

**Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2010
Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

Present:

Sheldon Durant
Barry Jarvis
Graham Crummett
Donald Whiterod
Anne Riches

In Attendance:

Chrissie Baldwin
Claire Stevens
Ian Dobson

268. Apologies

Michael Hill

269. Declaration of interest

None

270. Open Forum

David Brake attended the meeting. David has owned the Bird in Hand pub for 1½ years. He explained that they are looking to develop the site to help break even. He tabled some plans that he has had drawn up to enable him to explain how he proposes to develop the site. At this stage he is not going for planning permission, however, explained that he wished to show the parish council so that they could ask questions.

To get the funding to develop the public house he is proposing a small development of 3 houses. The development would be smaller type cottages. They would need to fit in with the village and hopefully would be supported by the parish council. These cottages would be around 2/3 beds as yet undecided.

The detail from the feedback in the village plan has been read in detail by Mr Brake and his recommendations reflect this in the feasibility study.

Sheldon reported that the current building restraints means that the public house can only be used for this purpose.

There is currently planning permission for a large number of letting rooms in a motel type complex. David explained that he is proposing to develop a smaller space for letting rooms and then develop a snug for drinking only so that there is somewhere for regulars to go.

A councillor asked if this has become possible due to the mains sewage now in the village. David explained that they will not be on the mains system.

David is meeting the architect next week and he encouraged parish councillors to ask any questions for that meeting.

Sheldon said that David has obviously put in a lot of hard work and commercial input and when the time comes the council will give it its full consideration when the planning application is made.

The feasibility study that David has had done includes a village shop and post office which he proposes will make nothing and he is looking for volunteers for help run this. (As was indicated in the parish plan)

I Dobson was concerned as a member of the public that this would be putting our eggs in one basket and that the village hall may lose out on prospective income.

Other comments were that in principal it looks very good and others at the meeting were very interested in the plans put forward.

Sheldon thanked David for coming with his proposals and suggested that if anyone wanted to know more, to see David in the Bird in Hand

Ian Dobson asked for an update on Barhale he suggested that the ditches have not been dug out. Verges have fallen away and the road has collapsed in places. Sheldon is mindful that the verges will improve as the year progresses.

Sheldon said that we cannot do anything further about it. Chrissie has spoken with the Land Agent for Anglian water and Highways who feel that they have made Barhale do the works required. Sheldon suggested that as a Parish Council we can do no more. Claire Stevens suggested that if Individuals wish to complain to make their complaints to the county councillor - John Herbert.

A resident asked what had happened to the neighbourhood watch in the area which does not seem to be in existence anymore. Claire Stevens reported that the police are doing a big push on Homewatch again. Ian Dobson will pursue this.

Action

Chrissie to invite Dan Shelly PCSO to the next meeting

271. Matters arising

Oil purchasing scheme Sheldon will email Michael to find out what the situation is

Donald Proposed minutes Seconded Justin Grady

272. District Councillor report

Claire reported the South Norfolk Council is number 1 in the country for providing low cost housing in South Norfolk

273. Clerk to the parish council (confidential item)

Chrissie tabled her letter of resignation to the council. Sheldon read the letter and thanked Chrissie for her commitment to the job over the past 7 years.

Chrissie circulated her job description and a proposed advert for discussion.

Chrissie recommended in her letter that it may be best for the council to recruit an existing Parish Clerk, who has experience. Sheldon is keen for someone from within the village to take the role as they have a stake in what goes on.

A closing date was agreed (May 11th 2010) so that the applications can be considered before the May Council meeting. This will be placed on the advert. It was agreed to put the advert on the notice board, on the website and to be sent to NALC for them to advertise with existing clerks.

274. Sewage

Sheldon read out email from Sarah Hill. The quote for works was read out and discussed. The compensation they are recommending was agreed by all present. Chrissie to write to Sarah Hill to accept the level of compensation as £1300.

Sheldon will meet with the playing field (play area) subcommittee to agree the fencing requirements that they have and report back at a future meeting.

Action

Chrissie will write to accept compensation payment.

Sheldon to meet with the play area subcommittee to seek their requirements

275. Playing field

Norse have white lined this week.

276. Highways

The state of the roads have been discussed in open forum. It was agreed by all present that Chrissie will contact Highways over the potholes existing in the roads.

Action

Chrissie to contact Highways re: potholes

277. Planning

Planning notifications were read out.

The proposed Wind turbine submitted by the parish council was read out. This has already had approval by the council.

278. School

Chrissie reported that the closing date for applications for Headship is the end of April and interviews will be held in May.

279. Finance

Receipts and payments proposed Donald and seconded Anne

Company	Details	Expenditure	Proposed	Seconded
NAPTC	Subscription	118.36	Donald	Graham

280. Correspondence

Chrissie read out information regarding South Norfolk's Dragons Den.

Nominations member of standards committee Barry proposed Mr Hewer, Anne proposed John Nightingale Graham seconded

281. AOB

Anne said that Tractors are going quite fast through the village, Justin said he would ask them to keep their speed down.

A big well done to Sheldon who closed the meeting at 21.30!