

WENDLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
WENDLING METHODIST CHURCH
ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present:- Cllr S Warwick, Cllr M Olley, , Cllr C Foster,
Cllr J Taylor-Roberts and Cllr J Hunt

Others Present:- 6 electors, Dist. Cllrs R Atterwill, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris
and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

Cllr Warwick welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Kemble and Cllr S Knight and these were accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from Dist. Cllr. R Duffield.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on 26th September.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Foster proposed the minutes of September 26th be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Warwick and carried.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of September (not on the agenda).

There were no matters to discuss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris had sent out A REPORT RECENTLY and it will be circulated and put on the website. Flood repairs in Norfolk were discussed. Multi agency work is involved to sort out a lot of problems with flooding. A Local Government Review will be happening. This means there will be unitary councils so one Councillor would cover a very large area. There may be some financial savings. The idea is to get rid of the Districts. It is possible about 400 District Councillors will go.

5. To discuss any necessary Correspondence

A donation request from the play group Little Rainbows had been received. Cllr Warwick proposed a donation of £250.00 be sent, seconded by Cllr Olley and carried.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2024/0682/HOU Kenwood, Swaffham Road, demolition of existing conservatory and proposed replacement with single storey extension. Conversion off attached garage to habitable accommodation. Planning application approved.

3AG/2024/0020/AG 2 Mill Close, Manor Drift, proposed hay bale storage barn. Planning application refused.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

The sign towards Hulver Street has been replaced. The road surface at Station Road has been smoothed over. There is still a speeding problem through Wendling. The Police came to the village with a speed gun. They advised everyone to continue to contact them if the speeding problem continues.

8. To receive an update regarding the new rubbish bin proposed down Station Road.

The rubbish bin has been delivered to Cllr Warwick's house and is awaiting installation.

9. To receive an update on the installation of the Dog Litter Bin.

It has been delivered to Cllr Warwick's house and will, hopefully, be installed next week. The notice board will be moved soon. The notice board down Station Road and Carr Lane will have a magnetic backing put in, so magnets will be used instead of drawing pins.

10. To authorise financial payments

Cllr Olley proposed the following financial payments be authorised, seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

- Clerk's net salary £283.80, HMRC tax £70.80 Clerk's expenses for Oct/Nov. £79.92
- Glasdon UK Ltd. Base post for dog bin £116.94 and dog bin & litter bin £341.18
- J Fencing £490.00. Little Rainbows – donation £250.00

Finances received:- Breckland Council, precept paid £3,000.00

11. To receive a financial update from the Clerk

The financial update had been circulated and no one had any questions regarding the document.

12. To set the precept for 2025 - 2026

The precept document had been circulated and it was discussed. Cllr Warwick proposed the precept be set at £6,000.00. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Foster and carried.

13. To discuss Wendling Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The Church needs a thorough clean inside it. It could be done in the spring, maybe in March. The residents will try to form a working group to do this. The Clerk will check with the insurance company whether Volunteers are covered to carry out this work for the Parish Council.

14. To discuss success of the Halloween Trail around the Village.

It was not as well supported as the Easter Event. Those present made lanterns and took them for a short walk in the dark, up to the Village Hall and back. It was cold but the participants enjoyed it. The Greenbanks Hotel kindly donated the pumpkins for this event, so thanks to them for doing that.

15. To discuss the High Grove Solar Farm proposal presentation.

A presentation was delivered by the company in October. The statutory consultation will start in February. The company will have an idea of how the public feel about the project. In June/July a decision will be made. Some Parish Councils have joined together to campaign against it. In the future the Parish Council could have an update regarding the situation.

Wendling Parish Council was not aware of emails that had been sent out by George Freeman, M.P.

16. To receive items for the next agenda.

- Progress Report on the Solar Farm project.
- Update on the cleaning of Wendling St. Peter and St. Paul Church.
- Update on the installation of litter bin, dog bin and notice board.
- To discuss proposed Easter Events in the Village

17. To confirm date, time and venue of the January 2025 meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Wendling Methodist Church.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.


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Chairman

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Date