

WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 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) and 3 members of public.

2726: Apologies for absence: Mr T Harvey.

2727: Declaration of interests: Ms R Thornton item 2735.

2728: Minutes of the meeting held: on Wednesday 20th February. The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2729: Matters Arising and Actions:

i: Playing Field; Informal site review has been arranged with the Safer Communities Manager of Tendring District Council and a Police Community Support Officer. After the visit the Parish Council will receive a short report. **Action: Parish Clerk/Harry Jones.**

ii: Increase Train Noise. Case has been closed but Network Rail have encouraged residents to log a complaint if still a problem. **No further Action.**

iii: Traffic Wheatsheaf Lane. To be carried forward to next meeting. **Action: Ms R Thornton.**

iv: This Year Litter Pick: Mr H Jones gave a report. On March 9th a successful annual clear up took place with over 30 volunteers, including 8 under 16s. Soup and rolls were provided for the hard-working volunteers afterwards.
A thank you was given to Herman Ramsey for organising the soap and rolls.

v: Pre- Application for Local Service funds, submitted to EALC in March (W.P.F.A yearly ground maintenance) Local Service Fund is on hold and due to be re-launched on the 1st April. EALC are awaiting authorisation from Essex County Council on the new guidelines around the fund:
Pending: **Action: Parish Clerk.**

2730: Presentation of Wrabness Environmental Award: Mr. H Jones made the presentation of the 2019 Wrabness Environmental Award to Fiona Caslake in recognition of her hard work in managing the Village newsletter and Village Facebook page.

2731: Rural Services Network call on Government for a Rural Strategy:

On 1st March, the Rural Services Network launched a campaign calling on the Government to develop a Rural Strategy to ensure that rural areas are properly considered.

Rural Services Network has produced a report identifying several priority areas for a new Government Rural Strategy and some of the issues they have asked to be addressed, include:

- : Improve infrastructure and transport links, and raises the opportunities and challenges facing rural areas.
- : Provide rural businesses with the support they need to create thriving local economies.
- : Ensure all rural households and businesses have the option of reliable access to broadband and mobile networks.
- : Ensure opportunities for quality jobs, skills and training are available so young people can remain local.

Rural Service Network have asked if Parish Councils and organisations in Rural Areas could support the campaign.

For more information and a Press Release about the campaign please click on link below.

<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/government-urged-to-produce-new-rural-strategy-ahead-of-brexif>

To join and sign up please click on link below. <https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/time-for-a-rural-strategy>

Residents can also contact Rural Service Network on: **01822 851370.**

2732: The new refuse Collection Service. Tendring District Council will begin to deliver wheelie bins to all suitable properties across Tendring from 10th June, a copy of the new waste service leaflet will be going out to all residents with their council tax bill.

Wheelie bin collections for household waste will be fortnightly, a small number of properties that are unsuitable for wheelie bins will remain on a weekly black sack collection.

Food waste, recycling and garden waste are unchanged.

For further information regarding the new waste service including FAQs, information on which properties are receiving wheelie bins and soon information on collection day can be found on: <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service> or contact by phone: **01255 686788.**

2733: Planning Applications. Planning Application: 19/00367/FUL - The Priory Harwich Road Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2UG: Proposed 4 no. four-bed detached dwellings with garages, amendment to existing access road plus provision of turning head.
The proposal is contrary to the published Tendring District Local Plan. The proposed housing development is located well beyond the settlement limits for Wrabness and due to remoteness from village services is not a sustainable location for residential development. The proposed dwellings and the related highway proposals would intrude into the open countryside to the detriment of the local environment and create a precedent for further sporadic unsustainable housing development elsewhere along Harwich Road. **All Agreed: Objection.**

2734: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1: Recycling Bins: The Parish Council has had a request from a resident asking if we could contact Tendring District Council about re-introducing recycling bins in the village. This was looked into last year; no suitable location was found.

2: A resident has asked if the Parish Council could minute that the Wrabness Community Shop has a collection point for empty crisp packets, the empty packets are delivered to Wix & Wrabness Primary School. The school will receive money for the crisp packets.

3. Letter from a resident: A car travelling towards Harwich on the B1352 left the road on the sharp bend and went through their hedge and wire fence, then across their lawn into their neighbour's garden, then out onto the road. The residents feel if the bend warning sign had been in place this accident could have been prevented and are concerned further accidents could happen. They have contacted Highways about replacing the damaged bend sign. The sign has been down for 2 years. Mr Mark Cole will contact the Parishes District Councillor. **Action: Mr Mark Cole**

2735:REPORTS

FOOTPATHS: Two residents have complained about a new resident along Harwich Road parking their car on the public footpath. The car is blocking the footpath, forcing the residents, one of whom is disabled, to walk in the road. The car is also being parked the wrong way, which is a hazard at night to oncoming traffic along a busy road. This is a Police matter. Mr. McGowan will speak to the resident concerned. Action: Mr. McGowan.	VILLAGE: Nothing to report.
HIGHWAYS: Nothing to report.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Nothing to report.
TRANSPORT: Nothing to report.	KIOSK: Suggested to put a tomato plant in the Kiosk: Action Mrs. J Cole.
FORESHORE/LIASION: Belhaven will write a report for the next village newsletter explaining what is happening on the foreshore and why.	PUBLIC HEALTH -: At the last meeting 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 has made a request to First Responders. Waiting for a reply. Pending:
STATION GARDEN: Nothing to report.	TALC/EALC: Nothing to report.
W.P.F.A. Jumble Sale 23 rd March.	

2736; ACCOUNTS AND MONIES RECEIVED:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
		Village Hall hire 20.3.19	£15.00	1068
		Parish Clerks wages: 13.11.18 – 13.03.19	£467.04	1069
		Engraving: Environmental Award 2019: reimburse Mr R Colley	£10.00	1070
		Mr H Ramsey – reimburse for food for Litter Pick 2019	£12.00	1071
		Gloves for Litter Pick 2019 – reimburse Parish Clerk	£8.50	1072
		Yearly stationary, for Parish Council – reimburse Parish Clerk	£32.38	1073
		Travel expenses – Parish Clerk, Year End Accounts course @ EALC	£36.60	1074
		Esign- 2 code of conduct signs and installation	£104.40	1075

2737: Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance on: 10th March £3275.66

Deposit Account: Balance on: 19th February £6575.53

The meeting closed: 9.06 pm

The next Wrabness Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 17th April 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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