

Wreningham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2010

Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present:

Sheldon Durant
Graham Crummett
Donald Whiterod
Anne Riches

In Attendance:

Chrissie Baldwin
Jeff Stevenson (planning subcommittee)
Christine Minns

230. Apologies

Claire Stevens
Barry Jarvis
Justin Grady – apology for lateness

231. Declaration of interest

None

232. Glebe Land

Sheldon and Chrissie met with Ed King and Jeremy Fuller (Iceni Developments) on 9th February, about the Glebe Land 2007 approved plan.

There are to be 5 dwellings. Ed and Jeremy showed both Sheldon and Chrissie where these are to be sited. Chrissie and Sheldon looked at 1 pond.

Sheldon enquired about the boundary to pig farm property. The boundary belongs to the pig farm and remains their responsibility. Jeremy stated that the owner of the pig farm does not wish to have the hedge disturbed in any way.

The drainage was discussed. Jeremy and Ed showed a plan for a water harvesting system which they are hoping to have agreed with South Norfolk Council. This will remove the need to pipe the waste water, (other than waste for the sewage system, which is using the new sewage scheme soon to be instated in the village) to the Beck. It should be noted that this water harvesting system has now been approved by South Norfolk Council.

The hedge (recently removed) at the front of the site facing the road 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 up kept 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 them to be able to support some of the projects.

Iceni 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.

Open Forum

Residents said that the replacement of some Trees on the Glebe land would be nice. It was asked what type of hedging they are putting in. Sheldon stated that Icen developments had said they would replace with indigenous hedging.

A resident asked about the number of lorries at busy school times, mud on road and water runoff. Sheldon said that Chrissie will ask them to limit the lorries at school drop off times to alleviate the traffic issue brought forward from the resident.

Dog fouling on the reading room corner - Several residents complained about the dog fouling on the reading room corner. The possible owner was discussed and it was agreed that Chrissie would put a note in the mardle and contact South Norfolk environmental health team.

Julie Miles asked what we are doing about the Golden Jubilee booklets. (She still has several at her own home) she asked if the council could distribute foc to all householders. The councillors agreed to put an advertisement onto the website, people can contact Wreningham.org to buy them for £1.50 each. It was suggested that a note go into the mardle advertising them. It was also agreed to review this at a future meeting.

A resident said that she was attending on several peoples behalf to discuss garden waste. Several residents seem to have problems getting rid of garden refuse and suggested that we look into having a burning site somewhere suitable. Or as an alternative to contact a mobile shredding company and shred for residents.

Sheldon reminded that we looked at a composting site and had no interest. It may be that we should look at a project again and see if we can get someone on board. To advertise on the website for volunteers to get involved in such a scheme.

Some discussion was had with residents present regarding the repairing of the verges now that the sewage project is coming to an end. Residents wished to see the following:

- Speed limits passing places etc...
- Signs asking for no driving onto verges
- Consideration given to traffic calming measures.
- Protection of verges whilst the grass grows.

A resident highlighted the bad road conditions – they believe due to the sewage works on Hethel road opposite Holly House.

The work promised to be done outside Rushcroft, is still outstanding what is happening about this?

Chrissie said that she would contact John from highways to ensure that those issues related to the sewage project are dealt with.

Action

Chrissie to contact Icen developments to ask them to limit lorries over the period of school drop of and pick up, and to ensure that mud is cleared from the road.

Chrissie to contact Environmental health regarding dog fouling issues on the Reading Room corner.

Barry to put notice on website to advertise Golden Jubilee booklets at £1.50 per booklet - To review at a future meeting

Barry to ask for volunteers(on the website) to look at a scheme such as shredding garden waste or community composting.

Chrissie to continue to liaise with Barhale/Sarah Hill/Highways to ensure that the snagging and making good is done as the project comes to an end.

233. Matters arising

Fuel trust representative. Sheldon reported that Harvey Day has volunteered to be the parish representative on the fuel trust committee.

Action

Sheldon/Chrissie to notify Christine Minns with Fuel trust representative

Wind turbine

Jill Maidment attended the meeting on behalf of the village hall committee. She has been responsible for the funding bid and work surrounding the wind turbine project. Gill stated that since our last meeting she was able to report that:

- The general running costs and maintenance costs would not be burden as provision will come from savings made.
- Manufacturers said that it was practically impossible for someone to climb up it.
- The mast is aTilt up, tilt down mast. This makes maintenance much easier.
- With foundations it is very stable; Jill showed pictures of same type masts in schools and other public places, however, bollards around it would ensure extra safety in the car park.
- The turbine will be position so that it tilts Longways, across the car park towards the road. This was sited by the solar energy people.
- Anchorage point 15m for a 15 m point the councillors were very concerned that this would be an issue. The company seem to think that it is feasible to put entirely on the car park. Feed.
- The village hall would reserve a sum each year for maintenance and replacement costs.

Michael reported that he did a door to door in Wreningham of those most likely to be affected by the turbine. No one had an issue with proposed project.

Sheldon read out a letter from the nearest neighbour expressing her view that she is not opposed to it.

Michael (parish council rep on vhc) reported that it's free and going to make a statement, it was mentioned in the parish plan. (Small wind turbines) shows a commitment to making good use of free energy.

There was general concern by all councillors of repairs and replacements which seem not to be have been considered by the village hall committee. Sheldon reminded all that the turbine would be VHC asset on parish council land. Sheldon asked if there was a more suitable position for the turbine as it does not have to be sited directly next to the village hall - Is right to have a wind turbine in middle of car park? Some discussion took place over possible relevant sites.

Sheldon proposed that if these conditions are satisfied should we be supporting it? It does not seem to be an issue for residents and the village hall no longer have an issue for repairs and replacement. Graham said that if it can physically fit on the car park than we should agree. Justin said that planning would flush out any potential difficulties.

Parish council approved it subject to planning permission. Propose Donald, seconded by Graham, Gill to speak to Chrissie about applying for planning permission.

Action

Chrissie to liaise with Jill Maidment over the planning application which is to be made by the parish council.

District councillor report

Claire was unable to attend the meeting however, emailed Chrissie to report that there was nothing to table at the meeting.

Parish Plan

Oil purchasing scheme - Michael reported that Garient is still progressing this.

Playground group

Gill Hustler and her team have a meeting tomorrow (daytime) with 3 different suppliers. They have involved young people through school, playgroup and youth group. (The councillors were all very impressed with letters on notice boards around the Margaret Preston room, from young people asking for different facilities on the land).

Sewage project

There is lots of snagging (making good) to do before Barhale leave the village. The project is nearly completed. Anglian water have asked the council to remind people not to connect to the sewers until they receive a letter asking them to, otherwise some poor workman will be covered in raw sewage! There was some discussion about what snagging is being done. Chrissie will continue to communicate with both John (the person responsible for works done by utilities companies from the Highways department at NCC and Sarah Hill, who is responsible for land).

Action

Chrissie to continue to communicate with all those involved in the project to ensure works are completed.

Playing field

A play area notification for inspection was tabled. All councillors agreed that we should get them to inspect the playing field this year.

BTCV – Chrissie read out a letter from the BTCV asking if we would like voluntary conservation work done in the community. All councillors agreed that it was a good thing to progress. It was agreed that Chrissie find out what they could do for us and bring to a future meeting.

Action

Chrissie to notify for inspection

Chrissie to contact BTCV and bring information to a future meeting

Highways

Donald reported that there are still issues outside of Sheldon's gate. This has been outstanding for some time and Highways should have been out to assess it for progress. Chrissie to follow this up.

It was agreed that all other Highways issues have been discussed as part of the sewage project and Open forum - Chrissie to continue working with Highways and Anglian water to get works done before the end of the project.

Action

Chrissie to ask about progress on subsidence on Wymondham road by Sheldon's property

Planning

Geoff presented the council with the planning sub committees comments regarding the planning applications submitted.

Birch House – approved Anne proposed, Michael seconded, No comments

Greendrift – refused, 1. The extension design does not seem in keeping with the original building, the flat box design does not lend itself to the other properties in the immediate area. 2. The extension is right up to the boundary. 3. There is a tree preservation order on the tree at the front of the property, proposed Donald, seconded Justin

Glenesk – approved, Donald proposed, Justin seconded the councillors felt it a sympathetic extension that fits into the other houses in the village.

White gables farm, approved, Proposed Anne Seconded Justin, no comments

Sheldon thanked Geoff and his team for their hard work on the planning applications, as it makes the role for councillors much easier and gives a more in depth view from residents.

Environmental issue

Justin reported that there is a lot of litter, along Ashwellthorpe road, a discussion following this was had by councillors. It was agreed that Chrissie would contact Environmental Health at South Norfolk

Sheldon reported that a house has been sold on Wymondham road and a survey done which revealed that ecoli is present in the water used from the bore hole.

Action

Chrissie to contact Environmental Health regarding the rubbish.

234. Telephone kiosk

Chrissie reported back from the meeting she attended about buying the kiosk for £1. There were many issues from this meeting. The main points were highlighted as:

- Although the telephone box may be moved, it would require planning permission which would be a cost to the council. Moving the box may damage it.
- BT will pay the electricity connection for the first 5 years and then this would be a cost for the council this is currently just over £200 per year and does not include the actual cost of electricity which is currently around £20 per year. If you require the electricity to be removed from the box there will be a disconnection fee which the council would be responsible for. Cost for this is unknown and dependent on the company but other parishes reported that this has been quoted well in excess £200.
- When adopting the box ownership transfers to the parish council and can only be sold onto another local authority. It cannot be sold for any other reason or for profit.
- The box will be adopted as is and the parish is then responsible for any repairs
- Some boxes are painted with Red lead paint and this has various health and safety responsibilities to the owners (who would be the parish council if it applies to our own box). BT are not responsible for telling councils if individual boxes have red lead paint
- You can use the box for any purpose that the council see fit; however, it must be checked to see if planning permission is required for change of use.

There was also lots of discussion at the meeting about who owns the land underneath the box. The removal of the telephone may mean that the parish is liable to pay the owner of the land rent for the space used. (It should be noted that the land that the telephone box in question in Wreningham sits on belongs to the Highway and no rent will be sought)

There is a long transfer agreement available to download from the website. Sheldon suggested that he look at this agreement and bring his comments to a future council meeting.

Action

Chrissie to print off transfer agreement for Sheldon to look at and bring to a future meeting.

School

Chrissie reported that Mr Burbage is resigning to take up a new headship at Poringland primary school from September 2010. Anne proposed that the council write to thank him for his support to the village in his time as Head at the Primary School. All councillors agreed.

Chrissie also reported the new fence put in place of the very overgrown trees at the end of the school field by the neighbouring house. This was done in consultation with the neighbours.

Chrissie also reported that the school is nearly full (full is 105 and currently there are 101 pupils on roll). Space is at a premium and the school is looking at their options and have asked for some audits on their whole school space and requirements for a school of this size. Currently

60% of children attending the school come from the catchment area which is, Ashwellthorpe, Wreningham and Fundenhall.

Action

Chrissie to write to Mr Burbage to thank him for his support whilst head at the primary school.

247. Finance

Anne proposed that we need a further signatory. We still have Donald Anne and Les as signatories which Anne said is quite difficult as Les has now not been a councillor for several years! Chrissie is unable to liaise with the bank over this issue as she is not a signatory. Barry was due to be a signatory however, for some reason this has not happened. Anne suggested that if Barry does not wish to be a signatory anymore than someone else should put themselves forward. Michael volunteered to be an additional signatory if required. Seconded by Donald.

Company	Details	Expenditure	Proposed	Seconded
NPFA	Playing field assoc	£20	Anne	Justin
Christine Baldwin	Clerks 6 month Remuneration pending the appraisal review to regularise it for working on special projects	£ 1157.18	Anne	Michael
Sheldon Durant	Balloons for use on wind turbine project	11.96	Graham	Donald
*CAB	Contribution	75.00	Donald	Michael

***Contribution takes account of the volume used.**

AOB

A member of the public has given some EDP reports and a letter from SNDC from the gypsy and traveller site proposal to Michael. It was proposed by Michael that this information goes onto the website for all to view. All councillors agreed.

Notice boards. Sheldon reported that the notice boards need updating and repairing. Chrissie said that the notice boards are quite hard to manage as there are a number of key holders and Chrissie cannot really reach to put up notices properly. The councillors suggested a stool! Chrissie said that Michael (Baldwin) has repaired the Perspex in the notice boards twice before and would volunteer to do them again if the council were willing to purchase the Perspex. All councillors agreed. Once done, Chrissie will sort out the notices.

Action

Barry to put reports and information about progress on gypsy and travellers site on website.

Chrissie to make good the notice boards and bring them up to date once the notice board is repaired.

Meeting closed 22.30