

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wrating Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023
at the Red Lion, School Road, Great Wrating CB9 7HA

Present: Cllrs Margaret May (Vice-Chair), Dawn Fisk, Barry Judge, Stuart Kingsbury and Tim Hayes

Absent: Cllr Terry Holloway (Chair)

In attendance: District Cllr Indy Wijenayaka
Richard Bowler (Clerk)

Public forum

Comments and observations from members of the public

No members of the public (other than the District Councillor) were present.

In the absence of the Chair the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair.

MINUTES

Actions

1. Apologies for absence

To accept any apologies, with reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Holloway (out of parish).

2. Members' declarations of interest

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

Cllr Hayes, as the applicant, declared an interest in Item 6(b)(i).

3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

3.1 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2023 were approved. (prop THa, 2nd DF)

3.2 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th June 2023

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 29th June were agreed. (prop DF, 2nd BJ. THa + MM abst)

4. Matters arising

a) Decommissioned phone box: Two quotations had been received for repainting the former phone box. Cllrs Hayes and Kingsbury will ask for more details before selecting a contractor.

AGREED to spend up to £600 (excl. VAT) on the work. (prop SK, 2nd THa)

THa/SK

b) Waste bin, Moor Pasture Way: The new litter/dog waste bin had been installed near the junction of Moor Pasture Way and Withersfield Road. Cllr Judge was thanked for carrying out the work.

c) Village communications: Cllr Fisk was still working on making the Parish Council's new Facebook page publicly available.

DF

d) Heritage Trail: Cllr May said the group has still not met. Cathy Faithfull had agreed to join the group.

THo

e) Drains in School Road: District Cllr Wijenayaka will continue to look into the problem of flood risks in School Road and Withersfield Road.

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f)	<u>Highways</u> : Cllr May said she and Cllr Holloway had attended a meeting of an inter-village group on highways; she will report on it later in the meeting.	
g)	<u>Problems with 30 mph signs</u> : Cllr May will give the Clerk a list of problems with road signs in the village, which he will then report to County Highways.	MM/ Clerk
h)	<u>Speeding</u> : County Cllr Bennett had been going to ask for more frequent use of speed cameras in the area. In her absence discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.	BB
i)	<u>House insulation</u> : District Cllr Wijenayaka said it was likely to be nearer the winter before the equipment which householders could use to survey their home insulation would be made available by the County Council. He is looking for a volunteer to promote the project in the parish. Cllr Kingsbury said he might be able to help.	IW SK?
j)	<u>Red Lion pub</u> : Cllr Hayes discussed a draft application for the Red Lion to be made an Asset of Community Value. AGREED to proceed with the application, after discussing the idea with the owner. (prop MM, 2nd DF)	THa
k)	<u>Annual maintenance inspection</u> : The Parish Council's assets had been inspected by Cllrs May and Holloway but a report had yet to be compiled. Cllr Hayes offered to deal with problems which had been identified with some of the grit bins.	MM/ THo THa
l)	<u>Insurance</u> : The Clerk said competitive quotes would be made available for the next meeting.	Clerk
m)	<u>Street sign</u> : The Clerk had asked the District Council to refurbish the street sign in The Street.	
n)	<u>Consultation</u> : Cllr Holloway had been going to respond to a Government consultation document on community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure. In his absence this was deferred to the next meeting.	THo
5.	Local authority reports	
a)	<u>Suffolk County Council</u> County Cllr Bobby Bennett had sent apologies. The Clerk will ask whether she has a report to submit.	Clerk
b)	<u>West Suffolk District Council</u> District Cllr Wijenayaka mentioned the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Chest: Applications for grants (minimum £2,500) for the 2024/25 financial year could now be made. It was aimed mainly at community projects. The deadline is 29th September. The Clerk agreed to join a webinar on the Community Chest on 20th July. - Cabinet: He listed the members of the District Council's new Cabinet (the committee responsible for most of the Council's functions). His responsibility as a Cabinet member is growth. He said meetings of both the Council and the Cabinet were open to the public, and encouraged people to attend. 	Clerk
6.	Planning applications <u>Planning applications, District Council decisions, and appeals</u>	

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a) Planning applications

(i) DC/23/0304/FUL

Address: Karro Food Group Ltd, Haverhill Road, Little Wratting CB9 7TD

Application: Installation of a roof-based and ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system

Applicant: Karro Food Group

AGREED that the Parish Council was generally supportive of the proposal but in the interests of nearby residents it endorses the request made by the Environmental Health Officer for a noise impact assessment to be carried out to show that the noise created would be at least 5dB below background noise levels. (prop THa, 2nd BJ)

(ii) DC/23/0846/OUT

Address: 82 Thurlow Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HG

Application: Outline planning permission - two-bay car-port with storage

Applicant: Peter Stevenson, 80 Thurlow Road, Great Wratting

AGREED that the Parish Council is likely to look favourably on the application as long as the car-port is timber-clad and of a traditional style in keeping with the Conservation Area. (prop THa, 2nd DF)

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

(i) DC/23/0512/LB

Address: Wheel Cottage, 66 The Street, Great Wratting CB9 7HQ

Applicant: Mr Tim Hayes

Proposal: Application for listed buildings consent – retention of windows to front elevation

District Council decision: Refused

Noted

(ii) DC/23/0696/TCA

Address: Great Wratting Hall, The Street, Great Wratting CB9 7HQ

Application: Tree in a conservation area – one cherry to fell

District Council decision: No objection

Noted

(iii) DC/23/0721/FUL

Address: Great Wratting Hall, The Street, Great Wratting CB9 7HQ

Applicant: Thurlow Estate Farms Ltd

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to storage and distribution (class B8), following demolition of grain dryer and block building

District Council decision: Approved

Noted

7. **Highways**

a) To discuss damage to Village Green during recent “road closure”

AGREED that as it was felt that the Parish Council did not have the resources to repair the damage the Chair should be nominated to ask Thurlow Estate, which is understood to own the land forming the Village Green, whether it is possible for the Estate to do it.

THo

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- b) To receive update on Haverhill Relief Road (this item was put further back in the agenda)

9. **Footpaths** (this item was moved forward in the agenda)

To discuss condition of Stour Valley path near High Gables and Grange Green

AGREED that in about a month's time, when birds are less likely to be nesting, the Parish Council would contact the owners of the land on each side of the path, telling them that it had been brought to the Council's attention that in places vegetation on their land was encroaching onto the path, as it is believed to be the landowners' responsibility to keep public footpaths clear.

Cllr Fisk will remind residents via the e-mail tree about hedges which may be encroaching onto roads and paths.

Clerk

DF

7. **Highways** (continued)

- b) To receive update on Haverhill Relief Road

An update on progress with the Haverhill Relief Road was noted. Cllr Fisk will circulate it to residents via the e-mail tree.

DF

Cllr May noted that Matt Hancock MP had asked for comments regarding the A1307.

Cllrs May and Holloway had joined representatives from other villages in a meeting with County Council highways officers. She will circulate minutes of the meeting.

MM

8. **Trail-running event, Stour Valley Path (12th Aug 2023)**

To receive information about trail-running event

The Clerk gave details of the event.

(Non-agenda item)

Anaerobic digester

District Cllr Wijenayaka spoke about proposals for an anaerobic digester to be installed on the outskirts of Haverhill. He said it was understood that Suffolk County Council had received a planning application, although it has not yet been published. He gave details of a public meeting at which it will be discussed.

Cllr May said the Parish Council had agreed that it would not comment until the planning application had been published.

10. **Registers of Interests**

To receive details of Register of Interests requirements^(Clerk)

The Clerk will send Councillors information about updating their Registers of Interests.

Clerk

11. **Finance**

- a) To receive monthly financial reports (May + Jun 2023)

Noted

- b) To authorise payment(s)

The following payments were authorised. (prop SK, 2nd DF)

	ref	payee	details	amount
11(b)(i)	0367	Terry Holloway	Repayment for donation made on Parish Council's behalf towards Barry Scholes' retirement gift	£100.00
11(b)(ii)	0368	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (May 2023)	£178.57
11(b)(iii)	0369	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (Jun 2023)	£178.57
11(b)(iv)	0370	HMRC	PAYE (6 Apr – 5 Jul 2023)	£133.80

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11(b)(v)	0371	Great Wrattling PCC	Donation in lieu of payment to Red Lion for use of pub as meeting venue (19 Jul 2023)	£30.00
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12. Confirmation of date of next meeting (20 Sep 2023)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Wednesday 20th September 2023.

13. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 9.14 p.m.