



**Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March
2008
Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

Present:

Anne Riches
Barry Jarvis
Harvey Day
Justin Grady
Donald Whiterod

In Attendance:

Chrissie Baldwin – Clerk
Claire Turner

10 members of the public attended

59. Apologies

Sheldon Durant

A chair was required for the meeting. Anne proposed Donald Harvey seconded. Donald took the chair

60. Open forum

Footpath sign, Trevor Wadlow asked about the footpath signage. He asked Mr Grady specific issues regarding the footpath and whether or not a permissive sign would be erected. After some discussion, Claire said that she would like to support Mr Grady in not erecting a sign until the issues have been resolved between himself and Norfolk County Council. Trevor was aggrieved that in his view the parish council were going to erect a sign and this has not as yet been done. The Clerk pointed out to Trevor that we are not able to erect a sign on private land if the landowner changes his mind and that the matter was being progressed between NCC and the landowner.

Mr Grady said that the footpath may not stay up at the current used route it was proposed that it may be useful to get Norfolk county council to attend the next parish council meeting. Donald seconded. Some discussion was had on the current sign that Justin has put up. Trevor remarked that it pointed the wrong way. It was generally agreed that it would make more sense if it were turned around so that although the writing would be on the side the arrow would be pointing in the right direction. This was proposed by Barry and seconded by Anne. Justin agreed that he would turn the sign if it was of more use to the public

Mr Page has taken up with the police the dangerous road on the B1113 and the crossing from Mill Lane to Top row. The clerk reported that we are on the waiting list for a SAM flashing sign. He is concerned about the safety of crossing the road and asked for the mph to be reduced. Claire suggested that he could attend the SNAP meeting – members of the public can attend and are asked to suggest solutions.

Harvey highlighted the speed of cars through the village. Chrissie to ask police to do some speed

monitoring within the village boundary.

Action

Chrissie to contact the police to ask for the speed to be monitored in the early mornings

61. Minutes and matters arising - Actions

Action	By:	Action	Progress
46.	B/Fwd	To reinstate the footpath at Poplars	To B/Fwd
	Chrissie	To contact Graham to let him know progress	Graham reported that Travis Perkins have been much better recently
	B/Fwd	Chrissie to continue to progress the mains sewerage project with Anglian Water.	In progress
	B/Fwd	Legal charges still outstanding – Chrissie to progress	Chrissie reported that she had asked them to provide information of what they had done – as yet they have not contacted Chrissie again.
	Chrissie	To advertise meeting date for parish plan meeting	Chrissie to advertise in the Mardle and on notice boards. Agreed that a leaflet delivered to each household may get more people interested
	B/Fwd – Harvey/Les and Sheldon	To re-bark play area	In progress
	Chrissie	To put note in Mardle re: obstructions in verges	Done
	Chrissie	Councillor portfolios to carry forward to next Mardle.	In progress
49	Chrissie	To accept quote from NCS for playing field grass cutting	NCS have started cutting the grass as part of the new contract.
	Chrissie	To ask NCS if they can roll playing field and then get mole catcher in once again.	NCS have rolled the field. It may not be necessary to get the mole catcher in as the more the playing field is used the less the moles will use the area
50	Donald/Chrissie	To contact Highways concerning road subsidence outside Sheldon's house	Donald reported that this has been done.
54	Harvey	Harvey to provide Chrissie with the hire agreement from the village hall	In village Hall report at point 10
56	All councillors/ Chrissie	Next parish plan – 4 th March. Chrissie to put up notices to advertise.	As point above
58	Barry/Parish Plan	To develop the village website	In progress

	Committee		
	Chrissie	To advertise vacancy for councillor	See point 62
	Chrissie	To put notice in Mardle to remind residents that dogs are not permitted on the playing field	Chrissie has asked Christine to put this in when she has some space.

The Minutes Were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Donald and seconded by Barry.

62. Co option of councillor

Chrissie asked those present if they would like to stand as councillor. Graham Crummett put his name forward. Donald proposed that Graham Crummett be co opted on as a councillor which was seconded by Harvey.

Action

Chrissie to give Graham declaration of acceptance of office, and financial interest forms

63. District council report

Claire reported that SNDC considering a zero waste centre. A zero waste centre is a place to take large items to. The idea is to encourage people to recycle. Those items taken to the centre could then be reconditioned and sold on.

Claire made reference to the Ecotricity planning application. Chrissie read out the letter from ecotricity stating their reasons for wishing to reapply now that the ministry of defence had withdrew their objections. Claire reported that the planners had not yet received the new application for this project but SNDC would be sending out as and when it arrives

Action

No action required yet!

64. Playing field

Chrissie invited Ed Whipp, A school governor who attended to discuss the use of the playing field by the school. The school are keen to use the playing field as there is more space and the school field has serious drainage problems Edd discussed the need for the playing field to be well cut and was pleased to see that NCS had the contract to cut it for the next year. Chrissie assured Edd that the grass contract had been given to NCS for the next 3 years, All councillors agreed that the parish spend a lot of the precept on the upkeep of the playing field and it would be good to see it used on a regular basis. Anne Riches said this had been done in the past as she remembers using the playing field herself whilst at school! Edd gave Chrissie a draft policy that could be signed by both parties if we wanted a formal agreement.

Edd also spoke of the need for some white lining to be carried out on the field for games including running football and five a side etc... All councillors agreed that they could provide some funds for this and Harvey proposed spending up to £200. It was agreed that Chrissie will progress this with the school.

Lastly Edd said that the school would like to see some sort of gate opposite each other for easier entry to the playing from the school. This was discussed.

Action

Chrissie to progress the white lining on the playing field with NCS.

65. Highways

Claire has been trying to get some interest between the police and highways regarding the parking around the school. She reported that the police are not prepared to come to the village as it is not seen as a huge problem from those outside of the village.

66. Planning

Planning notifications read out.

67. Environmental Issues**Sewage scheme.**

Anglian water is installing a sewage scheme in the coming year. For those residents living in old SNDC houses this is good and bad news as some residents who paid a lump sum to SNDC will lose out when the sewage scheme is completed. An agent for Anglian water has been talking to Chrissie about purchasing a small section of the playing field for use as a pumping station. They were also looking at a 20msq area in the village hall car park although the land agent once she had seen it for herself said that this was not a viable option. The playing field would need access to it and currently they are suggesting the top left hand corner. A concrete and hole surface would need to be laid for a lorry to access the station every 12 months for maintenance. (Grass would grow up through this type of surface. Harvey proposed that we have a pumping station vehicle access and pedestrian access gate, which could link into the gate access with the school as discussed in point 63. Anne proposed that we ask Anglian water if they will employ a land agent on our behalf. Justin seconded.

Action

Chrissie to contact Anglian water regarding a land agent to work on our behalf

68. School update

As discussed

69. Village Hall update

Harvey proposes that we have a form to complete for using the village hall, (for completeness) even though we do not pay rent. Anne seconded.

A discussion was had on the village hall and whether it was owned or not by the parish council. Harvey tabled the lease and trust deed document and proposed that we contact Christine to let her know our understanding of who ultimately owns the hall. All councillors agreed.

Action

Harvey to obtain a form for completion for using the village hall.

Chrissie to write to Christine Minns detailing the reasons why the parish council feels that it owns the land and the village hall as written in the trust deed document.

70. Finance

Company	Description	Cost - £	Proposed	Seconded
Clerks remuneration	Clerks fees for 6 months + admin expenses	1232.36	Anne	Barry
NRCC	Subscription	15.00	Harvey	Barry
NPFA	Subscription	20.00	Justin	Anne
PCC	Grass cutting	160.00	Harvey	Anne

	contribution			
Wreningham Village Hall	Mardle Contribution	90.00	Anne	Barry

Chrissie reported that we need to have another signatory Barry Jarvis volunteered to do this.

Action

Chrissie to get the forms for Barry to complete

71. Parish Plan

How we could further advertise the parish plan was discussed. Harvey said that no matter how you advertised people would not come as he commented that there seems to be a lot of apathy in the village and no matter what you do people are not interested. He suggested not advertising at all.

Barry said that at the previous parish plan meeting he had volunteered to do a leaflet to try to encourage more attendance. Chrissie will advertise on notice boards and in the Mardle

Action

Chrissie to advertise the meeting on notice boards and in the Mardle

Barry to complete leaflet and distribute to encourage residents to attend

72. Correspondence

Rural Community council - post office closure open meeting. – No one to attend. Chrissie reported that she also has leaflets and posters about saving our local post officer although she suggests that these are displayed as we have lost Wreningham post office and Ashwellthorpe in the last few years and putting up the posters would not be helpful. All present agreed.

73. AOB

Harvey expressed his concern that the parish council does not achieve anything. This was discussed including the limitations placed upon us and what we could do. Claire said that as a parish council she found us thorough and sees this as good.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm