

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Great Wrating Parish Council held in St Mary's Church, Great Wrating, on Monday 14th June 2021 at 6 pm

Councillors present:

Cllrs Terry Holloway (Chairman), Neil Curtis, Dawn Fisk, Tim Hayes and Barry Judge

Councillors absent:

Cllr Margaret May

The Clerk was also absent, as he was self-isolating because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In attendance:

District Cllr Peter Stevens

Public forum

No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept any apologies, with reasons for absence

Cllr May

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Hayes, as Chairman of the Village Fête Committee, declared an interest in Item 5.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Clerk to report on planning applications, District Council decisions, and appeals

a) Planning applications

DC/21/0938/FUL

Karro Food Group Ltd, Haverhill Road, Little Wrating CB9 7TD

Application for change of use from general industrial (class B2) to open air storage (class B8)

Applicant: Mr Nic Rumsey, 2A Greenwood Court, Skyliner Way, Bury St Edmunds IP32 7GY

Whilst noting the potential financial benefits, through employment, from this planning application, as well as the long-term development plans for the site, Great Wrating Parish Council is firmly opposed to the current application and any development on this part of the Karro Food Group site unless safety improvements are made to the junction between the A143 and the B1061 roads.

This is a notoriously dangerous junction, which is the scene of frequent accidents, some of which have been serious, and any increase in traffic, particularly involving heavy goods vehicles from the former Karro Food Group site, will make the existing problems worse. As an absolute minimum Great Wrating Parish Council considers that the current speed limit of 60 mph on the A143 at this point should be reduced to 40 mph. However, it is a straight road and the Parish Council believes that many drivers will choose to ignore a lower speed limit unless speed cameras are installed. Therefore it also considers that there is much merit in the existing junction being replaced by a roundabout.

Furthermore, the Parish Council is concerned that this application, if successful, will result in more traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, travelling through Great Wrating on the B1061 towards Newmarket. The hill out of Great Wrating towards Thurlow is very narrow and is also the site of countless accidents. Therefore, in step with any development of the former Karro site, some improvements also need to be made to this

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road unless all traffic associated with the development is restricted to the A143 road as a condition of the application being approved.

Additionally, the Parish Council believes the B1061 road should be removed from the strategic transport route listings.

Finally, if B8 approval is given for this site the Parish Council requests that no traffic is permitted to enter or leave the site between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

4. BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

To consider a response to the Boundary Commission's proposals for changes to Division boundaries

Following a discussion it was agreed that there was no need for the Parish Council to respond.

5. GRANT APPLICATION

To consider request from Great Wratting Village Fête Committee for a grant of £305 to pay for the hire of a bouncy castle for the Village Picnic

RESOLVED that a grant of £305 should be made to the Great Wratting Village Fête Committee to pay for the hire of a bouncy castle for the Village Picnic planned for the summer. (prop THo, 2nd DF. THa abst.)

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a) District Cllr Peter Stevens confirmed that monies were available from his Locality Budget to go towards the cost of village projects. It was agreed that:

- i) Cllr Judge would give the Clerk the details needed to apply for funds to go towards the cost of the bench being installed in memory of George Sykes.
- ii) Cllr Fisk would give the Clerk the details needed to apply for funds to go towards the cost of re-painting the Village Sign.

It was noted that both applications should be made by the Clerk as soon as possible.

- b) AGREED that District Cllr Stevens would make representation to West Suffolk District Council on the Parish Council's behalf expressing concerns that promised trees and shrubs to screen the Anglian Water development in Little Wratting were inadequate; most of the trees, apart from one, had died and no shrubs had been planted on the bank.
- c) AGREED that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 (instead of Wednesday 21st July) at 7.30 p.m. in Withersfield Village Hall, when it was hoped that the Clerk would be able to attend.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7 pm.

BJ
Clerk

DF
Clerk

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