

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th July 2011 at 6.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs. Michael Hill (Chair), Sheldon Durant, Barry Jarvis, Donald Whiterod , the Clerk and 14 members of the public.

Apologies: None

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is to share information between groups working in the Parish. However, the APM can only reflect those groups who sent a representative and therefore may not be a comprehensive list of all Wreningham Parish groups.

Parish Council - Michael Hill

Michael reported as the Chair of the Parish Council (PC). The recent elections saw the PC reconstituted with four councillors and Michael elected as Chair and Sheldon as vice-chair. Normal PC duties are undertaken and recorded in the formal minutes which are posted on the Wreningham website for all to access. The Parish Plan remains current and a number of initiatives have been started - see below. Last year's major project - the first time sewage scheme - seems to be operating with no complaints receive by the PC. Indeed, some advise that this scheme is of great benefit to them. The written report for 2010-11 from the previous PC chair is attached to the signed minutes.

Community Orchard - Ian Dobson

Ian spoke about how the Parish Plan triggered the idea for a community orchard and he is leading a small group exploring the potential locations and options for funding the work required. A written report is attached to the signed minutes.

Home Watch - Ian Dobson / PCSO Dan Shelley

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dan Shelly had expected to attend and speak about Home Watch in Wreningham. In his absence, Ian advised that there are Home Watch representatives in each of the streets in Wreningham and Top Row. Ian and Dan are organising this group to implement the Home Watch scheme. A written report is attached to the signed minutes.

Parish Plan Housing Group - Ian Dobson

The Housing group were convened in response to a need identified in the Parish Plan to see greater parishioner involvement with respect to planning applications received by the PC. Ian leads this group of parishioners who assist the PC by reviewing and commenting on the planning applications received and then reporting to the relevant PC meeting. Written report attached to the signed minutes.

Play Ground Group - Claire Cormack

The group was set up after the Parish Plan indicated the need for increased facilities for the younger children of the village. Claire showed the group's proposals and described the area of the playing field to be utilised. The group are fund raising and have been applying for grants, however they have had limited success with grants since most are awarded to more

urban environments as the denser populations have an advantage with the competition element.

Last Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Irene Moore

Irene Moore was unable to attend but her written report is attached to the signed minutes. Michael read this report to the meeting. In brief, the group was started following the interest expressed in the Parish Plan. The PC supported the group by paying for the rent of the village Hall for the first three meetings. The coffee morning is held at the Village Hall and holds a welcome for all to come along on morning of the last Wednesday of every month.

Wreningham Website - Barry Jarvis

Barry Jarvis reported that the website (<http://www.wreningham.org/>) is live and has a wide range of content about the village and its activities, including the Parish Council. He is the contact (at info@wreningham.org) for those wishing to put material on the website. He hopes that in time, Wreningham groups will have direct access to the website and be able to post and edit their own content. Any groups wishing to have information added then please let him know.

Tree Warden - Ian Dobson

The South Norfolk network started in 1992 and is co-ordinated by the district council. Approximately 90 of the district's 119 parishes have a Tree Warden, and the aim is to have 100% coverage eventually. A parishioner is appointed to this role by the PC. His written report attached to the signed minutes.

Village Hall Management Committee - Christine Minns

Christine informed the meeting that **Wreningham Village Hall** is a registered charity with the purpose of providing a facility to offer education, recreational and social use for the community. The **Trustees form a management committee** and comprises representatives from the parish and groups which use the village hall. Income is generated mainly from renting the hall to cover day to day running costs; any additions or improvements are paid for through fund raising or grants.

Wreningham Social Club - Christine Minns

With no Social Club representative at the meeting Michael invited Christine to tell the meeting about the Social Club. Christine reported that it runs the bar (in the Village Hall) and organises social events. It meets every Thursday and Friday, and membership is open to everyone in the local community.

Ashwren Players - Val Keel

Val reported that the players were initially joint venture between Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham, but now includes Mulbarton. There is a good core of people but more volunteers are always needed for both performance and behind the scenes work. Every year the group put on a pantomime during the February half term and also occasional mid-year performances. The aim is to have fun and also raise money for charities.

Wreningham Fuel Trust - Christine Minns

Christine is the clerk to this Trust. She reported that the Trust is a registered charity and derives its funds from land rental and interest on investments. The income (approximately £1500 per year) is available to those in the parish needing help towards the cost of fuel.

Generally not that many people apply so much is given to the deserving elderly, however recently there have been more enquiries from younger people who are struggling.

Wreningham Church - Christine Minns

Christine reported that Wreningham All Saints, a Church of England Christian community, is served by a vicar and a deacon and is part of a wider benefice comprising seven churches across neighbouring parishes. Worship, in shared services, is held in rotation around the different churches of the benefice. The Sunday services are led by the part-time priest-in-charge (Revd. Andrew Good) and a non-stipendiary Assistant Minister (Revd. Jenny Cooper). The Church Council is also custodian of the building of All Saints church which has recently had its quinquennial inspection. The report showed that various repairs including a section of re-roofing ought to be carried out over the next five years at an estimated cost of £100,000. The Church is custodian of the Wreningham war memorial.

Mother and Toddler Group - Claire Cormack

Claire reported that the group runs weekly during term time with an average of 15 adults with their children attending each session. All parents are welcomed and all advertising is via word of mouth. Claire reported that recently a council grant has allowed for the purchase of more toys.

Flower club - Sue Rudd

The Newton Flotman Flower Arrangers Club is affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS). Sue said that this club is there to help people of whatever knowledge or skill level to appreciate flowers, and to learn about and practice the art of flower arranging. In 2012 this club celebrates its 50 years. There are fifty five members from Wreningham and surrounding villages. It meets once a month for demonstrations, talks, workshops and visits. It is there to provide social contact and friendship as well as education in flowers. And all are welcome to come along and find out more.

Short mat bowls - Sue Sayers

The team is a member of the South Norfolk Short Mat Bowls Association and plays matches in a league. There are some twelve to fifteen members, and everyone of any age is welcome. The club can offer tuition and will also lend bowls to people when they are trying out the sport. The club sometimes holds sessions with the Youth Club.

Wreningham School - Rob Jones, Headmaster

Rob reported that the school currently has 96 children on roll of which 60% come from the school's catchment area. The school enjoys a full curriculum with various trips and links with UEA and the Hethel Engineering Centre, recently links were made with a French school. Wreningham is an eco-school, and associated projects over the summer include updating the outdoor area for younger children. This year, SATs results were very strong and the school is passionate about giving the children the best possible start in life. The Friends Association raise much money for the school and the Governing Body are a critical friend. The school is always looking for ways to increase links in the community.

Friends of Wreningham School - Lindsey Parfitt

Lindsay reported that the Friends Association comprises of approximately ten parents, carers and staff who meet every half term to assist the school providing extras that the budget does not stretch to. This has been a busy year with fund raising and social events.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Ian Dobson

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year needs to be celebrated within the Parish. Ian noted that Wreningham commemorated the Millennium with the clock in the church tower and informed the meeting that Queen Victoria's own Jubilee is recognised through some stained glass, also in the church, and by a memorial booklet. Ian is establishing a group to collect and evaluate ideas for the Jubilee and all are invited to contribute their ideas and support. His written report is attached to the signed minutes.

South Norfolk District Councillor - Laura Webster

Laura Webster was elected in May 2011 as our local District Councillor. Her South Norfolk Council (SNC) responsibilities are in local services, planning, community and localism, waste management and social housing. A key area of interest for her is encouraging young people in the District to become engaged in the Council activities. She informed the meeting that the Joint Core Strategy has been formally adopted, and the finer details will be announced and consulted on very shortly. The current economic climate means sharing services is a positive way forward. The aim is for SNC to go into partnership with Great Yarmouth Council, she noted that shared IT services would allow for a great financial saving. She confirmed that both Councils would remain politically independent but with shared resources.

Questions - general

1. Rob Jones confirmed that over half of the school is housed in temporary buildings. They have actively applied for permanent classrooms, but there is no funding for building works, so alternatives including an outdoor classroom space are being considered, this will allow for intervention work and small group work. Rob confirmed that the mobiles are not the ideal solution, but the staff make the best use of them and work well with what they have.
2. It was noted that if taken literally the Housing Group remit should only be to consider housing rather than all planning applications in the parish. It was suggested that the group should be re-named. **To be added to Parish Council agenda.**

Closing - Michael Hill

Michael thanked all for attending and hoped that each had learnt something about their village and its people. All representatives agreed that they are happy for their group's contact details to be shared within the community to increase awareness and membership. He invited those not represented today to provide their contact details and a short summary of their group's activities for sharing with others. He noted that remarked that there was much overlapping of roles and sharing of resources which is very positive for the community.

A record of this meeting will be posted on the Wreningham website along with contact details for the various groups represented today.

The next meeting will be arranged for early Spring 2012 and all will be invited.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Wreningham Groups Contacts as at July 2011
Corrections and additions to be advised to the Parish Clerk

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