

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Great Wrattling Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 19th September 2018
at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wrattling, Suffolk

Councillors Present: Diana Curtis (DC) (Chairman), Neil Curtis (NC), Beverley Griffin (BG).

In Attendance

Jane Midwood (JM), St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor (for part of meeting)

Richard Bowler, Clerk

1. PUBLIC FORUM (15 MINUTES)

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Acheson, Fisk, Hayes and Martin.

3. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Griffin declared an interest in Item 8(a)(iv), being a friend of the applicants.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018 were approved.

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

a) Suffolk County Council

County Cllr Mary Evans was unable to attend.

b) St Edmundsbury Borough Council

- Borough Cllr Jane Midwood reported that an appeal against the Borough Council's refusal to grant planning permission for a dwelling on land east of Waterfields, School Road, Great Wrattling, had been allowed.
- Referring to several planning applications relating to tree works, she said there was a need to keep a watchful eye on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders.
- She mentioned that as arrangements are finalised for the merger between St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council there is a debate as to whether the new authority should be led by a mayor or a chairman.
- New wards will be announced on 23rd October.
- She had no news on the Great Wilsey Farm development.

(7.50 pm Borough Cllr Midwood left the meeting.)

6. GREAT WRATTING PARISH WEBSITE

There was nothing to report.

7. VILLAGE LINK

There was nothing to report.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Recent planning applications received

- i) DC/18/1646/TCA
77 Jubilee Cottages, School Road, Great Wrattling CB9 7HA
Applicant: Miss Emma Evans
4 poplars to be felled - overshadowing, excessive size for area; to re-plant with smaller native tree that is fit for the surrounding environment.

Signed (Chairman) Date

(trees are in Conservation Area)

The Parish Council agreed to support the application but will ask the Borough Council to ensure that suitable replacements are planted.

- ii) DC/18/1660/TCA
Pheasant Cottage, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD
Applicant: Mr T Duffin (Thurlow Estate Management)
ash (A1 on plan) – remove split limbs and reduce limbs overhanging and overshadowing Pheasant Cottage by 40%
(tree is in Conservation Area)

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

- iii) DC/18/1661/TCA
Pheasant Cottage, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD
Applicant: Mr Tiplady (Pheasant Cottage)
ash (A2 on plan) – reduce/pollard crown by 40%, near power cables
(tree is in Conservation Area)

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

- iv) DC/18/1692/TPO
Great Wratting Hall, The Street, Great Wratting
Applicants: Mr and Mrs Corbett
willow – pollard to 8m; chestnut – 10% trim of crown; cherry – 30% reduction
(trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders)

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

b) **Previous planning applications**

- i) DC/18/1660/TCA
Land east of Waterfields, School Road, Great Wratting
1 dwelling
Appellant: Mr M Hoare
Appeal against refusal in progress.

This was noted.
(NB Borough Cllr Midwood reported earlier in the meeting that she had just heard that the appeal had been allowed.)

9. **HIGHWAYS**

VAS update

Cllr Martin was not at the meeting but had given an update in advance, saying that she had not yet been able to contact former Parish Councillor Steven Robinson to be briefed regarding the VAS equipment but hoped to get it up and running later in September.

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10. **LITTER PICK**

Cllr Griffin said the litter pick on 1st September went well. The next one was planned for 13th April 2019.

11. **FINANCE**

- a) **To receive the financial report from the RFO including bank balances**
The report was presented.
- b) **To receive and approve payments since last meeting and authorise any cheques for signature**

Signed (Chairman) Date

The following payments were approved:

	ref	payee	details	amount
i	0206	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Annual insurance premium (wef 1.10.18)	£298.76
ii	0207	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (May 2018)	£178.57
iii	0208	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (June 2018)	£178.57
iv	0209	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (July 2018)	£178.57

c) **To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2017-18**

The Annual Governance Statement 2017-18 was approved.

d) **To approve the Accounting Statements 2017-18**

The Accounting Statements 2017-18 were approved.

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

a) *(Deferred from July meeting)* **Communications with Thurlow Estate**

Deferred to November meeting.

b) **Village Emergency Plan^(TH)**

In Cllr Hayes' absence this was deferred to the November meeting.

c) **Moor Pasture signs^(BG)**

Cllr Griffin said the street sign at Moor Pasture Way was in a poor state of repair. The Clerk will raise this with County Highways.

d) **To discuss links with Great Wratting**

Clerk to consult Cllr Hayes over inviting Little Wratting representative to a meeting of Great Wratting Parish Council.

e) **Possible registration of Red Lion pub, Great Wratting, as an Asset of Community Value**

In Cllr Hayes' absence this was deferred to the November meeting.

f) **Training for Parish Councillors**

Clerk to find out what training is available.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 21st November 2018.

The Clerk was asked to include action points from the minutes as agenda items for the following meeting.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

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Signed (Chairman) Date