

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wratting Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 7 pm
at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD

Councillors present: Cllr Diana Curtis (Chairman), Cllr Terry Holloway (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Neil Curtis, Cllr Dawn Fisk, Cllr Beverley Griffin, Cllr Tim Hayes and Cllr Margaret May

In attendance:

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

Richard Bowler (Parish Clerk)

Public forum

There were no members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept any apologies with reasons for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18th September 2019 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) Noticeboards

Cllr Griffin had obtained two quotations for repainting the three noticeboards.

AGREED that a quotation of £322 from Andrew Clay would be accepted.

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b) Re-thatching of village sign

Cllr Griffin said a thatcher (Richard Mann) would be working in the village in the New Year.

AGREED that Cllr Griffin should ask him to quote for re-thatching the village sign.

BG

c) Asset register

Clerk to circulate.

Clerk

d) District Council

Cllr Griffin reported on a recent District Council meeting she attended.

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

a) Cllr Peter Stevens, West Suffolk Council

- i) Collection day for blue and black bins will probably change in early November. Every household will get a letter giving the dates. Collection dates for brown bins are unchanged.
- ii) Stour Valley Path: There are plans to improve it. He sits on the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Committee.
- iii) Parking enforcement by the District Council is expected to come into effect early next year.
- iv) The Chairman asked him about the problem of flooding near the new Persimmon development on the edge of Haverhill.

b) Suffolk County Council

There was no report from Suffolk County Council.

6. PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

To agree priorities for the coming year and beyond.

Deferred until later in the meeting.

12. VILLAGE PLAN

Cllr Holloway suggested that the Village Plan could in effect be the Parish Council's "mission statement".

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AGREED that a draft of the Village Plan is to be completed in time for the Parish Council meeting in April 2020, after which it will be circulated to residents, who will be invited to comment and/or to come to a Parish Council meeting to put forward their views. They will be encouraged to comment well in advance of the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2020, when this will be on the agenda.

It was suggested that it might be helpful to create a Facebook page, to improve communication with residents.

6. **PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

Cllr Holloway introduced this item, saying that the re-drafting of the Parish Council objectives was in hand. It was agreed that the objectives would in effect become an action plan for the Parish Council, while the Village Plan would involve the whole parish.

(7.29 pm Cllr May joined the meeting)

7. **VILLAGE LINK**

AGREED that this no longer needs to be a regular agenda item.

8. **HERITAGE TRAIL; STOUR VALLEY PATH 25th ANNIVERSARY**

It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to co-ordinate any activities with neighbouring parishes. Cllr Hayes will contact Mark Hardy, of Thurlow.

9. **SWIMMING AND CAR-WASHING NEAR FORD**

After a discussion it was agreed that the situation would be monitored but at present no action would be taken.

10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

a) Planning applications

i) DC/19/1991/OUT

The Fox Ph, Haverhill Road, Little Wratting

Outline Planning Application (Means of Access/ Appearance/Layout/Scale to be considered) - (i) Public house and restaurant (replacing existing public house) (ii) first floor staff flat in connection with ground floor pub/restaurant use.

Applicant: Mr Darren Pomfrett, Cloverley Road, Ongar

AGREED that the Parish Council has no objections and is pleased that the building will be used as a public house again and will revert to its former name.

ii) DC/15/2151/OUT

Land Ne Haverhill, Wilsey Road, Little Wratting

Proposal Reserved Matters Application - Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/15/2151/OUT (Residential development of up to 2,500 units (within use classes C2/C3); two primary schools; two local centres including retail, community and employment uses (with use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5, B1 and D1/D2; open space; landscaping and associated infrastructure)

Submission of details for the reserved matters access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 503 dwellings (parcels A1, A2 and A8) and associated internal roads, car parking, landscaping, amenity and public open space. Application to Partially Discharge Conditions 4 (Updated survey information), 6 (waste and recycling), 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan), 8 (Landscape), 15 (Open space strategy), 28 (Garage /parking provision), 30 (Travel Plan - Residential), 40 (Arboricultural method statement), 42 (Ecological implementation strategy), and 45 (Biodiversity monitoring) of DC/15/2151/OUT

Applicant: Mr Chris Gartland - Redrow Homes Ltd

This application was noted. Concern was expressed about additional traffic which would go through the villages, including Great Wratting, once the houses were

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occupied. There was also concern about HGVs using rural roads during the construction phase.

b) Planning decisions

- i) DC/19/1505/HH
Le Eadron, The Street, Great Wrating CB9 7HQ
Detached double garage with living accommodation above.
Applicants: David Ford and Carolyn Claxton

District Council decision: Approved

Noted

c) Planning appeals

None

11. HIGHWAYS

a) Possible installation of white "gates" at entrances to village

This is one of the Parish Council's draft objectives. The Clerk is to check with Highways as to how it could be achieved.

Clerk

b) VAS^(THo)

Cllr Holloway said the VAS equipment should be in place in Great Wrating again in November.

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12. VILLAGE PLAN

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

13. ASSET REGISTER

To review and update the asset register

The asset register is to be circulated by the Clerk.

Clerk

14. TREE-PLANTING

Tree-planting will form part of the draft objectives.

15. DEFIBRILLATOR

To approve the expenditure of c. £1,980 (excl. VAT) on defibrillator, cabinet, pads and batteries; and the additional cost of installation.

AGREED unanimously that the Parish Council should meet the cost of a defibrillator, and associated spares and other equipment (estimated at c. £1,980, excl. VAT), and of installation.^(prop MM, 2nd DF)

16. FINANCE

a) To receive the monthly financial report, including bank balances^(Clerk)

The RFO presented the financial report as at 30 September 2019, which was noted.

b) To receive invoices and to authorise payments

The following payments were approved:

	ref.	payee	details	amount
i	0245	HMRC	PAYE	£257.49
ii	0246	SALC	PAYE services (qtr ending 5.10.19)	£54.00
iii	0247	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (Sep 2019)	£178.37

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

It was mentioned that the bends and restricted width of Withersfield Road made it unsuitable for additional traffic, especially goods vehicles, and that the Parish Council should therefore support the proposals for a north-west by-pass for Haverhill and a new rail link with Cambridge.

18. ITEM(S) FOR NEXT MEETING

The following item is to be included in the agenda for the next meeting:

- To consider the possibility of a local event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day (8th May 2020)

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19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20th November 2019

20. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Date