WRABNESS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES
of the Council Meeting of Wrabness Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at Wrabness Village Hall.

Present:	Cllrs Bowers, Coles, Francis, McGowan (Vice Chairman), Southall Edwards and Totman
In the Chair:	Cllr Colley
Clerk:	Mrs Marie Snell
Also present:	3 members of the public, 0 member of the press. Tendring District Council Representative, Cllr Tanya Ferguson

3706. Apologies for absence
None

3707. Members Declarations of Interests
None

3708. Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 Minutes)
A resident wished to speak on behalf of the Wrabness Village Fete Committee, apologised for not coming forth sooner with the intention for the Fun Day (15th August), and wished to ask permission to utilise the area for a low profit event, the Chairman explained this had been agreed in principle at a previous parish council meeting. They would like to invite local traders, with no vehicles to be on the green, there may be some trailers. The resident felt for the use of the green, there should be a contact for people wishing to hold an event can approach regarding use of the green. The resident also felt there should also be a set of rules or policies to stipulate the terms of use. Any profit made will be put forward to next year's event.

The chairman asked the resident to speak on the village grass treatment (previously actioned) to follow the village fete, priced at £109. To be formally agreed at the relevant agenda item.

A resident referenced the finger post towards Wix along Rectory Road has been knocked down many times and is lying under brambles, if it is resurrected, could it be placed on the west side of the road to avoid further damage. Cllr Bowers advised he has reported this to Essex Highways. The resident referenced the bus shelter at White Cross has obscured visibility to the east and queried of its purpose as there is no bus service in the village and invaded by brambles. Could the bus stop be moved and better placed somewhere else. Cllr Bowers explained during the evening, the sun shines on the bus shelter and causes visibility issues, Cllr Totman asked if the parish council could adopt it which could potentially be explored.

3709. Approval of Minutes
Members received the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 24th June 2026 (*previously circulated)* and **RESOLVED** to approve them as a true record, signed by the Chairman during the meeting.

3710. Matters Arising from the Minutes
The clerk advised that there has been a response from the Greater Anglia Train Planning Manager who advised Network Rail are not content to extend services owing to the necessity for overhead maintenance works, hopes for further collaboration to achieve a

positive outcome for all with the use of the Mayflower line.

3711. Town Planning

Members received new applications had been received as advised by Tendring District Council.

None		

Members received update about Tendring District Council processing of the following recent planning applications previously considered by the Parish Council:

Application Ref	Address	Application	Status
None			

3712. Village Event

Members received update from Wrabness Village Fete Committee regarding event to be held on Saturday 15th August 2026. The representative present will submit relevant event insurance information to the clerk for documenting purposes.

3713. Village Green

- Members **RESOLVED** to agree the grass treatment of the Village Green (to take place following the village fete) and associated expenditure of £109 no VAT. The products to be used are not harmful to animals and contains a scent that deters animals from licking the grass.
- Members considered the movement of the oak tree to a more opportune position and agreed for Cllr Bowers to approach a local tree surgeon for further advice, with a view to agreeing a plan at the next parish council meeting. Cllr Cole offered the village green should offer shade, and trees are good for this, perhaps a tree surgeon could advise of trees to plant that would sustain in this area.

3714. Reports from Councillors

Members received updates from council members regarding the following village matters:
Highways – Cllr Totman wished to know what may happen regarding the parking on the corner at the train station, of which he was an individual to submit photos of parking issues. Cllr Colley advised there has been very few reports to be able to submit reports to North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP).
Wrabness Playing Field – Cllr Cole reported there is lots of activity at the playing field.
Station Masters Garden – Cllr Francis reported Wrabness in Bloom judges visited the area, appreciated and complimented the Station Masters Garden and its community spirit of the village, and a lovely day was had. The results are published in August.
Village Green – No further update
Trees –. No further update
Public Health – No further update
Clerk's Report – Noted
Transport – No further update
Footpaths – No further update, but Cllr McGowan speculated that contractors were actioning pothole works in the village and asked if they are to be working on footpaths but was advised not currently and to contact Cllr Murray as ECC representative.
Village Hall – No further update, Cllr Francis advised the next meeting is 4th August.
Kiosk – Cllr Cole advised all is well and looked good for Wrabness in Bloom.
Foreshore – Cllr Bowers advised the meeting of his concerns when looking for Essex Way footpaths, down Stone Lane, the Essex Way goes to the right, but it used to go to the left, and worried of the future of the footpath. Cllr Colley offered there are works continuing of the King Charles III footpath, which takes the route of the Essex Way, with the way marking being improved as part of this project.
Website – Cllr Colley advised all is well and update.
TDALC –. Cllr Colley advised there is a clash with dates as the TDALC meeting is this evening.
District and County Councillor Reports – No report received from Cllr Murray. Cllr

Ferguson hoped to give an update on the Local Plan and the Women's Safety Charter Briefing, but owing to the by-election, everything is on hold with council meetings cancelled and deferred. Cllr Ferguson was hoping to report on the liaison between Town/Parish councils meeting, but with regret, this was also cancelled. Cllr Colley referenced the upgrade of the domestic refuge, to include glass collection from October, Cllr Ferguson believed this is still to be actioned.

3715. Finance

- Members received financial reports and confirmed the account balances as at 13th July 2026:
  Current Account: £4633.32
  Deposit Account: £7066.11
- Members **RESOLVED** to approve payment of invoices received in accordance with 2026-2027 budget:

Three members of the public left at 8.28pm

RECEIVED	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	CQ No.
VAT Reclaim (2025-2026)	£241.80	Parish Clerk Salary (July) Parish Clerk Salary (August)	£237.87 £237.87	1355 1355
		Wrabness Village Hall (Meeting Venue Hire – July)	£20.00	1356
		Entrac Printing (Village Newsletter – Autum Edition)	£185.00	1357

3716. Items for next Agenda

- Village Green Trees
- Debrief following Village Fete

3717. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm or at the rise of the Personnel Committee Meeting.

The Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 8.30pm.

3718. Exclusion of public and press

Members **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting be closed to the press and public for the transaction of the under-mentioned business:

- **Clerk's End of Probation – Recommendation from Personnel Committee**

Signed **Date**