

**Wreningham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009**  
**Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

**Present:**

Sheldon Durant  
Barry Jarvis  
Graham Crummitt  
Donald Whiterod  
Anne Riches

**In Attendance:**

Chrissie Baldwin – Clerk  
Ian Dobson  
3 Members of public

**208. Apologies**

Graham Crummitt  
Claire Stevens  
Justin Grady

**209. Declaration of interest**

None

**210. Village environmental funding bid.**

Christine Minns attended the meeting to advise the parish council about the environmental funding bid.

The Village Hall currently uses a lot of electricity in running the village hall, approx £3,500 each year. There are future plans in the village hall for projects such as air conditioning and hand dryers in the toilets.

The grant the village hall has applied for is a 100% grant for green energy which would involve solar panels on the roof of the village hall and a wind turbine on the car park. Christine explained that Gill Maidment has done most of the work involved in the process.

In October the village hall heard that they have got 100% for the solar funding and had got half of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid for the wind turbines providing that both schemes went ahead.

Christine explained that both the wind turbines and solar panels are generating electricity into the metre which they sell to the grid and buy back. The life of a wind turbine is 15 years and there is a maintenance cost that would need to be funded from the village hall.

Village Hall committee meeting is tomorrow when they will discuss this. Christine proposed that she would come back to the parish council when the village hall has agreed a way forward.

Christine will be surprised if they move forward with the project as they have not achieved a 100% funding and the VH committee had agreed that it would be too expensive to progress without the 100% funding. It is something that the village hall is looking at seriously and she envisages that it will be back on the agenda in the future.

Anne asked where exactly the turbine would be sited. The wind turbine would go next to the glass recycling area. Sheldon asked if there is an area around it that would have to be cornered

off due to H&S issues. Christine said this has not been discussed as they are not that forward with that bid.

Christine said that the Solar panels would go above the toilets on the road side. Michael thought that they would go right across the extension part of the roof.

The councillors asked why the village hall could not proceed just with the solar panels as has most of the funding for this. Christine explained that for funding purposes the scheme is seen as a whole so that they could not be done independently. Christine said that each project is going to cost around 25k

Sheldon said that it is a very interesting project he thanked Christine for coming tonight. It is a very interesting and innovative project and the council look forward to developments.

Whilst Christine was present she submitted a set of accounts from the village hall for the year. Ending 30.09.09

### **211. Fuel trust - Christine Minns**

In the absence of Ivan Howlett who is currently out of the country Christine reported on the fuel trust. Sheldon said that the parish council know very little about the fuel trust and following the letter from Mr Ireland asking not to be nominated for a further 4 years on the trust wanted to know more about how it worked before nominating someone else.

Christine said that historically the fuel trust was made up of the following:

Rector of parish  
2 nominative trustees – nominated from the parish council  
Both the rector and nominative trustee served 4 year terms

In addition to the above there have been 2 other trustees who are co opted by the other trustees and served 5 year terms

When Christine became clerk the fuel trust owned 3 sites on a 99 year tenancy. A pond area. A piece of land farmed by D Long and the marsh on Mill lane. The Pond was sold first and this money was invested into a charity commission capital growth plus interest investment account. More recently the Marsh on Mill lane was sold as this could no longer be let for grazing. The money from this sale was also invested into the capital growth plus interest investment account. This now leaves the one piece of land currently rented by D Long.

The fuel trust was formed to help those people living in the village buy heating when they may not be able to afford it any other way. Christine reported that they were able to help 1 such family who had just moved into the village who could not afford to buy oil and could not set up an account as they had not had oil in their previous house. The trust was able to provide the family with the money to buy their first 500 litres of oil. If monies have not been used in the year the trust organises for the money to be distributed to senior citizens in the village. This year they were able to present 24 payments. Christine reported that the money should be paid out each year and anyone can apply for funds from the scheme.

The fuel trust no longer has the rector sitting on the trust and has been running with 4 trustees.

Sheldon proposed that some information on the fuel trust go onto the website (Christine to provide Barry with some words).

The parish now need to nominate someone else to sit on the trust. This person does not need to be a councillor. Sheldon thanked Christine for explaining the good work of the fuel trust.

### **212. Update on Church Park**

Whilst Christine was present Sheldon asked if she would update us on the car park for the church.

Christine reported that the executors are now able to sell. The beneficiaries of the Will are 10 charities and the executors obviously have to maximise the funds for these charities. The executors have told Christine that they are likely to sell the land in lots to enable them to maximise the funds. The executors are going to have to get permission to get a track across the field to allow them to access the fields at the back of the church. Before they can do anything they have to have agreement from all benefices. The church has offered the executor £5,000 plus legal fees and a gateway. Christine will keep Chrissie updated of developments.

### **213. Village Hall general**

Before Christine left the meeting Sheldon asked her if she had considered the website as a facility that would be accessible for all people to use. Christine thought that an enquiry form for booking would be a good idea for a start. All conditions of hire etc... Could go on the website and this may help to keep village hall costs down. Christine agreed that she would consider the booking of the village hall through the website.

Christine Minns left the meeting

### **214. Open Forum**

No separate items

**215. Minutes of the last meeting** were proposed by Donald and seconded by Graham. Matters arising, all matters arising were dealt with as part of the meeting.

### **216. Matters arising**

The report for Barhale and Sarah Hill outlining the damage that needs to be put right by Barhale was discussed the councillors agreed to take a road each and feed their results into Chrissie:

Wymondham Road – Sheldon  
Ashwellthorpe road – Barry/Anne  
Church Road – Barry/Anne  
Hethel road – Sheldon  
Graham – Toprow  
Mill Lane – Graham

Barry reported that he and Mark are waiting for the weather to clear before they do any levelling out on the playing field.

Rabbit's damage – Chrissie reported that she could not find anyone so far who is prepared to cull the rabbits. Sheldon said he knew of someone and would ask and report back at the next meeting.

Chrissie had not managed to make contact with Mrs Quinn Chrissie cannot get hold of a phone number. Chrissie will do a note and put it through her door.

Chrissie contacted Natural England he gave her advice but we cannot find out if great crested newts are around and you cannot detect them until end of March to end of May.

Barry suggested that Barhale did an ecological survey last year. Did they find any in the ponds on the church road site? Chrissie to look at the report.

Chrissie contacted South Norfolk District council regarding the differences to the plans. They disputed the differences and said that they are still working to the 2007 plan which has the 2 ponds in place.

### **217. Telephone kiosk**

Barry reported that the website had not had any more hits regarding the adoption of the kiosk. Michael and Sheldon showed surprise at this, as they had both voted since the last meeting. Sheldon proposed adopting if we can relocate it to the reading room site. Chrissie said that she had spoken to SNDC about this. They advised that this is not a straight forward yes or no as planning permission is likely to be sought for such a move. (This would be dependent on what we propose using the box for in the future). Barry thinks it would be a shame to lose the kiosk and Anne agreed. Michael asked why we are going to keep it at all. He suggested that maintaining it could be costly. Barry would propose adopting it and Donald said that he was not bothered either way. Anne seconded. All councillors agreed except for Michael. Anne did say that currently the kiosk is not upright and she believes is slowly moving into the stream, once adopted we would need to do something to ensure it was safe and secure. All agreed.

#### **Action**

**Chrissie to find out if the ecological report included the ponds on the land at Church Road**

**Chrissie to pursue the adoption of a kiosk for the council**

**Chrissie to continue to contact Mrs Quinn re: community work for the village.**

**All councillors to feed comments on roads into Chrissie**

**Barry and Mark Francis to do levelling work once the weather improves**

**Sheldon to pursue his contact for eradicating rabbits and report back at the next meeting**

### **218. PCSO**

Daniel Shelly could not attend tonight. Chrissie to email him the next few months dates.

### **219. Parish Plan**

Michael reported that it has been very quiet over the Christmas holiday season. Sheldon asked that Geoff and Nicki update Michael with any developments. Gerient Harries needs to be encouraged to do something with the multiple purchasing of oil.

#### **Action**

**Michael to contact those on parish plan to check progress**

### **220. Sewage project**

Chrissie read out the update for the sewage scheme. Which is now nearing completion. There was some debate as to whether the work has been completed in Ashwellthorpe road. Top row will need to be dug up once again and the road will be closed for a further few days.

### **221. Playing field**

Chrissie reported that she had contacted the Mole man to come and eradicate the moles on the same basis as last time and would charge us the same (dependent on the number of mole hills) but around £100.

Sheldon said he is very disappointed in the turfing work done. Sheldon feels that some volunteers could have done this so much better themselves. Sheldon asked if he could meet NCS on site to discuss.

Sheldon reported that he had seen some graffiti on Skate Park again. He is assuming that this has been done by the same people as on Wymondham Road and asked all to be vigilant. Chrissie to discuss with the PCSO.

Ann asked if Julian could cut the hedge now rather than later so that the birds are not disturbed. Chrissie to ring Julian regarding this.

#### **Action**

<p><b>Chrissie to contact Norse to discuss disappointment to turfing under goal posts.</b> <b>Chrissie to contact PCSO regarding graffiti</b> <b>Chrissie to contact Julian re hedgecutting to playing field</b></p>
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#### **222. Highways**

Donald reported that everywhere is a bit of a mess due to Barhale in the village and the bad weather, however, nothing else to report.

Looking for a surface audit when Barhale have finished. Chrissie to try to get Highways to resurface in the village once Barhale have gone. As they said they were not prepared to do anything before the project.

#### **Action**

<p><b>Chrissie to ask Highways about the possibility of resurfacing in Wreningham</b></p>
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#### **223. Planning applications**

Plightie Cottage

Michael had been to TopRow and reported that any development cannot be seen on the road in anyway.

In view of the fact that it cannot be seen from the road it was generally felt that the councillors are unable to make a comment however, the council would always like to see planning permission for such a project if there is meant to be one.

#### **224. Environmental issues – Justin**

Nothing to report in Justin's absence.

#### **225. School**

Nothing to report since the last meeting

#### **226. Village Hall**

Moved the meeting to tomorrow night so nothing else to report

#### **227. Finance**

The receipts and payments report was circulated. Proposed by Anne and seconded by Donald

Company	Description	Cost	Proposed	Seconded
Mazars	Audit fees	161.00	Barry	Michael
Chrissie Baldwin	Clerks expenses	21.08	Anne	Barry
Norse	Turfing Sheldon asked to hold onto this payment whilst we contact Norse over the disappointment of the turfing work done			

**228. Correspondence** (b/fwd from last meeting)

NNAB donation

All councillors agreed that this is not within our forecast and not to be pursued.

Mineral waste allocations

No further action as they have advised the site at Wreningham will not be pursued.

Ketteringham Open Day. The date for this has now passed, no further action to be taken

Licensing statement of policy. Chrissie to keep on file.

Cilca Skills, Councillors felt that this should be pursued if the council want to go for quality status.

Bird Scarer information can be found on SNDC website in case any further issue to be brought to the council

**229. AOB**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.24pm