

**Wreningham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2009
Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

Present:

Sheldon Durant
Barry Jarvis
Donald Whiterod
Graham Crummett
Justin Grady
Anne Riches

In Attendance:

Chrissie Baldwin – Clerk
Christine Minns – representing Wreningham
Church
Michael Hill

116. Apologies

Sheldon Durant – apology for lateness

117. Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest from those present

118. Open Forum

Christine Minns wanted to let the parish council know that the church is looking to purchase a piece of land for access to the church yard for a small car park (10th of a hectare) which will also give good access to the burial ground. They will need to have a gateway onto the highway, Christine has checked with SNDC who have indicated that they do not see this as a problem.

Christine further explained that currently the services provided at the church are small as they do not have the provision for large services.

They are not looking for funding from the parish council at this time, as they hope to raise the money for the car park. Donald showed some interest in the parish contributing to the project and suggested that it be discussed. Anne proposed that it go on the March agenda all agreed.

Action

Chrissie to put the car park for the church on the March agenda.

Co option of councillor

Michael Hill showed his interest in becoming a councillor. The notices had gone up with no other interest shown. Sheldon thanked Michael, Graham proposed and Barry seconded. All councillors welcomed him to the committee. Sheldon explained that each councillor holds their own portfolio, and that the one currently vacant is the village hall representative.

119. Minutes of meeting 18th November and matters arising

Action	Responsibility of	Action	Progress
	B/fwd	To erect the best village sign	Done – these have been erected in the village hall
	B/fwd	To contact NCS to see if they can empty the bins as part of their contract on a regular basis	Quote still to be sought Donald proposed if under £100 Chrissie could go ahead, Justin seconded.
	B/fwd	To contact EDF regarding the fencing around the unit place by the phone and post box on Ashwellthorpe road.	In progress. The housing may be sufficient without fencing EDF to confirm
	Chrissie	To contact Clock company to ensure that it is going to be serviced	Complete see finance for action.
	Hollie Fisher	To ask traffic control about speed checks on B1113 and any other action to try and alleviate the problem	Hollie has not confirmed that there have been speed checks however; they had been spotted by some present.
	Hollie Fisher	To continue to liaise with Mr Burbage over the illegal parking in and around the school	Ongoing
	Chrissie	To forward response from highways to Hollie Fisher for action regarding TP lorries	Done
	Graham	To do remedial work re: H&S plan	In progress. See playing field
	Chrissie	To get quote for bark	See playing field
	Chrissie	To contact Highways regarding the Wymondham road by Turkey farm	In progress
	Chrissie	To write in support of the sewage project to go to SNDC with planning application	Done.

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Barry and seconded by Graham

Village Mardle – was discussed from last meeting to go on next agenda.

120. District Council Report

Claire reported that Sandra Dineen is now working as chief executive and is looking for ways of saving money. Within the current climate there has been in a reduction in planning applications and the council are paying out more council house benefit. This has meant that the councillors are looking at the current and predicted income streams before they set the council tax.

Mangreen housing group, Claire attended and reported that since the decision had been made to put 10,000 homes in at Mangreen it has now been amended and they plan to put in 2000 homes and in 10 years time.

There will be another consultation on Gypsy and Travellers which will be widened as part of the process.

121. Playing field

Graham reported that the remedial work is in progress:

Chrissie has quote for TMA Bark 4m3 - £189 (not including VAT) The councillors discussed this and decided that the area should be raked (Sheldon volunteered to do this) and it should be topped up when we extend the play area. Justin seconded.

The football area needs some work under the goal posts; Chrissie is currently getting a quote from NCS for re-turfing/reseeding the affected areas.

Re-fencing the play area. Justin has quote a further quote for re fencing the young peoples play area. Chrissie to speak to Florence (SNDC funding officer) about both quotes for funding purposes.

Moles! We still have a huge mole problem Chrissie suggested contacting the playing field association to see if they can help us with a mole catcher. Anne proposed that when Chrissie finds someone to eradicate the moles they go ahead before the next meeting if under £150 seconded Barry.

Once the moles have been eradicated we need to do some topsoil fill of the runs, Chrissie to speak to NCS.

The council felt that February half term would be a good time to do the mole eradication. Sheldon to close off playing field with tape at February Half term.

Chrissie reported that Mr Burbage had an arborialist visit the school, to assess the risk of trees in school grounds. As the school uses playing field, he took him over to look at trees. Mr Burbage said that the tree in the far corner of the playing field needs some work to it. There is some dead wood that needs cutting out. Sheldon volunteered to progress this.

Action

- 1. Chrissie to get quote for re-turfing re-seeding parts of the football area**
- 2. Chrissie to progress funding bid for re-fencing the young peoples play area**
- 3. Chrissie to get someone to eradicate moles in the February half term**
- 4. Sheldon to close off with tape the playing field at February half term**
- 5. Sheldon to cut out the dead wood from the beech tree in the corner of the playing field**
- 6. Graham to progress the remedial work from the health and safety report.**

122. Highways

Donald reported that some of the verges in the village have disintegrated with the bad weather; he highlighted Mill Lane by the school, playing field and village hall and the verge nearest to the post box on Ashwellthorpe road by the front of the school. Chrissie to contact highways

Chrissie read out letter from Norfolk County Council about closing the road at the bridge just past Toprow. This bridge is actually in Ashwellthorpe, however as it borders our parish they have consulted with us. All Councillors considered it a complete cop out by the district council and they voted that it should remain and is not acceptable in anyway to shut the road. The council all felt that although a rural road it is used and should not be sidelined.

Action

- 1. Chrissie to email Mike Alfrey highways concerning verges**
- 2. Chrissie to email NCC about the proposed road closure at Ashwellthorpe (Wreningham border).**

123. Planning

Planning notifications read out

Planning application

The Spong, Wymondham Road Hethel approved proposed Anne, seconded Donald

Wind turbines at Lotus – The aviation warning lights that were considered by the planning committee last November as a detail to planning regulations, have been reappraised, following an application to apply for a judicial review on the grounds that the warning lights cannot be considered as a detail only. The applicants have been informed that if they wish to pursue the matter it will be necessary to submit a formal planning application for the lights which would be treated and assessed in the normal manner. The application would need to be in the terms of a planning application under the relevant section of the act directly dealing with wind turbines and for the specific lights without compliance with condition 16 of the planning permission. A report to this effect went to planning committee on the 13th January 2009 and will be information only.

Action

- 1. Chrissie to send in planning consultation for The Spong.**

124. Environmental issues

Sewage issues

Chrissie read out the email of progress from Sarah Hill she reported that the planning application for the pumping station will be submitted in the next week. The notices informing people of the pipes etc on their land should be going out at about the same time. The project is still scheduled to start in May.

Action

No actions required

125. School update

Chrissie read out an email from Mr Burbage, he wanted to raise the mole issue on the playing field, (as dealt with under playing field also see reference to arboralist).

Actions

See actions under playing field

126. Village Hall Update

No village update**127. Parish plan**

Michael gave a parish plan update. The questionnaires have been input and lots of statistical data is available. The parish plan committee are now looking at this information to give useful statistical information to form the plan.

Michael reported that the sort of information we have had back is that most residents use Wymondham for their services and travel there by car.

People want the play area improved

Wreningham people like peace quiet and space

100% of people said no street lighting

All of the councillors were very interested in the data Michael gave and are looking forward the final plan!

128. Finance

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

Payments

Company	Description	Cost	Proposed	Seconded
C Baldwin	Clerks expenses	£21.24	Anne	Graham
Hawad Horological	Service to church clock	£105.00	Donald	Justin
S Durant	Expenses for voluntary work for accountant	£46.00	Justin	Barry

Chrissie reported that the Grass cutting contact (year 2 of 3) for the new year is £384.36. This does not include our contribution to the white lining and reading room site grass cutting.

129. Correspondence

Play area inspection course, South Norfolk, Chrissie asked if anyone would like to attend this course. Graham volunteered. Chrissie to check availability and book place.

Freedom of information (disclosing information) Chrissie tabled a letter from the information commissioners office about the new freedom of information act. All councils have to adopt the scheme. There is a template for small councils (such as ours) to complete. Chrissie suggested that she could just fill out the template and bring to the next meeting. Anne proposed Barry seconded.

Norfolk Police Authority – Open meeting, No comments were made.

Action

- 1. Chrissie to book play area inspection course.**

2. To complete the template for freedom of information

130. AOB

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 21:40