

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017

In Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

2500: Apologies for absence: Mr T Harvey & Councillor Zoe Fairley

2501: Declarations of interest: - None

2502: Public Forum:

Great Anglia's 2017 Adopter Awards:

Herman Ramsey announced that Julia Prigg collected a Highly Commended Award from Greater Anglia. Community volunteers are nominated for their hard work in small stations across Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. Greater Anglia's Station Adoption initiative sees local people across the network get involved with their local stations to come up with ideas and projects that benefit their communities. Julia was praised for creating a beautifully landscaped garden at Wrabness Station, which is enjoyed by the whole community.

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Julia on her well-deserved award.

2503: Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2017: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2504: Matters Arising and Actions:

i.2492: Network Rail and Works Act, Proposed Closure of Wheatsheaf level Crossing.

In July the Parish Council made representations to the Department of Transport objecting to the proposal by Network Rail to close 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 local people and announced a local public inquiry will be held to determine this proposal and others in the Essex area. During August Mr R Colley submitted evidence on the behalf of the Parish Council and attended a pre inquiry meeting at Chelmsford. The public inquiry will start on 18th October in Chelmsford for a projected 20-day period.

The public enquiry for Wrabness will be at Colchester Town Hall along with others from North Essex, dates to be announced.

ii: 2492:Station Masters Garden, Metal sculpture for wildlife:

Susie Jenkins from Community Art Cooperative will be attending next months Parish Council meeting to discuss size of the wildlife sculpture, material, maintenance, location and date. A provisional date has been booked with Wix & Wrabness School for the 29th March to make the clay pods and then hopefully assemble the wildlife sculpture in Stations Master Garden in April, final date still to be confirmed.

2505: Wrabness Playing Field

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

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)

Replacement of boundary fence should be completed end October/beginning November.

2506: Recycling:

Some residents have shown an interest in a bottle bank in Wrabness. It was agreed at the September meeting the Parish Council would contact Councillor Zoe Fairley for advice. Councillor Zoe Fairley contacted the Street Scene Officer from Tendring District Council, who has advised that as long as a suitable location could be identified he would be more than happy to instruct contractors to install a bottle bank in Wrabness. He can also arrange for an officer to inspect the area to ascertain any suitable locations. It was suggested to contact Greater Anglia and ask about Wrabness Station as a possible location.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2507: Draft Budget 2018/2019: A sub-committee was formed of Mr R Colley, Ms R Thornton, Ms C Greenwood to meet, discuss and draw up the budget for the forthcoming financial year. **Action: P.C. Mr R Colley & Ms R Thornton.**

2508: Discussions of Wrabness Community Grant Applications:

i: Grant Application for Wrabness Playing Field Association: Wrabness Playing Field Association has requested a grant of £37.00 for the Village Hall to hold a fundraising jumble sale on the 11th November. All Proceeds raised from the jumble sale would go towards the upkeep of the playing fields. Mr H Jones proposed and Ms T Thornton seconded it. All were agreed.

ii: Grant Application for All Saints Church Wrabness: All Saints Church have requested a churchyard grant of £370.00; this goes towards the maintenance of the churchyard. It was proposed to grant the full £370.00. Mr H Jones proposed and Ms R Thornton seconded it. All were agreed.

2509: Petition for recruitment of Local G.P's: Laura Richardson, Funding Officer from TDC, emailed the Parish Council on the 9/10/17 about a government petition regarding the recruitment of rural GP's. The petition will run until 19th March 2018

Petition calls on the government to put general practitioners on the Home Office's "shortage occupation list". At 10,000 signatures, the government will respond to the petition. At 100,000 signatures, the petition will be considered for debate in Parliament.

The petition says many rural surgeries facing recruitment difficulties are being forced to close. "There are many GPs from outside the EU who would like to work in the UK," However, practices can't offer them a job without going through the visa bureaucracy, and the NHS is losing many good doctors as a result."

The government has repeatedly warned that a shortage of rural GPs has left rural patients waiting weeks to see their local doctor. The Rural Services Network is backing calls for government action to help recruit more GPs and other health professionals to work in the countryside.

Rural Services Network Chief Executive, Graham Biggs MBE said: "The situation is so bad that some rural patients are having to wait the best part of a month to see a doctor."

It was suggested to add the above to the November newsletter and for the Parish Council to sign the petition. All agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk

Please go to: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200523>

2510: New Grant Fund through Essex County Council: The local Service fund was launched 19/9/17. This fund is a unique revenue based fund, which is designed to help communities' priorities and deliver new services.

The Parish Council is welcome to submit a pre-application checklist, which EALC will be able access if the application is likely to be successful. Pre- applications need to be in by 27/10/17. At the moment the Parish Council don't have any new projects to put forward. Essex County Council will have 5 sessions a year where a New Grant application could be submitted.

2511: Planning Application: 17/01524/FUL – Ness House Ash Street, Wrabness - single storey side extension, two storey bay to right hand side, new window to front elevation, internal alterations and new pitched roof dormers to existing roof. No Objections. **All agreed.**

2512: Planning Application: 17/01553/FUL – The Laurels Black Boy Lane, Wrabness – Proposed single storey front extension and insertion of new windows to side elevations. No Objections. All agreed.

2513: Update on Planning Applications:

i: Planning Application 17/01115/FUL- Oakfield Wood Burial Ground, Ash Street, Wrabness – Proposed detached ceremony hall and wardens’ accommodation and change of use of land from agricultural use to burial ground: Decision Date issued: 29th September – Application withdrawn.

2514 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

- i. Possible change of day to Thursday for Parish Council meetings for next year. Carry this forward to next meeting.
- ii. Future Church Grant: supply and fixing of a Portland Stone plaque/tablet to be sited outside east hall of the church. Church waiting for quotes will then submit a grant application to the Parish Council.

2515: Reports.

Highways: Sign bottom of Primrose Hill: Has been reported again this month, but still considered low priority.

Neighbourhood Watch: An agricultural barn had an attempted break in, by ram raiding.

Footpaths: Footpath between Well Cottage and 1 Harwich Road, the tarmac is broken up and there are potholes. Mr F McGowan has reported this to Essex County Council. An engineer assessed the footpath and considers it low priority. Ref: 2534554.

Parish Plan: Nothing to Report.

Village Hall: see above.

Station Garden: i: See item 2454 ii: Overgrown Verges reported to Abellio, the verges have been cut.

TALC/EACL: Nothing to report.

Public Health:

I Ms R Thornton attended Restart a Heart day at Oaks hospital. The workshop was run by British Heart Foundation, is free of charge and lasts for 45 minutes. British Heart Foundation plans to make the workshop an annual event to train as many people as possible in CPR. The Parish Council will display a poster on a notice board and advertise on the Parish Council website when dates for next year are released.

ii. Last month Harwich & District Fellowship hosted a CHAPS day. A free men’s health check – heart disease, skin cancer screening, prostate cancer screening, diabetes check and aortic aneurysm screening. The next CHAPS day the Parish Council will notify resident’s by displaying a poster and advertise it on the Parish Council website when next dates are released.

Foreshore Liaison: Have requested a meeting.

Public Transport: Bus Shelter at Main Road/Primrose Hill, broken glass has been cleaned up and replaced.

Wrabness Playing Field: See item 2455

Kiosk: PC/FM - Parish Clerk Contacted Councillor Zoe Fairley Engineering Operations Manager from Tendring District Council who is happy to meet with the Parish Council to advise. Mr R Cole spoke to the Parish Clerk of Ottery St Mary, who paid a contractor to paint their kiosk and has passed the details on. It was agreed to contact TDC Engineering Operations Manager to advise. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

ITEM 17: 2516: Accounts and money received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ
	Nil	Wrabness Hall Hire 18 TH October	£15.00	1008

Parish Clerk Wages 4 th July - 17 th September 2017	£291.00	1009
EALC – Data protection Course 7 th November 2017 Parish Clerk.	£45.00	1010
Audit Commission PKF	£120.00	1011
W.P.F.A Grant: Hire Village Hall, fundraising event	£37.00	1012
All Saints Church Wrabness (Grant, church maintenance)	£370.00	1013

ITEM 18: 2517: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances as follows:

Current Account: 18th September: £2933.45

Deposit Account – 11th September: £8552.23

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 22nd '2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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