

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wrating Parish Council on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7 pm
at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wrating CB9 7HD

Councillors present:

Cllrs Diana Curtis (Chairman), Terry Holloway (Vice-Chairman), Neil Curtis, Dawn Fisk and Margaret May

In attendance:

District Cllr Peter Stevens, West Suffolk District Council (for part of meeting)

Richard Bowler (Parish Clerk)

Public forum:

There were no members of the public present.

1.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To accept any apologies with reasons for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Griffin and Hayes.	
2.	<u>MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> To receive members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda None	
3.	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)</u> To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2019 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20 th November 2019 were approved, subject to minor changes.	Clerk
4.	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Welcome pack: Cllr Hayes is updating the information sheet given to new residents. VE Day 2020: The Chairman has not yet been able to contact the Chairmen of neighbouring Parish Councils about any plans they may have to mark the 75 th anniversary of VE Day. Litter near Karro site: The Chairman will not contact Karro at present about litter as it appears that action had been taken. The situation will be monitored. The condition of the wall at the site will be discussed at the next meeting. Dog waste bin at junction of Moor Pasture Way and Withersfield Road: District Cllr Stevens offered to investigate the possibility of West Suffolk Council providing a bin. White 'gates' at village entrances: The Clerk is to get prices. 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs on Withersfield Road: The Chairman was waiting for a response from County Cllr Mary Evans about this. Asset register: Clerk to circulate to Parish Councillors. Minutes: It was agreed that draft minutes of Parish Council meetings should be displayed on the village noticeboards.	THa DC DC PS Clerk DC Clerk DF/ Clerk
5.	<u>LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS</u> a) Suffolk County Council County Cllr Mary Evans was not able to attend the meeting. b) West Suffolk Council District Cllr Peter Stevens' report included the following points:	

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- i) Responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions will be transferred from the Police to the District Council on 6th April. Cllr Stevens said the focus would be on rural hotspots as well as towns, and should make roads safer.
- ii) The new waste 'hub' in Bury St Edmunds has opened and new waste and recycling collection rounds have been introduced. A new recycling centre will open soon in Bury St Edmunds. The position regarding recycling facilities in Haverhill, which are provided by the County Council, is kept under review.
- iii) Great Wratting could benefit from a grant from his Locality Budget. The Chairman and Cllr Griffin will liaise about a possible use for it.
- iv) He understands that the County Council may be carrying out a review of HGV routes in the area.

DC/BG

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

a) Planning applications

(i) DCON(B)/09/1283

Application to Discharge Conditions B5 (roads and footpaths), B11 (highways surface water), B12 (details of road), B18 (ground levels), B22 (foul water) and B23 (sustainable urban drainage) of SE/09/1283 – Land Nw of Haverhill, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wratting

Noted

(ii) DCON(E)/16/2836

Application to Discharge Conditions 5 (materials) of DC/16/2836/RM – Land Nw of Haverhill, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wratting

Noted

b) Planning decisions

None

c) Planning appeals

None

The Parish Council is concerned about the size of the new pumping station being built by Anglian Water at the junction of the A143 and the Kedington-Great Wratting road. It is to ask for assurances that the site will be landscaped so that it is hidden as much as possible and that light pollution is kept to a minimum.

Clerk

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

a) Update on Neighbourhood Watch scheme (Claire Egloff, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

Claire Egloff sent her apologies as she was not able to attend the meeting, but said she would be happy to answer any questions which the Parish Council had.

The Parish Council put on record its gratitude for the work she does in connection with Neighbourhood Watch and welcomes her commitment to the village.

The Chairman will try to arrange a meeting with her.

DC

b) Request from Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association for suggested £50 donation

A decision on this was postponed until Councillors have been able to meet Claire Egloff.

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8. **HIGHWAYS**
- a) **VAS^(THo)**
 Cllr Holloway said he hopes to be able to provide the Parish Council with VAS data soon, although downloading it was proving difficult. THo
9. **COMMUNICATIONS**
- a) **Potential alternative to village e-mail 'tree'**
 Cllr May suggested that communications with and between residents might be improved through the use of the website nextdoor.co.uk. Cllr Fisk, who manages the village's 'e-mail tree', will look into it. DF
- 'The Village Link'**
 Cllr Fisk said late deliveries of *The Village Link* to the Great Wratting delivery co-ordinator meant it could no longer be distributed door-to-door in the village. Instead, copies of the magazine will in future be left in the church porch and at the Red Lion pub, so that residents can help themselves. DF
10. **TRAINING**
- a) **SALC workshop on GDPR (Feb 17th)**
 Noted
11. **HERITAGE TRAIL**
 Cllr Holloway suggested that it might be possible to link a new 'Heritage Trail' to the Stour Valley Path. He will report back after having further discussions about it. THo
12. **FINANCE**
- a) **To receive the monthly financial report, including bank balances^(Clerk)**
 The Clerk presented the monthly financial report.
- b) **To agree the budget for 2020-21**
 The budget for 2020-21 was agreed (see Appendix A). Planned spending totals £15,185, of which £10,000 is to be taken from reserves.
- c) **To agree the precept for 2020-21**
 It was agreed that for 2020-21 the Parish Council would request a precept of £5,185.00. Clerk
- d) **To receive invoices and to authorise payments**
 The following payments were authorised:
- | | ref | payee | details | amount |
|------------|------|--------------------------|--|---------|
| 12(d)(i) | 0249 | Community Action Suffolk | Website hosting fee
(12 Sep 2019 – 11 Sep 2020) | £60.00 |
| 12(d)(ii) | 0250 | Richard Bowler | Clerk's salary (Nov 2019) | £178.57 |
| 12(d)(iii) | 0251 | Richard Bowler | Clerk's salary (Dec 2019) | £178.57 |
| 12(d)(iv) | 0252 | HMRC | PAYE (6 Oct 2019 - 5 Jan 2020) | £133.80 |
13. **MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**
- a) **Haverhill Area Forum, 5th February 2020**
 Cllr May will attend. Clerk/
MM
- b) **Grants to churches – NALC legal advice update**
 Noted
- c) **Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party**
 Noted
14. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
Councillors to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

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Items to be included:

- Heritage Trail
- Neighbourhood Watch donation
- nextdoor.co.uk (DF)
- tree-planting
- highways (THo) – safety blackspots, flooding, soft verges, verges below road level

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19th February 2020

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.16 pm.

Signed

Date