



WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm

Present: Mr. R Colley (Vice Chairman), Mr. H Jones, Mr. F McGowan, Mrs. J Cole, Mrs. L Byrne.

In Attendance : Mrs. C Greenwood (Parish Clerk)

2961 Apologies for absence: Ms. R Thornton, Mr. M Cole (Chairman),

2962: Declaration of interests: none

2963: Public forum: The public forum was closed, and meeting opened.

2964: Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 were agreed as a true record.

2965 Matters arising and actions.

a. Speed Limits: (2947, a) carried forward to next meeting:

Action Mr. M Cole

b. Parking issues: Wall Lane, Church Road, Rectory Road (2947, b) carried forward to next meeting:

Action Mr. M Cole

c. Speed reduction stickers (2947, c) Update; couple more stickers sold, will remove from shop and readvertise in April:

Action Mrs. L Byrne

d. Wheatsheaf Lane Traffic: (2947, e) No further action until lockdown restrictions lifted, but have been assured that this is still on Councillor Carlo Guglielmi's action list:

Action Ms. R Thornton

e. Playing Field: (2947, d)

(i) Replacement of damaged fence panel. Update from Mrs. L Byrne. The fence has been replaced and anti-vandal paint has been put on.

(ii) Risk Assessment measures: Mr. R Colley gave an update: On 28th November a COVID-19 risk assessment was completed, and the playing field was reopened on the 7th December.

(iii) Reopening of Playing Field: Update from Mrs. L Byrne: A few children have been using the playing field along with older children/adults playing football. No problems have been reported.

f. Please Pick Up After Your Dog Signs: At the last meeting it was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there has been an increase of dog owners not picking up after their dogs. It was agreed the Parish Council would look into the cost of customising their own signage asking dog owners to clean up. Mrs. L Byrne gave an update: 3 different designs have been produced. It was agreed to reduce the size to approximate 10 cm and to ask for a quote from Autoprint for 6 of each design. All Agreed.

Action: Mrs. L Byrne, Mr. R Colley, Mr. H Jones

2966: Open space, land South of Station Road, Wrabness (2948): Mr R Colley gave an update: The relevant documents have been vetted by our solicitors and signed on behalf of the Parish Council. The Variation to the Section 106 agreement has been engrossed by TDC requiring the developer to landscape the village green and gift the land to the Parish Council The deed of transfer to gift the land to the Parish Council is now complete. Once 75% of the houses have been built/occupied Wrabness Parish Council will receive the gift of land.

2967: Wrabness Parish Council Budget for 2021/2022 and precept requirement: (2949) At the last meeting the Budget had been set for 2021/22, information was being awaited from Tendring District Council before the precept calculation could be finalised. This has now been received and it was agreed the precept for 2021/22 will be £5537.00. This is a decrease of £8 compared with last year but due to the TDC published formula represents an increase of 2% in Parish Council tax precept for Wrabness households.

Action: Parish Clerk

2968: Wrabness Parish Council Website: BT, the website host for Wrabness Parish Council, is withdrawing its service on 24th May 2021. Mr. R Colley will research a new host and relevant costs.

Action: Mr. R Colley

2969 (Wrabness Environmental Award: (2952): After discussion it was proposed that Joe Seaman should be put forward for this year's Environmental Award in recognition of his contribution to improving the environment for the benefit of others in the village by planting trees on land adjacent to Harwich Road, Wrabness. All Agreed.

Action: Mr R Colley

2970: Wrabness litter Pick: Due to lockdown restrictions, the annual litter pick to be deferred until further notice.

2971: Rats, Primrose Hill: reports had been shared by residents – rats are a regular problem in rural areas particularly where food left out for livestock is accessible. – TDC has outsourced their pest control service to contractors which is available as a chargeable service for householders

2972: Planning Applications:

(a) 20/01730/FUL - Holbrook View Rectory Road Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TS: Demolition of side extension and addition of side and rear extensions to existing house.
No objections: All Agreed:

Action: Parish Clerk

(b) 20/01776/HHPNOT | Single storey rear extension, 5m depth and 3.1m height. | Newlands Primrose Hill Wrabness Manningtree Essex CO11 2TZ: INFORMATION ONLY: NO COMMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

2973; Application updates: No updates

2974: Notifications:

(a) Census 2021 - A census has taken place in England every ten years since 1801 (with exception of 1941) A census gathers information about our society so that appropriate services can be put in place for everyone. The next census official census date is Sunday 21st March 2021, which for the first time can be completed online at any time from the beginning of March 2021.

The census is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) which operates completely independently of the government and of any private sector interests. No personal data is sold nor is it shared with any other government departments. Detailed information from the census is only released after 100 years. Householders will receive a letter with a unique access code to complete the census online using any device. The paper option will still be available if needed. For more information go to: <https://census.gov.uk/> or phone 01329 444972.

Poster to be displayed on Wrabness Council Notice Board:

Action: Mr R Colley

(a) Covid 19 current alert level: National Lockdown: New National Restrictions update 5th January, For more information and detailed guidance visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home> or www.tendringdc.gov.uk/coronavirus

(b) COVID 19 Community Testing: Covid-19 community testing is available targeted at people without coronavirus symptoms who cannot work from home, and their families, provided they live or work in Tendring district.

This will help prevent and reduce transmission in the community through increasing the testing capacity and giving people who are asymptomatic (someone who doesn't have symptoms) an opportunity to be tested.

Community testing means anyone can get a free test and play their part in keeping others safe. Even though we are targeting those who cannot work from home and their families, we won't prevent others who live or work in Tendring from collecting tests.

Lateral Flow (rapid) Testing **For those who DO NOT have symptoms of Covid-19.**

The centre is at **Long Meadows Community Centre, Long Meadows, Dovercourt, CO12 4US**, and is for **Tendring residents**. Tests, which give results in around 30 minutes, are by appointment only **and bookings should be made online:**

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-covid-19/if-you-dont-have-symptoms>

Booking online should be the quickest and most effective option for residents seeking a Lateral Flow Test, but if you're not able to book using the online form you can call **0333 772 6144** to arrange an appointment. Lines are open from 8am to 8pm, every day including weekends. You can also

email: booking.confirmation@nhs.net(link sends e-mail) and a member of staff will contact you to arrange an appointment.

If you test positive, you must self-isolate and request a PCR test as if you have symptoms.

(d) Grants available to help Essex residents self-isolate.

ECC is providing extra funding to city, district and borough councils in the county to help people who need to self-isolate to stay at home. The funds ECC have been able to access come from the Government's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) which is aimed to support city, borough and district councils with their test and trace isolation payments schemes. The funds can be accessed by residents by making an application on the local city, district or borough website. Follow the link to your local council at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>.

(e) New funding to cut fuel bills and help tackle climate change: A Government grant has been awarded to Essex County Council and seven of the county's city, district and borough councils to install insulation and energy efficient heating in Essex homes. The funding is designed to support local authorities to help homeowners and landlords install energy saving measures in homes across Essex.

To be eligible for up to £10,000 grant, homes to be improved should be currently rated as Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) E, F or G and the household income below £30,000

Residents can check their eligibility for the funding and, if applicable, apply for the grant by emailing Aran Insulation at info@arangroup.co.uk or calling 0800 587 7795.

2975: Information Only:

(a) Parish Council Meetings: Public meetings are still not possible due to the pandemic. Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom as an alternative. The Parish Council will keep the matter under review in line with EALC advice.

(b) Message from Essex Police – Tendring District: Please be aware of fraudsters sending out emails and texts offering COVID vaccines. The following message is an example of such a message that was received by a resident in Essex: "NHS – We have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For information and to apply, follow here"
Please note COVID vaccines are free.

2976: Any Other Business

- a. Playing Field Covid Notice Boards -Autoprint - £60.00 (including VAT) - All agreed to pay invoice.
- b. December 2020 Newsletter printing – Autoprint - £89.00 – All agreed to pay

2977: Reports:

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| HIGHWAYS: Mr H Jones: Manhole cover near Red barn, on highway land at Main Road needs a cover. Action: Mr H Jones | MICRO GRANTS: monthly grant up to £500.00: Nothing to report. |
| VILLAGE HALL: Update Mr H Jones: a. Village Hall remains closed. b. Applied for a grant to help with the running costs – the village hall has had no income for 10 months due to COVID-19. | WPFA: see item 2965 e |
| FORESHORE: Update from Mr R Colley: contractors are tidying up the site where 5 huts were burnt down last year. | STATION GARDEN: Update from Mrs J Cole: Children have been climbing on the bug hotel – it was suggested to put a notice asking not to climb on the bug hotel. Action Mrs J Cole |
| PUBLIC HEALTH: update from Ms R Thornton: see item 2974 d – COVID 19 Community Testing: Notice displayed in Village Shop. | NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Mr H Jones gave an update: a. Warning from police that there has been an increase in bank scams. This could be a fake text, email or phone call: If you receive a message asking you to transfer or withdraw money contact your bank direct. b. See item 2975, b – COVID vaccine scam: |
| KIOSK: (JC) Christmas tree been removed and replaced with a few plants; The Parish would like to thank Janette Porter for looking after the plants in the Kiosk. | TRANSPORT: Mr R Colley gave an update: The community transport service is available to take Wrabness residents for vaccine injections at Harwich Hospital. |
| FOOTPATHS (a) Footpaths on the Harwich Road, uplifting pavement: contact Councillor Carlo Guglielmi: carried forward: Action Mr. M Cole (b) Obstruction a long Harwich Road footpath, Council Cottage and Wells Cottage: Mr. M Cole produced to polite notices for windscreens if parking causing obstruction –Mr. F McGowan placed a notice on the van that was | OPEN SPACE, Land South of Station Road: see item 2966 |

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| obstruction along the footpath –the van has since been moved. | |
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2978: Accounts and monies received:

| RECEIVED | AMOUNT | DISBURSEMENTS | AMOUNT | CQ |
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| | | Playing Field Covid Notice Boards -Autoprint | £60.00 | 1141 |
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2979 Confirmations of Account Balances:

Current Account: Balance on 20th December 2020: £5183.99

Deposit Account: Balance on 20th December 2020: £6681.81

Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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Meeting Closed @ 21.06