WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

<u>Minutes</u>

Minutes of the meeting held on on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at Wrabness Village Hall.

Present: Mrs. J Cole, Mr H Jones (Vice Chairman), Mr. F McGowan and Miss R Thornton

Apologies for Absence: Mr R Colley, Miss L Taylor and Mr G Watkins.

3223. Proclamation of King Charles III: The Proclamation of the accession of our new King dated 10 September 2022 had been

displayed and publicised at Wrabness by the Parish Council.

3224. Declarations of interest: none

Public Forum - no members of the public were present.

3225. Minutes: of the meeting held on: Wednesday 27th September 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed

3226. Matters arising and actions:

A. Parish Council requests to Local Highways Panel for action (3213) – Our District Councillor provided a written update:

i: Speed Limits – Scheme LTEN212003 Cancelled. The Parish Council consider this request should be revisited by the LHP now some homes are occupied on the new housing estate. We recommend a fresh speed and volume survey is undertaken by highway officers. Action: Parish Clerk submit updated request for review of speed limits to the LHP.

ii: Parking issues: Wall Lane, Church Road, Rectory Road – Scheme LTEN212004 No Validation for a highway survey on file. The Parish Council propose to go back to our own advisory notices for badly parked cars. Action Mr. F McGowan to prepare advisory notice for our next meeting.

iii: Uplifting pavement on Harwich Road – Scheme LTEN213002 P1 - £16,000 ECC budget has been allocated for repairs. Mr F McGowan reported he had spoken with a ECC highways engineer who confirmed the only section of pavement considered bad enough for repair is a short stretch adjacent to the field which will be kerbed and resurfaced after the clearance of soil. The position was noted. The Parish Council expressed disappointment that other nearby Harwich Road pavement defects were not being repaired this project.

iv: Replacement Village sign – Harwich Road/ Wheatsheaf Lane junction. Scheme request LTEN212002 has now moved up to P1 and allocated a budget of £15k. The engineers have added gateways, siding out the bus stop clearing it of overgrown vegetation and removal of the redundant bus stop post, with an estimated completion of Q4 Jan – March 2023. The Parish Council requested a replacement 'Wrabness' sign to replace the aged damaged sign on Harwich Road. The LHP should be informed we strongly object to public money being spent on additional vanity highway furniture, when funds cannot be made available to resolve existing highway problems. There is a major disconnect between ECC highways actions and parish council requests regarding highway repairs and attention to existing defective signage in the parish. Our requests tend to be ignored but in this case have been morphed into additional street furniture we did not request in the first place. Action: Parish Clerk

B. Highways issues reported to Essex County Council online. – (3213) i: Defective manhole cover near Red Barn corner: ii: Signage defects Harwich Road including crossroads iii] demolished wall at crossroads.

- C. Wheatsheaf Lane traffic: (3213) Awaiting meeting with ECC.
- D. Footpaths: (3213) extra footpath way marker discs. No response from ECC.
- E. Monitoring highway issues arising from housing development (3197). Ongoing.

F. Litter and Waste:

Additional Dog Waste Bin (3213) The new Wheatsheaf Lane bin has been added to the weekly litter collection round. TDC have introduced charges for emptying additional installations of litter bins and dog waste bins The current annual service

charge is £89.10 + VAT per additional bin and is linked to RPI uplift. The Parish Council is unlikely to install additional bins due the increasing cost pressures and wondered why it had not been installed on the highway frontage.

3227. Planning Application Update: No new planning applications have been notified since the last meeting The current position

on outstanding applications is summarised below:

A. 22/00720/FUL Fields off Harwich Road Wrabness CO11 2UA Proposed erection of two barns including solar panels and rainwater storage. Status: Refused.

B. 22/00080/FUL Hut 16 East Beach The Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB Proposed construction of a new beach hut for holiday use. Status: Pending

C. 21/01891/FUL Broadfields Primrose Hill Wrabness CO11 2TZ - Proposed change of use of former forge building to dwelling. Status: Pending

D. 21/01519/FUL - Site 13 East Foreshore Wrabness CO11 2BB - Proposed construction of a new beach chalet on the site of a similar construction destroyed by fire in June 2020. Status Pending

3228. Parish Clerk Vacancy: The post has been re-advertised and applications invited.

3229. Draft Budget 2023/2024: It was agreed to form a Budget Committee to prepare draft budget report for consideration at the

next meeting comprising R Colley, H. Jones and Miss L. Taylor.

3230. Notifications:

A. Tendring District Association of Local Councils: the receipt of minutes of the recent meeting was noted.

B. Mark Nowers of RSPB has offered to introduce himself to the parish council to talk about local nature conservation work and opportunities to work with people in the village and wider community. It was agreed to invite him to the November meeting to give a short talk and publicise this locally as the talk would be of wider interest.

Action: Parish Clerk

C. Warm Hubs TDC Public Health Improvement Co-ordinator is co-ordinating local places where there may be a warm hub operating this winter across the District. They plan to share information with residents.

3231. Any Other Business:

A question was raised about about siting a bottle bank adjacent to the Village Hall.

3232. Reports:

WRABNESS PLAYING FIELD Recent Jumble Sale at the Village Hall raised £434 for the Playing Field

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH A Police Street Meet with visiting PCSO's is planned at the Community Cafe on Wednesday 26 October.

3233. Accounts and monies received:

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT	CQ No.
		Wrabness Village Hall October Meeting	£15.00	1192
		TDC Annual fee for emptying additional dog litter bin	£106.92	1193

3234. Confirmation of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance as at 2nd October £4,620.64 Deposit Account: Balance as at 19th Sept

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£6,722.58
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Meeting closed at: 8.30pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.