

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Great Wrattling Parish Council held at 7.45 pm on 20th September 2017
at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wrattling, Suffolk

Councillors Present: Keith Turner (KT) (Chairman), Gavin Acheson (GA) (Vice-Chairman), Tim Hayes (TH), Steven Robinson (SR)

In Attendance:
Richard Bowler, Clerk

1. PUBLIC FORUM (15 MINUTES)
None
2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies had been received from Cllr Fisk.
3. RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None were received.
4. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS
It was agreed that this item would be taken later in the agenda.
5. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17th August 2017
The Clerk reported that these had not yet been completed.
6. GREAT WRATTING PARISH WEBSITE
The Clerk updated the Council, saying that he had applied for a OneSuffolk website and was awaiting a password.
7. THE VILLAGE LINK
There was nothing to report.
8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
 - i) DC/17/1759/TCA – Application to fell tree (blue cedar) in conservation area
Bell House, Withersfield Road, Great Wrattling CB9 7HD
It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections.

(8 p.m. Borough Cllr Jane Midwood joined the meeting)
4. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS (resumed)
 - b) St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Cllr Midwood gave her report:
 - The Borough Council was voting soon on the proposed merger with Forest Heath District Council. If it goes ahead it is likely to be effective from 2019. The combined total of 75 councillors would be reduced to 64, which would require a Boundary Commission review.
 - A decision was due soon on the siting of the new West Suffolk "operational hub".
 - The Borough Council was consulting on the Bury Town Master Plan; she asked the Parish Council to make its views known.
 - Locality grants: she still has money available for local projects.

(8.10 p.m. Cllr Midwood left the meeting)

Signed (Vice Chairman)

Date

9. HIGHWAYS

a) VAS – Report on VAS data

Cllr Robinson reported that there had been one-third less traffic during the school holidays.

(8.13 p.m. County Cllr Mary Evans joined the meeting)

4. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS (resumed)

a) Suffolk County Council

Cllr Evans gave her report:

- She reminded the Parish Council about the open meeting she had arranged in Clare on October 10 with the local senior Police officer. She hopes to invite someone to discuss rights of way at a meeting in the Spring.
- The Highways Dept was now centralised at Rougham. She hoped local people would use the online facility to report any problems.
- The County Council was reviewing the provision of school transport. The proposal was that free transport would be provided to the nearest school which had a place available. There would be consultation.

(8.40 p.m. Cllr Evans left the meeting)

10. FINANCE

a) To receive and approve payments since last meeting and authorise any cheques for signature

The following payments were approved:

ref	payee	details	amount
0180	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (Aug 2017)	£164.80
0181	The Village Link	Nov 2016-Nov 2017	£510.00

b) Confirm end-of-year financial reconciliation

Inaccuracies in the bank reconciliation were noted. In order to finalise this document it was agreed that an extra ordinary Parish Council meeting would be held on 26 September, with a limited agenda.

11. MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

a) Meeting with Chf Insp Danny Cooper (arranged by County Cllr Mary Evans), Oct 10
TH to attend.

TH

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

a) Financial calendar

The Clerk was asked to provide a financial timetable.

Clerk

13. WELCOME LETTER

TH's draft of a letter of welcome for people moving into the parish was approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next extra ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 26th September 2017.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Signed (Vice Chairman)

Date