

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Great Wratting Parish Council held in Thurlow Village Hall on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.30 pm

Councillors present:

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

Councillors absent:

Cllr Tim Hayes (attended online for part of meeting)

In attendance:

District Cllr Peter Stevens (for part of meeting)

Richard Bowler (Parish Clerk) (online)

Public forum

No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To accept any apologies, with reasons for absence

Cllr Hayes (child-care)

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

None

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

a) **To approve the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2021**

The amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2021 were approved. (prop DF, 2nd BJ)

b) **To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September 2021**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September 2021 were approved. (prop DF, 2nd NC)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

To consider matters arising from previous meetings

- 4.1 **VAS signs:** Cllr Holloway had sent photographs to the Clerk, who said he had not received them. Clerk to check; if necessary Cllr Holloway will re-send. Cllr Holloway said the two signs need to be moved 50 yards towards the Karro Food Group site.

Clerk

(7.35 pm Cllr Margaret May joined the meeting)

- 4.2 **Defibrillator:** Cllr Hayes had reported that the price quoted last year will be honoured. He will liaise with the Clerk re: VAT. Cllr Hayes will now order it.

THa/
Clerk

- 4.3 **Heritage Trail:** Cllr Holloway said the meeting with Cllrs May and Hayes had not yet taken place. He mentioned that some residents had raised concerns about the proposal.

THo

- 4.4 **Improvements to broadband:** Cllr Hayes had reported that he had not yet had time to take this further. *(Deferred to next meeting)*

THa

- 4.5 **Frequency of meetings:** Cllr Holloway said the County and District Councillors would in future provide reports for each of the Parish Council's meetings, rather than every month.

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4.6	Tree-planting: <i>(On agenda as Item 8)</i>	
4.7	2021-22 budget: Clerk to re-send to Chair.	Clerk
4.8	Venue for Parish Council meetings: <i>(Discussed later in meeting)</i>	
4.9	Maintenance: Re-varnish Moor Pasture Way bench: Cllr Judge reported that he had re-varnished the bench.	
4.10	ANPR camera: Feedback from the County Council is still awaited. A resident had queried the fact that there was no mention of a camera being used in Thurlow Road. Cllr Holloway said that for the time being a camera could be mounted only on the existing VAS posts, and there was not one in Thurlow Road yet.	
4.11	Gift for Mary Evans: Cllr Fisk had delivered a retirement gift from the Parish Council to ex-County Cllr Mary Evans.	
4.12	30-mph signs: Clerk had reported problems with signs to County Council.	
4.13	George Sykes Memorial Bench: Cllr Judge said he was waiting for a response from the Diocesan Office. He will progress it.	BJ
4.14	Roadside hedge-trimming: It was agreed that the hedge-trimming service offered by Thurlow Estate might be publicised again in the Spring. It was noted that one resident had concerns about the Parish Council “advertising” the service via the e-mail tree.	DF
4.15	Recycling centres: Cllr Fisk said the booking system was being continued.	
4.16	Quiet Lanes: Cllr May said implementation by the County Council had been delayed.	
4.17	Permissive paths: Cllr Holloway had held meeting with Tim Barling, Agent for Thurlow Estate, and will progress this issue.	THo
4.18	Parking: Cllr Holloway had discussed the issue of parking near the junction of Thurlow Road and Withersfield Road with Tim Barling, Agent for Thurlow Estate, who will follow it up.	
4.19	Fingerpost plaques: Clerk had put Cllr Judge’s name forward as a volunteer to fix plaques to posts; now waiting to hear from the County Council.	
	Village sign: Cllr Fisk said a little more work needed doing on it.	
5.	LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS	
a)	Suffolk County Council County Cllr Bobby Bennett was not able to attend but had submitted a report.	
b)	West Suffolk District Council District Cllr Peter Stevens gave his report, which included the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Street market: Newmarket’s market was being moved out of the High Street temporarily for safety reasons but may move back there in due course. – The District Council is planning to house some Afghan refugee families. – Parking records show that local towns are almost as busy now as they were before the pandemic. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022: he said he would be happy to make a grant from his Locality Budget towards the Parish Council’s costs in connection with the Jubilee celebrations.	

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11. **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2 JUN 2022** (*this item was moved forward in the agenda*)
- Cllr Holloway reported on a Suffolk County Council online meeting he attended about the County Council's plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. This would include street parties and the lighting of beacons. The Parish Council agreed to defer a decision on a street party until the Village Fete Committee has decided when the 2022 fete will take place. There was also a discussion about the possibility of a beacon being lit in the parish.

6. PLANNING

District Cllr Stevens was asked whether there was anything to report in connection with the planning application (DC/21/0938/FUL) for a change of use for part of the Karro Food Group site in Little Wratting from general industrial to open-air storage. He said no decision had been taken yet.

Planning applications, District Council decisions, and appeals

a) Planning applications

- i) 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
AGREED that the Parish Council strongly supported the application.

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

The following District Council planning decisions were noted:

- i) DC/21/1339/TCA
83 and 84 Thurlow Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HG
Trees in a conservation area notification - one conifer and one fir to be felled
Applicant: Harry Mannock, Thurlow Estate
District Council decision: No objections
- ii) DC/21/1359/TCA
Pond Cottage, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD
Trees in a conservation area notification:
- one cedar: reduce height by 3.5 metres
- one conifer: reduce height by 5 metres
- one ash: re-pollard
- one conifer: reduce height by 2.5 metres
Applicant: Alison, Pond Cottage, Withersfield Road
District Council decision: No objections
- iii) DC/21/1548/FUL
Rook Tree Farm, The Barn, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD
(a) Five roof lights; (b) one window to north elevation; (c) replacement windows and entrance screen following removal of existing timber casement windows and entrance screen; (d) alterations to window openings.
Applicant: Tim Barling, Thurlow Estate
District Council decision: Approved
- iv) DC/21/1595/TCA
Sperrywell Cottage, Withersfield Road, Great Wratting CB9 7HD
6 Cypress leylandii + 2 Leylandii to be felled
District Council decision: No objections

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- c) **Planning appeals**
None

7. LITTER-PICK

District Cllr Stevens said the District Council could provide additional equipment for the litter-pick, if needed.

It was decided that volunteers would be asked to meet at the Red Lion in Great Wratting at 10 a.m. on Saturday 9th October. The litter-pick will cover School Road, The Street and Withersfield Road, but not Thurlow Road, for safety reasons.

(8.29 p.m. District Cllr Stevens left the meeting)

8. TREE-PLANTING

Cllr Curtis reported that a quotation had been requested for 75 trees of various species, together with tree guards and compost. The cost, which is expected to be £1,181.25 (excl. VAT), may be met partly by sponsorship.

AGREED that £2,000 should be set aside for this project. (prop THo, 2nd NC)

Volunteers will be sought to help with planting the trees over the weekend of 20th/21st November.

NC

9. HIGHWAYS

To petition County Council about unsuitability of B1061 Thurlow Road/School Road as a designated HGV route on Suffolk and Cambridge county plans. (THa)

Cllr Holloway said the County Council were planning to carry out a consultation regarding the suitability of School Road and Thurlow Road for HGVs.

10. DEFIBRILLATOR (deferred from July meeting) (THa)

AGREED that a quotation obtained for a defibrillator would be accepted. Cllr Hayes will place the order.

THa

11. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS 2 JUNE 2022

(Discussed earlier in the meeting)

12. BROADBAND (deferred from July meeting)

Cllr Holloway had not yet been able to progress this issue. He was asked to also investigate possible changes to the telephone system.

THa

13. FINANCE

a) To receive financial report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the two months ending 31st August 2021, with supporting bank statements.

b) To authorise payment(s)

The payments listed below were authorised. (prop THo, 2nd MM)

	ref	payee	details	amount
13(b)(i)	0298	Community Action Suffolk	Website hosting fee (12 Sep 2021 – 11 Sep 2022)	£60.00
13(b)(ii)	0299	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Insurance premium (1 Oct 2021 – 30 Sep 2022)	£260.68
13(b)(iii)	0300	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (July 2021)	£178.57
13(b)(iv)	0301	Richard Bowler	Clerk's salary (August 2021)	£178.57
13(b)(v)	0302	HMRC	PAYE (6 Jul – 5 Oct 2021)	£134.00
13(b)(vi)	0303	Village Sign People	Carving and painting copy of shield on village sign	£257.00

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13(b)(vii)	0304	JL Farrant (<i>payable to Mrs C Farrant</i>)	Repainting refurbished village sign	£650.00
13(b)(viii)	0305	Dawn Fisk	Retirement present for ex-County Cllr Mary Evans	£21.98

14. CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 17th November 2021 in Thurlow Village Hall (subject to availability).

15. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.57 p.m.