

**Wreningham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010**  
**Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall**

**Present:**

Sheldon Durant  
Barry Jarvis  
Graham Crummit  
Donald Whiterod  
Anne Riches

**In Attendance:**

Chrissie Baldwin – Clerk  
Jeff Stevenson (planning subcommittee)  
Christine Minns

**208. Apologies**

Claire Stevens for lateness  
Michael Hill for lateness

**209. Declaration of interest**

None

**Open Forum**

None

**Matters arising**

The councillors need to nominate a fuel trust representative – all councillors agreed that it needs to be put in the mardle and the council will need to agree someone at the April meeting for their annual meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010

**Telephone kiosk**

Chrissie is attending meeting at SNDC on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February about the adoption of telephone kiosks.

**Playing field**

Chrissie reported that the Mole man would be coming next week to eradicate the moles

Minutes of the meeting were proposed by Donald and seconded by Graham

**District council report**

In Claire's absence there was no report.

**210. Village environmental funding bid.**

Since the last meeting it has been decided by the village hall committee (VHC) meeting to change the parameters of the project. The funding arrangements have changed and it is possible for the village hall to erect a wind turbine with full funding and not to erect the solar panels. However, the village hall cannot use 100% funding for the solar panels. Christine Minns reported that the VHC are now looking at erecting the wind turbine only. Since the last meeting a group was organised to look at a private wind turbine in Kenninghall. Barry had attended with Christine Minns and tabled some photos of the wind turbine.

Councillors were impressed with the photos however, were concerned over the health and safety aspects of siting it in the middle of the car park and the associated issues of cars possibly driving into it or people trying to climb up it.

Christine Minns is to look into the health and safety aspects of the turbine and bring this information to the March meeting. Sheldon said he felt it was a good honest viable project. Michael voiced his reservations about the scheme for people living nearby and the maintenance costs which he feels are of concern together with the ultimate replacement costs to the village hall.

Other councillors were also concerned about the affordability of the maintenance of the scheme.

Sheldon hoped that the village hall will be making provision for maintaining and replacing this in 15 years time.

Barry suggested that as it is going to cost nothing to set up it should be easier to provide funds for maintaining and replacing it over the course of its life.

Christine Minns reported that the money for the wind turbine, will be paid in electricity and not funds this will mean a reduced electricity bill at the end of each year.

Councillors expressed the view that they would like to be able to see what it would look like "in real life" to have a better idea. Sheldon thought that a helium balloon (15ft) may help the parish council to decide.

Michael also said that it could have a positive impact by all using the village hall, "that the hall is making a contribution to the environment".

All councillors agreed to go and look at the wind turbine either in Kenninghall or Wicklewood before the next meeting.

Sheldon and Graham agreed that they would ensure the balloon would go up before the next meeting (This Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February)

All councillors agreed that once the parish have all information they can make a decision at the March meeting this will give the village hall enough time to go for planning permission.

#### **Action**

**Sheldon and Barry to erect the helium balloon Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010**

**All councillors to look at wind turbines in Wicklewood or Kenninghall**

**Christine Minns to provide information to the March meeting (Health and safety issues and the maintenance and replacement costs)**

#### **Church Car Park**

Christine Minns reported that it looks like the Church Car Park project can now to go ahead. She will report progress at the March meeting.

#### **Parish Plan**

**Playground group**

Jill Hustler, has formed a group which is looking at enhancing the playground area. They have arranged to meet with 3 suppliers, who can look at the play area and advise what could be done to enhance it for a range of ages. The group is also asking or visiting different age group to find out what is wanted by those involved.

Michael asked the parish to confirm who owned the land and Chrissie reported that the land is owned by the Parish Council. Michael asked if they can build whatever they want.

All councillors agreed that within reason the answer would be yes as the need would be coming from the residents however, Chrissie reminded Michael that there is a conveyance in place that needs to be adhered to and Sheldon said that the council would need to agree any plans formally (at a parish meeting).

The group are meeting with the potential suppliers on the 15 or 17<sup>th</sup> March

Chrissie to give Gill a copy of the conveyance.

### **Other parish plan matters**

Michael read out a letter from Mr F Page, Sheldon suggested that a written response should be made from the parish council all councillors agreed.

Graham asked about the oil purchasing scheme. Michael reported that this project is moving forward slowly and that he would bring more information to a future meeting. Graham felt that he personally would be interested in the scheme and that he felt many residents would also be interested.

### **Sewage project**

There was a general discussion about the state of the roads now that the project is nearing its end. In particular two areas were discussed in Ashwellthorpe road and Mill lane – Marsh cottages turning. In both areas residents are trying to progress themselves, however, it was felt that if the parish council also highlighted it, it would be of help.

Sheldon thanked all councillors for submitting their individual road reports to Chrissie. She has compiled these into a short report for Sarah Hill/Barhale and this will help focus what needs to be done in and around the village. Chrissie reported that she is talking to Highways (utilities section) Barhale and Sarah Hill to ensure to the best of the councils ability the work required will be carried out.

Sheldon reported that Chrissie has also provided Sarah Hill with a wish list for some community work to be done in the village. It has been generally accepted by Anglian water that some compensation needs to be paid to the village community in recognition of the disruption caused to the village. This wish list includes a new gate and pedestrian access to the playing field, fencing around the young person's play area and fencing along the playing field. As well as a concrete pad under the teenage shelter. Sarah Hill will come back to the parish council to outline what Anglian water is prepared to provide.

### **Playing field**

Chrissie reported that there are moles on the field once again; Rodney (the mole man) has agreed to eradicate them for the same price as last time (£100). Anne proposed and Graham seconded.

Sheldon reminded Barry that the work is still to be done with Mark Francis. Sheldon reported his disappointment at the grass turving carried out by NCS (now Norse group). He asked Chrissie to contact them to show our disappointment.

#### Highways

Road closure order – Chrissie read out the road closure order from Rose Cottage to the Turnpike on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. All councillors noted.

#### Planning

Following the interest shown on the parish plan Jeff has agreed to lead the group that will look at the parish plans. He reported that the group would also include Ian Dobson as tree warden and Jean Lambourne who has also shown an interest.

The group looked at plans and submitted a worksheet for consideration by the parish council.

Ventnor, Jeff says the proposed development will be noticed from behind. Anne has asked the neighbour who said that they had no issues with the plans.

All councillors agreed

#### The Spong

Jeff's group agreed to the proposed change of use and building proposed.

All councillors agreed

#### Pytle Cottage

This cannot be seen from the road in any direction, however, councillors would always wish to see planning applications if there should be one. Chrissie to write to planning to express this view.

#### Glebe Land

Sheldon and Chrissie met with Ed King and Jeremy Fuller (Iceni Developments) today, about the Glebe Land 2007 approved plan. There are to be 5 dwellings and both Ed and Jeremy showed both Sheldon and Chrissie where these are to be sited. Chrissie and Sheldon looked at 1 pond. Discussed boundary to Pig farm property. The boundary belongs to the pig farm and remains their responsibility. The owner of the pig farm does not wish to have hedge disturbed in anyway. As for drainage they have put in a water harvesting system.

The hedge being removed was discussed. Ed King and Jeremy Fuller said the reason for taking down the hedge was that there existed an access and visibility issue. They also went on to comment that the hedge that was there had not been kept well for some years and that it consisted of mainly scrub. It was agreed that once the footings are in place for the bungalows near the road, Iceni developments will ensure that the banks will be graded and the hedgerow will be replanted. This should all tie into the spring season.

The herras fencing will stay – they informed us they have to for safety and security, but they will be moved back as part of the understanding as the effect of the progressive works.

Sheldon then asked if they would like to endear themselves to the village. We are undertaking large projects through the parish plan would like to be able to support some of the projects. Icen developments made it clear that there have been lots of issues with developing this piece of land, the main issue being the water which is now to be harvested, and so costs are much more than anticipated. However, Icen developments said that they will see if they can provide some funds or works to the village project/s

Sheldon said he was disappointed that those so vocal about the land had no chance to hear of the developments and suggested that those interested need to know to attend. Chrissie to put an invite on the normal poster. Sheldon said he would also invite those who had been most interested. It was agreed that this should be discussed just before or just after open forum.

### **School**

No further update since the last meeting

### **Village hall**

Up to date

### **Finance**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>NRCC</b>	<b>Annual subs</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>Anne</b>	<b>Donald</b>
<b>C Baldwin</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>Barry</b>	<b>Graham</b>
<b>Vincent - Bunn</b>	<b>Hedge cutting to playing field</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>Anne</b>	<b>Graham</b>

Sheldon asked all councillors to be aware that Chrissies hours have been exceeding her remuneration and that a way forward should be discussed at a future meeting.

### **District Council report**

**Claire had already apologised for being late, as she had attended another meeting first**

Claire reported that

- There is now to be a bottle bank at Bird in Hand, this will be in addition to the one at the village hall.
- Audit commission report that South Norfolk is performing well.
- District council tax is at 0% increase.
- Finally, South Norfolk is still looking at co working with Breckland to keep costs low.

### **Correspondence**

Voluntary Norfolk – no action agreed by all

### **AOB**

Sheldon reported that there had been a couple of break in's in the village: Barhale site and a property on Ashwellthorpe road. There has also been theft of oil on the industrial estate.

Meeting closed 22.24