

**Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009
Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

Present:

Sheldon Durant
Donald Whiterod
Graham Crummett
Justin Grady
Michael Hill

In Attendance:

Chrissie Baldwin – Clerk
8 Members of the public
Claire Stephens

131. Apologies

Anne Riches
Barry Jarvis

132. Declaration of interest

Chrissie Baldwin (clerk) declared an interest as Anglian water are going to put their office and equipment on some of the land owned by her husband.

133. Open Forum

Sheldon welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

He explained that the Anglian water open day was scheduled for earlier this year and has been delayed due to the outcomes of the environmental study.

The open day is now scheduled for the 7th April 2.30pm – 6.30pm

Sheldon read out a letter from Sarah Hill which outlined what has happened since the project started in 2002. See attached. It was suggested that this could perhaps be put in the Mardle for all residents to read.

Sheldon said that as a parish council we are not technically equipped to deal with issues that arise from the sewage and residents can contact Anglian water direct who may be able to answer their questions. He signposted everyone to the open day where residents can ask questions specifically to their properties.

One member of the public asked if the agenda for the council meetings could be put on the notice board instead of a notice. The clerk said she is able to do this if the councillors were happy for her to do so. All agreed.

Action

- 1. To put the letter from Sarah Hill in the Mardle for information to residents**
- 2. Chrissie to ask Anglian water to inform all residents not just those who are within the realms of the scheme.**
- 3. To put the letter from Sarah Hill onto the website**

4. Chrissie to put the agenda onto the notice boards and website before the next parish council meeting

134. Minutes of meeting 20^h January and matters arising

| Action | Responsibility of | Action | Progress |
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| | B/fwd | To contact NCS to see if they can empty the bins as part of their contract on a regular basis | The Quote for the supply of bin bags and emptying of bins is £120 (excl vat) |
| | B/fwd | To contact EDF regarding the fencing around the unit place by the phone and post box on Ashwellthorpe road. | The housing is sufficient. |
| | Hollie Fisher | To continue to liaise with Mr Burbage over the illegal parking in and around the school | Ongoing |
| | Graham | To do remedial work re: H&S plan | In progress. See playing field b/fwd |
| | Chrissie | To contact Highways regarding the Wymondham road by Turkey farm | In progress |

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Donald and seconded by Michael.

135. District Council Report

Claire said that there is not much to report this time around that had not been said at the last meeting.

136. Wreningham church car park

It was generally felt among the councillors that the church will be looking for funding from us sometime in the future. Chrissie to put on a future agenda

Action

- **Church car park to go on agenda in the future once the land has been acquired.**

137. Playing field

Graham reported that the remedial work is in progress:

Work to Beech tree has been done

Chestnut tree in the NE corner needs to be looked at in the near future. Possible cost of around £500 - £1k Sheldon/Graham to keep an eye on this and report back at a later meeting .

Sheldon reported that there has been a bit a vandalism on the playing field – the skateboard sign had come down and looks like it had been ripped out, it also seems that fires are being

lit under the skateboard ramps again. All councillors agreed that Chrissie should contact Hollie (PCSO) to tell her about the vandalism

The bark still needs to be raked. Sheldon volunteered to do this.

The quote for work to the play area and gate/fencing from David Reeve was discussed. Sheldon went through the quote. We are currently looking for part funding from SNDC for this however, Florence (the sndc officer for funding) is currently off sick and the next funding meeting has been cancelled. Chrissie is currently trying to find out how we can access the relevant funding in her absence. She is talking to Tim Mobbs about the funding (director at SNDC) Sheldon asked if we can get the funding retrospectively and make a start on the work. Claire (who sits on the panel) said she did not think this is possible, however, she will check and get back to Chrissie.

To renew gate £300 set back into access area
To renew post and rail fencing £200 (11 metres of work)
To erect a fence with a 8ft drop section
To include a 3ft pedestrian gate £1900
To include a bark or top soil £300
In addition we would need to buy some more bark

Action

- **If we can get funding retrospectively we go ahead with the project.**
- **If we do not get retrospective funding health and safety route to Tim Mobbs and the urgent need to go ahead with it.**
- **Proposed Graham seconded by Justin for 6m3 of bark once play area has been done**
- **Amendment to bin emptying £120 (Donald seconded Graham Proposed)**
- **To turf the area for the goal mouth areas £210 (Graham proposed Justin seconded)**

138. Highways

Donald other than the outstanding issues has nothing to report

Chrissie read out an email from Mike Alfrey concerning the state of the verges. He stated that in the light of the forthcoming sewage scheme starting they are not intending to do any work to the verges in Wreningham until after the project has been completed.

Chrissie outlined a letter sent from Ashwellthorpe parish council concerning Blacksmiths lane and the proposed road closure. All councillors present felt that NCC should put a weight restriction on the bridge which would alleviate the problem. They could not see why the council would want to close the road or do anything more costly.

Action

1. Chrissie to email NCC to comment on Blacksmiths lane asking for weight restrictions only.

123. Planning

Planning notifications read out

Planning application, Sewage Plant, Just off Top row Ashwellthorpe.

As this is such a large document Michael suggested that he could look at the application first and then it could be circulated to all parish councillors and returned to Chrissie for it to be commented on.

Barn at Grange Farm

Planning permission for change of use: No comments

Planning withdrawals

There have been 2 planning application withdrawals as follows:

- The Spong, Wymondham Road, Hethel
- Green Drift, Ashwellthorpe, Wreningham

124. Environmental issues

Justin had no environmental issues

Sewage scheme

As already discussed in Open Forum it was noted that the meeting for residents is going to be 7th April. The councillors although they understood that the ecologists report meant that it could not have happened in January as planned felt that this has not been very useful for residents who really wanted to have some up to date information. It was agreed by all present to circulate the letter from Sarah Hill in the Mardle, which goes to all houses in Wreningham.

The project is due to commence sometime in May and the series of road closures will go up on the notice boards before then. Mr Burbage is also being kept informed of the closures so that he can let parents know.

Action

No separate actions required

125. School update

Richard is looking at putting in an access point opposite across the road and straight on to the playing field to try and make crossing the road safer for the children.

126. Village Hall Update

Village hall update

Michael gave an update, Due to the sewage scheme the village hall has had to cancel the open gardens and may have to cancel other programmes as well.

The Art exhibition is due to take place in November 2009

Michael asked about his role with the village hall. Sheldon said that he is on the committee as a representative of the parish council.

127. Parish plan

Michael reported that the parish plan is in its final stages and the group are still looking at the statistical data that has come from the questionnaire. They have an embryonic action plan, which include:

1. The rural village feel is appreciated and residents enjoy the rural aspects i.e access to the countryside.

2. A large number of residents did not want street lighting
3. People would like to see off route cycle paths to Ashwellthorpe and Wymondham
4. Community
5. Most people see the church as a historical building and not a religious building.
6. Views on social club
7. Mardle, improvements
8. Notice board improvements
9. Speed limits
10. Overnight parking issues with Lorries
11. Strong views on housing
12. Needs to be proactive
13. Public transport

128. Finance

The receipts and payments summary was circulated. All councillors agreed, proposed Graham seconded Donald.

Payments

| Company | Description | Cost | Proposed | Seconded |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| C Baldwin | Clerks remuneration | £1168.23 | Anne | Graham |
| NPFA | Subscriptins | 20 | Graham | Justin |
| Grass Cutting | Burial ground | £160 | Graham | Donald |
| Mardle | Village | £90 | Justin | Donald |

Rodney Brown, Mole catcher, for £100 the finance for this had been agreed at a previous meeting and had been signed and sent out before this meeting.

NCC legal fees outstanding. Donald proposed that if we are unable to have a credit note then we will pay the bill Sheldon seconded.

129. Correspondence

Greater Norwich development partnership – was discussed, in correspondence file
 Review of the East of England plan – was discussed, in correspondence file
 Fuel trust – As we have a representative on the fuel trust the parish council would like to know more about the trust at parish council meetings – Chrissie to contact Christine

Consultation for Gypsy consultation document – in correspondence file

Action

- **Chrissie to contact Christine re: fuel trust representative.**

130. AOB

Chrissie circulated the freedom of information act which she has revised for our parish. This is a template from the website which has the relevant parts for parishes. All councillors agreed the document. Chrissie to hold on file.

Meeting closed at 10.25