

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wrattling Parish Council held in Thurlow Village Hall on Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7.30 pm

Councillors present:

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

Councillors absent:

None

In attendance:

Richard Bowler (Parish Clerk) (online)

Public forum

No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

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| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
To accept any apologies, with reasons for absence
None | |
| 2. | MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda
None | |
| 3. | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th September 2021
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29 th September 2021 were approved. (prop DF, 2nd MM) | |
| 4. | MATTERS ARISING
To consider matters arising from previous meetings
4(a) VAS signs: The Clerk gave an update on the application to have the VAS posts in School Road moved so that they are more visible.
4(b) Defibrillator: Cllr Hayes said payment was to be authorised later in the meeting. The Clerk said the suppliers had requested payment in advance of delivering the equipment. <i>(to be discussed further at Item 9)</i>
4(c) Heritage Trail: Cllr Holloway said the meeting with Cllrs May and Hayes had not yet taken place but he had discussed the proposal with the County Council.
4(d) Improvements to broadband: <i>(to be discussed under Item 13)</i>
4(e) 2021-22 budget: Cllr Holloway had still not received the budget. Clerk to re-send.
4(f) George Sykes Memorial Bench: The bench had been installed and was dedicated at a ceremony on 13 th November. Cllr Judge was thanked for managing the project.
4(g) Roadside hedge-trimming: Residents had been notified about Thurlow Estate's offer to cut their roadside hedges.
4(h) Permissive paths: Cllr Holloway had had another discussion with Thurlow Estate's Agent but it was not yet known whether the Estate would agree to the Parish Council's request for a permissive path to be created.
4(i) Tree-planting: <i>(to be discussed under Item 7)</i> | <div>THo</div> <div>Clerk</div> |

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5. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

a) **Suffolk County Council**

County Cllr Bobby Bennett was not able to attend and had sent her apologies.

b) **West Suffolk District Council**

District Cllr Peter Stevens was not able to attend and had sent his apologies.

Cllr Holloway said he had had discussions with District Cllr Stevens about the beacon planned as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations next year.

6. PLANNING

Planning applications, District Council decisions, and appeals

a) **Planning applications**

(i) DC/21/1991/HH

Le Eadron, The Street, Great Wratting CB9 7HQ

Two storey side extension incorporating (a) double garage (b) front porch (c) balcony to master bedroom

Applicants: Mr and Mrs Robert Town, Le Eadron, The Street

AGREED that the Parish Council strongly supported the application. (prop THo, 2nd THa)

(ii) DC/21/2150/HH

Bradmore, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD

(a) metal roof cladding replaced with slate, (b) amended window and door positions (amendment to DC/17/2677/HH)

Applicant: Samantha Lundrigan

AGREED that the Parish Council strongly supported the application. (prop THo, 2nd THa)

b) **Planning decisions (made by District Council) – *for information***

The following District Council planning decisions were noted:

(i) DC/21/1336/VAR

Land east of Waterfields, School Road, Great Wratting

Variation of Condition 2 of DC/19/0534/FUL to enable the use of revised plans for one dwelling and cartlodge for covered/secure parking and storage

Applicant: Fox

District Council decision: Approved

(ii) DC/21/1547/LB

Pheasant Cottage, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD

Application for listed building consent – one electric vehicle charging point

Applicant: Mr Mark Waller, Pheasant Cottage

District Council decision: Approved

7. TREE-PLANTING

The tree-planting planned for 20th/21st November had to be postponed because it was discovered at short notice that the growers were no longer able to supply the trees. It will now take place next year instead.

Cllr Holloway reported that so far 61 of the 75 trees had been sponsored by residents.

8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr May gave an update on a meeting she attended with the County Council regarding highways matters, including lorry routes. She was awaiting the minutes of that meeting. She will also follow up with County Cllr Bennett.

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Cllr Holloway had made a submission to the County Council on behalf of the Parish Council about lorry routes, emphasising four reasons specific to Great Wratting which made the B1061 through the village unsuitable for lorries:

- Thurlow Road, which at one point is so narrow that it becomes one-way
- the bend in School Road where lorries sometimes have to mount the pavement to get round the bend
- the wall at the bottom of the Thurlow Road hill, which in the past has been knocked down by a heavy vehicle
- older properties near the road suffering from vibration caused by traffic

9. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Hayes said the defibrillator was expected to be delivered soon. It was agreed that the former telephone kiosk, which is where the defibrillator will be housed, would be cleaned before the equipment was installed. A training video may be circulated to residents via the e-mail tree.

Cllr Hayes was thanked for managing the project.

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10. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

AGREED that a beacon will be lit on 2nd June 2022, when a short ceremony will be held. The site is yet to be decided. A resident had kindly agreed to construct the beacon.

It was decided that a street party would not be held as it would be too close to the Village Fete on 4th June.

11. THE VILLAGE'S "GREEN AGENDA"

Parish Councillors were asked to let Cllr Curtis have ideas for possible initiatives for "greening" the village, to be discussed at the Council's next meeting.

All

12. WILDLIFE INITIATIVES

Cllr Curtis will collect ideas from the rest of the Parish Council about wildlife initiatives, possibly including a wildlife survey in the Spring.

All

13. BROADBAND

Cllr Hayes reported that BT Openreach had told him that although a fibre-optic "broadband to the box" service (i.e. to a roadside cabinet) was already available in the village it would be 2025 before it could be extended to individual houses as a "broadband to the property" scheme.

AGREED to ask residents who would be interested in a "broadband to the property" scheme, which would then enable BT Openreach to quote for it, before residents decide whether or not to opt in.

THa

14. FINANCE

a) To receive financial report

As Councillors had not received the report this was deferred to the next meeting.

b) To authorise payment(s)

The payments listed below were authorised. (prop DF, 2nd BJ)

	ref	payee	details	amount
14(b)(i)	0306	Andrew Clay	Groundwork for memorial bench (NB this replaces invoice 0294)	£175.20
14(b)(ii)	0307	SALC	Payroll service (Apr – Sep 2021)	£54.00
14(b)(iii)	0308	Defib Store Ltd	Defibrillator and accessories	£1,885.82
14(b)(iv)	0309	Thurlow Village Hall	Hire of hall (29th Sep 2021)	£15.00

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14(b)(v)	0310	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External auditors' fees (2019-20 AGAR)	£480.00
14(b)(vi)	0311	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (September 2021)	£178.37
14(b)(vii)	0312	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (October 2021)	£178.57
14(b)(viii)	0313	SALC	Payroll service (Apr-Sep 2020) [replaces cheque no. 000281]	£54.00

14. CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 10th January 2022 in Thurlow Village Hall (subject to availability).

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.