

## GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wrattling Parish Council held at 7 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wrattling, Suffolk

**Councillors Present:** Diana Curtis (DC) (Chairman), Dawn Fisk (DF), Beverley Griffin (BG), Tim Hayes (TH).

**In Attendance:**

Mary Evans (ME), Suffolk County Councillor (for part of meeting)

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

Two members of the public

Richard Bowler, Clerk

**1. PUBLIC FORUM (15 MINUTES)**

Mark Hardy, from Little Thurlow, spoke about plans to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Sir Stephen Soame, an MP and Lord Mayor of London, who lived in Little Thurlow.

Peter Stevens, a candidate in the Withersfield Ward for the West Suffolk Council elections on 2 May, introduced himself.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr N Curtis.

**3. RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Curtis declared an interest in Item 8.

Cllr Hayes declared an interest in Item 12.

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

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved.

**5. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

**b) Suffolk County Council**

- County Cllr Mary Evans' report included the following:

- The reporting system for Highways issues is being revised
- She spoke about the 2019-20 Council Tax, mentioning in particular work done with adults and young people who have special needs
- The Fire Service is reviewing its response to automatic fire alarms, because so many are false alarms
- GPs are being encouraged to refer patients for physical exercise instead of prescribing medication, when appropriate
- 'Smart' street lights may be introduced in the county
- She pointed out that if a defibrillator is installed in the parish, training will be needed
- Awards for green schemes are available

Cllr D Curtis told her about damage done to verges near Coronation Cottages during a recent week-long road closure necessitated by a burst water main. Some residents were not happy about the arrangements made by the utilities company.

*(7.52 pm ME left the meeting)*

**a) St Edmundsbury Borough Council**

- Borough Cllr Jane Midwood referred Parish Councillors to a planning application for a machinery store and a 'Portakabin' on the site of the Great Wilsey development.

*(8.06 pm JM left the meeting)*

**6. THE GREAT WRATTING PARISH WEBSITE**

DF said the website was being kept up-to-date.

She mentioned that two people had complained to her about what appeared to be a marquee in the grounds of the Red Lion public house.

There was discussion about reports of work being carried out to trees in the ground of the pub. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council's Trees Officer about this.

Clerk

**7. THE VILLAGE LINK**

DF gave an update.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS****a) Clerk to report on any planning applications received****i) DC/19/0345/HEDGE**

Hedgerow at Moor Pasture Way access road to water tower from Moor Pasture Way, Great Wrating. Hedge Removal Notice – Removal of 6m Hedgerow to enable laying of pipe through field boundary fence and to allow access of construction equipment into field.

Applicant: Anglian Water

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Noted.

**9. HIGHWAYS****a) VAS**

It is hoped that a member of the Parish Council will volunteer to take on responsibility for the VAS equipment, and for analysing the data it produces.

**10. PROPOSED LINK WITH LITTLE WRATTING**

TH discussed the way forward with this proposal.

**11. IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS SHELTER**

In NC's absence discussion of this item was postponed.

BG has a quotation for improvements to the bus shelter which will be accepted subject to checks re: risk assessment and insurance.

**12. PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR**

TH said costs would be £995 for a defibrillator recommended by the Ambulance Service, and £535 for a cabinet and fitting. Ongoing costs are estimated at £450, spread over eight years, for batteries etc. Training would cost £200 for up to 12 people but TH, who is qualified to give defibrillator training, would be prepared to offer free training.

The provision of a defibrillator is to be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and followed up using the village 'e-mail tree' to see who is interested in being trained.

DF

**13. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

It was agreed that those invited should include: churchwardens, Parochial Church Council, the Book Club, the Fete Committee, Claire Egloff (Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator), the Police, Thurlow Estate, and County and District Councillors.

**14. COMMUNICATIONS WITH THURLOW ESTATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

BG reported on her recent discussions with the Estate's Agent.

**15. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 2 May 2019**

There was a brief discussion about arrangements for the Parish Council election.

**16. FINANCE****a) To receive the financial report from the RFO including bank balances**

The RFO presented the financial report as at 28 February 2019, which was noted.

**b) To consider making a grant of £246.30 to PCC Great Wrating**

This was agreed unanimously.

**c) To receive and approve payments since last meeting and authorise any cheques for signature**

The following payments were approved:

	ref	payee	Details	amount
i	0222	PCC Great Wrattling	Donation to pay for barbecue for Village Fete	£246.30
ii	0223	SALC	Payroll service (1 Apr 2018 – 30 Sep 2018)	£54.00
iii	0224	SALC	Payroll service (1 Oct 2018 – 31 Mar 2019)	£54.00
iv	0225	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (Jan 2019)	£178.57
v	0226	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (Feb 2019)	£178.57
vi	0227	HMRC	PAYE for quarter ending 5.4.19	£134.00

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

DF will get documents from Mark Hardy relating to the Sir Stephen Soame commemoration.

**18. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Signed ..... (Chair of the meeting)      Date .....