

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Mr H. Jones (Chairman), Mr R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr T Harvey, and Mr M Cole.

In attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

2372: Apologies for absence: Ms R Thornton, Councillor Zoe Fairley.

2373: Declarations of interest: - None

2374: Public Forum: The meeting was opened and Mr H Jones invited comments from those present.

- i. Member of the public asked about the Safeguarded local Green Space: They queried why the piece of land, north of Station Road, on the site of the Railway car park was designated as being a Safeguarded Green space in the Local Plans. Mr R Colley responded: The Parish Council objected to the proposed area on the site of the Railway car park, this area is steeply sloping operational railway land, inaccessible to the public. The Parish Council requested that the Station Masters Garden area at Station Road, Wrabness is mapped as Safeguarded Local Green Space instead.
- ii. A member of public asked if the Parish Council had a further update from the outline planning permission of 18 houses granted in July 2016. No further update has been reported to the Parish Council since this date.

The public forum was closed and the meeting opened.

2375: Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2376: Matters arising and actions:

1.Highways – 2365: Mr M Cole gave an update. An appointment as been made to attend a Highways Surgery on 29th November in Chelmsford.

Action: Mr M Cole.

2.Increase in train noise – 2365: Parish Clerk gave an update: Network Rail has been emailed with concerns about the increase of Train Noise from the freight trains, email has been acknowledged.

Action Parish: Clerk.

Contact details for Network Rail:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/aspx/1030.aspx>

03457 11 41 41

3.Closure of Wrabness Level crossing: 2365 – As discussed at October's Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council strongly object to the proposed closure of Wheasheaf Lane - Station Road Pedestrian Level crossing. The objection has been sent to National Rail and the Parish Council are waiting for a response.

4.Blackboy Inn Kiosk – 2365: Parish Clerk gave an update: The adoption agreement for the Kiosk was emailed on the 20th October and a receipt for the agreement received 26th October. The process could take up to 3 months.

Action: Parish Clerk

5.Playing Field – 2365: Parish Clerk gave an update: Playdale have asked if the Parish Clerk can forward photographs of the Split in the A frame and uneven chain links. Playdale have agreed to wave the £95.00 site visit.

Action: Parish Clerk.

6. Tendring District Council Rural Infrastructure Survey – 2338: Mr R Colley completed the Rural Infrastructure Survey for Wrabness Parish in July. The survey was sent to 27 Parishes in Tendring and received 11 responses, all of which will contribute to the work of the Rural Infrastructure Portfolio Holder Working Party moving forward.

7. Emergency Planning Document: This has been updated.

2377: Wrabness Parish Council Annual Accounts: 2015-2016 – It was confirmed that the Audit Commission had passed the Parish Council Accounts.

2378: Budget Committee Report: Mr R. Colley explained the outcome of the Budget Committee meeting and presented the proposed budget for 2017/2018.

The budget was proposed as a stand still budget. The precept for 2017/2018 will be subject to the necessary adjustments for council tax benefit recipients in the Parish still to be received from Tendring District Council.

The actual spend for next year is proposed to be £7,750.00, which will be offset with some reserves.

It was proposed that the council accept the 2017/2018 budget. Mr T Harvey proposed and Mr M Cole seconded it. All were agreed.

2379: Wrabness Council Precept requirement for 2017/2018 – It was agreed to carry this over until next meeting when Tendring District Council figures should be available.

2380: Vacancy on Wrabness Parish Council: Vacancy details posted on Wrabness Village Notice boards and Wrabness Parish Council website, closing date is the 6th January 2017.
Action: Parish Clerk

2381: Wrabness Environmental Award 2017: The Parish Council were reminded that it was time to discuss who was to receive this annual award. Councillors were asked to come up with proposals for next meeting. All were agreed.

2382: Discussions of Wrabness Community Grant Applications:

- i. **All Saints Church Wrabness** have requested a churchyard grant of £350.00; this goes towards the maintenance of the churchyard. It was proposed we grant the full £350.00. Mr Jones proposed, Mr R Colley seconded it. All were agreed.
- ii. **Wrabness Mother & Toddler group:** Are holding a Children's Christmas party on Sunday 18th December at 10.00 -12.00. They have requested Parish Council small group grant of £37.00 for the hire of Wrabness Village Hall. Any profits will go to Wrabness Village Shop. It was proposed to agree this grant. Mr Jones Proposed, Mr R Colley seconded it. All were agreed.

2383: Planning Application: 16/1234/FUL: Rebuilding of Hut 79, Wrabness Foreshore: The Parish Council did not receive notification of this Planning Application, after some discussion it was decided to write to Tendring District Planning office.

Action: Parish Clerk/Mr R Colley.

2384: Planning Application: 16/01491/FUL: 77 West Foreshore, Wrabness – Variation of condition 2 of approved planning permission 12/00456/FUL to replace drawing No. 1050-02 G with drawing No. 04769/100 C3. No objections, all agreed.

Action: Parish Clerk.

2385: ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

- i. **Wrabness Playing Field Association Fencing:** Wrabness Playing Field Fencing: The Parish Council has received 3 estimates to replace the chain-link fence and posts. It was decided to ensure the quotes are up to date, enquire what financial contribution is proposed by the Playing Field Association, decide on the Parish Council contribution and seek external grant to cover the remaining cost.
Action: Parish Clerk/Mr H Harvey.
- ii. **Tendring Recycling Centres:** As from the beginning of this month Essex County Council made changes to recycling centres. They will refuse to accept business waste at all its centres across the county. At the same time further restrictions were brought in at Dovercourt, Kirby and Lawford recycling centres for household waste to prevent the illegal disposal of business waste. They are no longer accepting soil, hard-core, plasterboard, bathroom ceramics, kitchen unit doors and window frames as well as no longer permitting access to trucks, vans and pick-ups. These changes raise concerns over a potential increase in fly tipping. It was agreed to carry this over to the next meeting.

[Changes to Recycling Centres can be found on the following link](http://www.recycleforsex.com/our-waste-strategy/changes)

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Contact details: 0345 603 7625

2386: Reports.

Highways: see above, 2376.

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report.

Footpaths: Nothing to report.

Parish Plan: Nothing to report.

Village Hall: Meeting this month.

Station Garden: Veolia Water kindly supplied a large self-draining pot for the Christmas Tree and a resident of the Parish has volunteered to decorate the tree.

TACL/EACL: Meeting this evening.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Foreshore Liaison: Nothing to report.

Transport: Nothing to report.

2386: Accounts and money received;

DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	.
Wrabness Village Hall Rental -7/09/16	£15.00	971
Parish Clerks wages (7/7/16 – 28/9/2016)	£362.79	972
Parish Clerk wages (3/10/16- 18/11/16)	£158.46	972
Audit Commission, PKF	£120.00	973
All Saints Church Wrabness Grant (church maintenance)	£350.00	974
Wrabness Mother & Toddler Group Grant (Christmas Party)	£37.00	975

2387: Confirmation of Account Balances:

The Parish Clerk reported balances were as follows:

Current Account: 6th October: £8,670.09

Deposit Account: 10th October: £4,048.62

The meeting closed at: 8.40pm

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday January 11th 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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