.

12: Highways: Member of the public asked for an update on the pavement on Rectory Road. This has been reported several times by the Parish Council since 2003. Will carry it forward to the next meeting for an update.

13: Bottle Bank: Member of the public asked if it would be possible to have a bottle bank in the village. This was looked into last year by the Parish Council and no suitable location was found at present.

14: 19/00518/FUL - Steeplefield Ash Street Wrabness Essex CO11 2TG: The applicant wanted the Parish Council to consider the following: *The existing dwelling is a three-bedroom house in poor condition throughout. No foundations and, as a consequence of ground movement, has needed to be underpinned twice in the last 30 years. This problem is ongoing with evidence of cracked and bowed walls. In addition to the foundation issues, and due to its age, the house is in poor condition throughout and substantial work would be needed to bring it up to modern standards. The property is not Listed, nor does it lie within a Conservation Area. As the proposed replacement house is sited in approximately the same location as the existing house and large tiled terrace, tree protection zones are not impacted. No significant change in landscaping is proposed. Ness House: approval for demolition of the existing house and erection of a substantially larger 'traditional' style replacement dwelling was granted in June 2018.*

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

**2745: Playing Field:** Discuss meeting with residents: carry forward to 12<sup>th</sup> June. **Action: Carry forward to the next Parish Council meeting.**

**2746: Minutes of the meeting held:** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

#### **2747: Matters Arising and Actions:**

1: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane: (2729) - Ms R Thornton has completed the LHP forms with evidence and the Parish Clerk will submit the information to Highways Liaison Officer: **Action: Parish Clerk.**

2: Signage along B1352 towards Harwich. (2734). **Action: Mr M Cole, Carry forward to next Parish Council Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

3: Footpath along Harwich Road (2735) A car has been parking partly on the Footpath along Harwich Road and facing the wrong direction, making it difficult for residents to use the footpath and could be a danger for oncoming traffic at night. Mr F. McGowan has spoken to the owner of the car. He apologised and wasn't aware of the problem, in future, he has agreed to park in his front garden. **No Further action.**

**2748: Review of Parish Council Asset Register.** The update of the Asset Register including Code of Conduct signs x 2 was discussed and approved. **No Further Action.**

**2749: Planning Application Update:** 18/01818/FUL/ Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness CO11 2TQ Proposed detached ceremony hall and warden's accommodation and change of use of land from agricultural use to burial ground. Full Approval 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**2750: Planning Application Appeal: 18/01699/FUL, Appeal Reference: APP/P1560/W/193222731** -An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of the application at The Priory Harwich Road Wrabness CO11 2UG for the Erection of 4 four-bedroom detached dwellings with garages. Amendments to the existing access road with provision of turning head. The objection made by the Parish Council at the planning application stage will be taken into account in the determination of the appeal.

**2751: Planning Applications:**

1: 19/00518/FUL - Steeplefield Ash Street Wrabness Essex CO11 2TG - Proposed demolition of existing 3-bedroom dwelling and erection of replacement 3-bedroom dwelling. Replacement doors to garage block. **No objection.**

2: 19/00343/FUL - 30 East Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness Essex - Install a new row of posts at front edge of dwelling and raise the whole platform by 30cm. Move steps to the east side & extend hut. **No objection. All agreed.**

**2751: District, Parish Council Elections:** Will take place Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, Wrabness Village Hall between 7.00am – 10.00pm

**2752: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**2753:**

**REPORTS**

FOOTPATHS: Nothing to report.	VILLAGE HALL: Eastern Angles Touring Theatre performed The Tide Jetty on the 4 <sup>th</sup> April and raised £375.52 for Wrabness Village Hall.
HIGHWAYS: See item 2746.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Nothing to report.
TRANSPORT. The Community Bus: Dial- A -Ride is a flexible bus service, enabling you to travel to appointments go shopping or simply visit friends. The fare is £3.50 a journey - or free if you hold a valid bus pass. The service operates Monday - Friday 9am-5pm throughout the Harwich area and nearby villages including Wrabness. Seats need to be pre-booked by phoning Harwich Connexions on 01255 552010.  Information can be found on the Wrabness Parish Council website.	KIOSK: Mrs J Cole, looking for a donation of a step ladder to put pot plants on.
FORESHORE/LIASION: Rope has been placed around the protected sand dunes.	PUBLIC HEALTH; First Responders have agreed to do a defibrillator refresher Course. Arrange a date. <b>Action: RT/RC</b>
STATION GARDEN: Hose is broken a replacement one is needed. Mr F McGowen may have a spare hose for Station Garden.	TALC/EALC: Nothing to Report.
W.P.F.A. Jumble Sale held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March raised £413.08	

**2754; ACCOUNTS AND MONIES RECEIVED:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
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Village Hall hire 17.4.19	£15.00	1101
Wrabness Community Shop room hire 27.3.19	£18.00	1102
EALC & NALC Affiliation Fees 2019/2020	£127.95	1103

**2755: Confirmations of Account Balances:**

**Current Account: Balance on: Will add once I have the bank statements back from Chris**

**Deposit Account: Balance on:**

**Annual Meeting of Wrabness Parish Council will be on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**The next Wrabness Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Carol Greenwood, Wrabness Parish Clerk, 2 Fredricks Close, Wix, Manningtree, CO11 2AY

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Closed at 8.50pm