

# Wrabness Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Present:** H Jones (Chairman), Mr R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr T Harvey, Mrs D Barry, Mr M Cole,

**In attendance:** Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk),

**2297: Apologies for absence:** Mr T. Harvey.

**2298: Declarations of interest:** - None

**2299: Public Forum: meeting open for the public comment.**

1. A member of the public would like to put forward a complaint regarding Wheatsheaf Lane. The verges along Wheatsheaf Lane are seriously damaged by lorries generated by the Storage Depot. There is potential damage to services routed along verges and it is unsightly. There is also water coming up from the road in two places. **Action Mr M Cole**
2. Station garden update given: grass seed to be sown next week.
3. A member of the public raised concerns about visitors urinating in Black Boy Lane.

**The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.**

**2300: Minutes of the meeting held 16th March 2016:** The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

**2301: Matters arising and actions:**

2291: ECC Transport meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February: Wrabness Parish Council raised concerns at the meeting about proposed withdrawal the Friday Bus Service. – this was withdrawn on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Essex County Council have yet to reply to Wrabness Parish Council representation. All agreed on a follow up letter to Essex County Council demanding a response. **Action Mr R Colley**

**2302: Increase in Train noise:** Parish Clerk gave an update: Network Rail have investigated the resident's and Wrabness Parish Council complaint regarding the increased train noise and noted Wrabness Parish Council suggestion of reducing the speed limit of the Ballast Cleaning trains. Network Rail have investigated and closed the case, the speed limit will stay the same. The Parish Council will now pass the complaint to Community Rail Partnership. **Action Parish Clerk**

**2303: Station Car Park:** Mr M Cole gave an update: Mr Cole has phoned and emailed Abellio Greater Anglia but still waiting for a response, photos have also been sent showing where the junction markings and speed bumps are required. – Will keep chasing. **Action Mr M Cole.**

**2304: Wall Lane Fields:** Parish Clerk gave an update: A Planning Enforcement form has been submitted relating to the caravan/structures and been acknowledged. **Action Parish Clerk**

**22305: Review of Wrabness Parish Council Asset Register:** The update of the asset register including additional play equipment and a new notice board in Wheatsheaf Lane was discussed and approved.

**2306: Planning Application for 18 houses at Station Road:** The District Council Planning Committee met on 18<sup>th</sup> March to determine this application. The planning officer report recommended approval subject to conditions and a legal agreement. Three Parish Councillors attended the meeting, Mr H Jones, Mr R Colley and Mr T Harvey. Mr Colley had a 3-minute slot to object to the planning application on behalf of the Parish Council. The Committee decided to approve the planning application as recommended, subject to a prior legal agreement to be completed within 6 months.

**2307:** Black Boy Lane update: Parish Clerk gave an update: Mr M Thompson from Essex Highways has looked into the outstanding work in Black Boy Lane, he says that Highways have completed the scheduled work. The Parish Council feel that the white lines at the Station Road/Station access road junction are very faded and need to be repainted.

**2308:** New hedge adjacent to Main Road/Butler Lane corner: Parish Clerk gave an update: Contacted Highways for update- No further action due to new hedge being on residents land and not highways land.

**2309:** Wrabness Playing Field Rent: Parish Clerk read out a letter from Mrs Woollard, thanking the Parish Council for the annual cheque for rental of playing field and also for providing good facilities for the children of Wrabness.

**2310: Any other notified urgent business:**

1. Ditches in the lower section of Wheatsheaf Lane: The Parish Clerk was contacted by a resident about concerns of the ditches in Wheatsheaf Lane being overgrown and unpleasant in the summer, when it rains the ditch overflows into the road. **Action Mr M Cole/Parish Clerk**
2. Ditches in Wall Lane: A resident has concerns about the state of the ditches in Wall Lane; the ditch in Wall Lane is overgrown and stagnant. **Action Parish Clerk/Mr M Cole**

**2311: Reports:**

**Highways:** Mr M Cole Submitted a Highway report to Essex Highways.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Vandalism, fence to field adjacent to river at western end of Balhaven land cut in 3 places wire thrown into ditch resulting 2 cattle escaping from the field. Handrails by the beach huts have been taken and thrown into the water.

**2312: Accounts and money received;**

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT
Wrabness Village Hall Rental -16/3/16	£15.00
Mrs Wollard Playing Field Rent	£1.00
EALC Affiliation Fee	£96.46
NALC Affiliation Fee	£20.99

**2313: Confirmation of Account Balances:**

The Parish Clerk reported balances were as follows:

Current Account: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 £7511.85

Deposit Account: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 £4045.03

**The meeting closed at: 8.45**

The next Council meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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