

# WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance :** Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk, Councillor Zoe Fairley) and 3 members of the public

**2712: Apologies for absence:** Mr T Harvey

**2713: Declaration of interests:** None

**2714: Public Forum:**

1: 1 member of public raised concerns about the pavement along Rectory Road: Mr M Cole responded: This has been chased recently, still waiting for a response from Highways.

2: District Councillor Zoe Fairley spoke about concerns on how Essex Highways deal with highways issues, she will continue to push for these issues to be dealt with more effectively in the future. Mr M Cole also highlighted his concerns with Essex Highways and has reported many issues regarding poor maintenance of the roads in the rural areas and will continue to highlight the problems. Councillor Zoe Fairley would like to work with the Parish Council regarding the better maintenance of roads in rural areas.

Mr R Colley asked Councillor Zoe Fairley about the change in the weekly household refuse collection service starting from June 2019. Councillor Zoe Fairley will send some information to the Parish Clerk about the changes.

**2715: Minutes of the meeting held:** on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

**2716: Matters Arising and Actions:**

1: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane: (2693) - This is being monitored and an LHP form will be submitted to Highways Liaison Officer:

**Action: Ms R Thornton/Parish Clerk.**

2: Increase in Train Noise: (2693) No further update, Parish Clerk to follow up: **Action: Parish Clerk**

3: Wheatsheaf Level Crossing (2693) No further update. Evidence within Essex is still being heard.

4: Wrabness Litter Pick Reminder 2019: reminder 9<sup>th</sup> March (2700).

5: Mr H Jones read out a thank you letter from WPPFA. (2698)

6: Mr H Jones read out a thank you letter from Wrabness Community Shop. (2698).

7: Wrabness Environmental Award 2019 reminder to present award at next meeting, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**2717: Playing Field:**

1: Anti – Social behaviour:

The Parish Council contacted our District Councillor for advice. This was then passed onto Tendring District Council Planning with a request for an Informal Site Review from our District Councillor.

TDC Planning were unable to help and suggested the Parish Council contact Anti-Social Behaviour Team at TDC who referred the case to the Leadership Support & Community Team at TDC. The site review was rejected and the response from TDC was: 'If you live next to a playing field expect some noise.'

The Parish Council agreed to Code of Conduct signage on the entrance to the Playing Field, the wording for the Code of Conduct has been approved and signage has been ordered. The Parish Council hopes this will reduce the problem as all other avenues that are practical have been exhausted.

Councillor Zoe Fairley has requested an informal site review from TDC, will also contact the Community Officers. Councillor Zoe Fairley will keep the Parish Clerk updated. **Action: Councillor Zoe Fairley/Parish Clerk.**

2: Pinging Noise from safety fence/climbing into gardens to retrieve footballs.

The Parish Council contacted Tendring District Council Leisure Services and The Environmental Health Team. Both departments said such noise should be expected living next to a playing field. The Environmental Health Team said they usually have complaints about football games being played in the street and balls being kicked into gardens. Safety fences are used in play areas to help prevent balls straying into gardens.

After extensive research from the Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee it was arranged to fit rubber grommets along the main part of the fence to help reduce the noise. The grommets were fitted last summer and have helped to reduce the pinging sound from footballs being kicked against the fence. The Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee will monitor and tighten the grommets as needed.

3: Climbing into gardens to retrieve footballs. The Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee have put up, DO NOT CLIMB signs and painted Anti-climb paint to the fencing backing onto gardens. Paint will be reapplied by the Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee as needed.

**4: Netting Goal:** The Parish Council contacted Tendring District Council about putting up a second goal net. They have not been able to advise the Parish Council. After further research it was agreed not to put up a second netting as this could be a safety issue and create further noise. **No further action.**

**5: Wire fencing ripped:** This has been inspected by the Parish Council and Wrabness Playing Field Committee and been repaired. **No Further Action.**

**2718: Local Service Funds:** Pre-application deadline 14<sup>th</sup> March. – Suggested the Parish Council apply for a yearly grant towards the cost of the maintenance of Wrabness Playing Field. All Agreed: Action: **Parish Clerk**

**2719: Wrabness Community Grant application:**

1: Wrabness Playing Field Association has requested a grant of £37.00 for the Village Hall hire to hold a fundraising jumble sale on: 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All proceeds raised from the jumble sale would go towards the upkeep of the playing fields. All were agreed.

**2720:** Wrabness Parish Council website: Mr R Colley gave a report: The Parish Council Website at: [www.essexinfo.net/wrabness-parish-council](http://www.essexinfo.net/wrabness-parish-council) was launched in November 2013.

The web site is based on free technology sponsored by Essex County Council for community organisations from Cambridge Open Systems. The web site is provided by a Parish Councillor at no cost to the community. The site provides public information about the Parish Council, local community facilities and services. It currently comprises 23 pages of information, plus links to background documents, hotlinks to external web sites and Facebook pages of specific relevance to Wrabness.

Web pages are updated as Wrabness news becomes available either from Parish Council sources, other organisations or from secondary sources. The Weather and Tides page automatically updates utilising Met Office widgets. The hot links to other web sites such as train and bus information, refuse collections and disposal sites ensure readers can view the latest on-line information from other service providers. The site contains an archive of Parish Council Minutes for the past five years.

Since the web site launch in November 2013 the number of visits by users has grown. During 2018 a total of 6,895 visits were made to the website, a marginal increase compared with the previous year.

Whilst most users access the web site directly, some find it via a specific phrase or word search on Google, Yahoo or similar search engine. Some users access the web site via hot links from other websites and Facebook pages. Village facilities continue to benefit from the free publicity of the Parish Council website. There is scope to add information relevant to Wrabness as it becomes available. If any of our community groups wish to have more exposure on the website – they just have to ask and provide the information. My contact details are Richard Colley – 01255 880868 or by email at [wrabness.parishweb@gmail.com](mailto:wrabness.parishweb@gmail.com)

Whilst the reach of this web site service is growing, we also continue our traditional methods of keeping in touch, such as the parish notice boards and the village newsletters, since not all our households or summer visitors access the internet.

**2721: Planning Application updates:**

1:[18/00678, 18 Dwellings, Station Road \(2694\)](#) - (APPROVAL - RESERVED MATTERS/DETAILED - DECISION 4.01.19)

2:[19/00212/DISCON | Discharge of condition 25 \(Written Scheme of Investigation\) of approved application 15/01737/OUT. Land South of Station Road Wrabness Essex CO11 2TH.](#) (WAITING DECISION)

3: [18/01699/FUL - The Priory, Harwich Road, Wrabness:](#) Erection of 4-bedroom detached dwellings with garages: Amendment to existing access road with provision of turning head. (REFUSAL FULL - DECISION DATE: 14.01.19)

4:[18/01818/FUL - Oakfield Wood Burial Ground Ash Street Wrabness Essex CO11 2TQ:](#) Proposed detached ceremony hall and warden's accommodation and change of use of land from agricultural use to burial ground. (WAITING DECISION)

5:[18/01901/FUL: Ness House Ash Street Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TG](#) - Demolition of fire damaged dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling (revised application following [18/00636/FUL](#)). (APPROVAL FULL - DECISION DATE 11.01.19)

6:[18/02062/FUL - EAST & WEST FORESHORE, WRABNESS:](#) To Repair and maintain sea defences along the Foreshore at Wrabness, Sites A, B and D a proposed low height Gabon barrier and site C reconstruct damaged area with a hidden Gabon wall. (WAITING DECISION)

7:[19/00009/FUL - Hut 22 East Foreshore Stone Lane Wrabness, Essex](#) - Alterations to existing building. (WAITING DECISION)

8:[19/00071/NMA - The Priory, Harwich Road, Wrabness, CO11 2UG](#) - Non material amendment to planning application:  
[17/01838/FUL](#) - Alteration of roof from flat to "lean-to" style connecting to existing house. As this is only a notification to the Local Planning Authority no comment is required from the Parish Council. PREVIOUS APPLICATION: [17/01838/FUL](#) - Proposed single story rear extension - to form living room & bed room. (APPROVAL FULL - DECIDED 18/12/17)

**2722: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1: The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Zoe Fairley for attending the Parish Council meeting.

2: Concerns have been raised about the left turn off A120 turning towards Wrabness. As this is in Ramsey Parish Mr M Cole will contact Ramsey Parish Council and ask if they would be happy to do a joint application with Wrabness Parish Council to Highways England. **Action: Mr M Cole.**

**2723:**

**REPORTS**

FOOTPATHS: Weeds & overgrowth from the path near Butlers Lane: Mr F McGowan has reported to Highways. Mr F McGowan has also spoken to a resident, the resident has put down weed killer to help reduce the overgrowth. It was suggested perhaps a local farmer may be able to cut back some of the overhanging weeds along the path.	VILLAGE: Nothing to report.
HIGHWAYS: See above 2714.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Nothing to report.
TRANSPORT: Mr R Colley has been speaking to the Local Health Service about a bus hopper service for the rural area including Wrabness.	KIOSK: Nothing to report.
FORESHORE/LIASION: Nothing to Report.	PUBLIC HEALTH -: Ms R Thornton suggested a refresher course on the defibrillator as it's been more than 2 years since the last course. Mr R Colley will speak to First Responders. <b>Action: Ms R Thornton/Mr R Colley.</b>
STATION GARDEN: Nothing to report.	TALC/EALC: Nothing to report.
W.P.F.A.: See item 2716	

**2724; ACCOUNTS AND MONIES RECEIVED:**

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
		Village Hall hire	£15.00	1063
		TALC affiliation fee	£5.00	1064
		EALC. (Clerk-workshop, year-end, 7 <sup>th</sup> March)	£55.00	1065
		W.P.F. yearly rent	£1.00	1066
		W.P.F.A grant hire of hall for fundraising event	£37.00	1067

**2725: Confirmations of Account Balances:**

Current Account: Balance on: January 20th, 2019: £1832.85

Deposit Account: Balance on: January 20th, 2019: £6569.97

The next Wrabness Parish Council Meeting and Wrabness Parish Annual Assembly will be on: 8.37 pm

**Wednesday 20th March 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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