

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025.

1, The Chairman of Wenhaston Parish Council welcomed all to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

2, The minutes to the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were approved and signed as being an accurate record of proceedings.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WENHASTON with MELLIS PARISH COUNCIL.

2024/25 HAS SEEN A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE PARISH COUNCIL. I TOOK OVER FROM PETER WILDISH IN NOVEMBER AND MICHAEL WELBY ALSO STEPPED DOWN DURING THE YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH PETER AND MICHAEL FOR THE WORK DURING THEIR TIME AS COUNCILLORS AND IN THE CASE OF PETER, AS CHAIR.

AMONGST THE WORK UNDERTAKEN DURING THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS IS THE FOLLOWING.....COUNCILLORS WORKED WITH PARISHIONERS WITH FURTHER FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES, WE BROUGHT PRESSURE TO BEAR ON ANGLAIN WATER TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY AT THE PUMPING STATION ON NARROW WAY WHICH WAS A POTENTIAL DANGER TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILLORS CUSHION AND WAY CONTINUE TO REPRESENT WENHASTON'S INTEREST IN MEETINGS HELD REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BEING PLANNED FOR SUFFOLK. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF PROVIDING HOT MEALS TO CHILDREN AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL WHOSE FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY. A GRANT HAS BEEN MADE TO BLYTH WOODS TO ASSIST WITH THEIR WORK DEVELOPING FURTHER WOODLAND AREA WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AS PART OF THEIR EDUCATION. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR REPAIRS AND RENEWAL OF EQUIPMENT AT THE PLAY AREA AND OUTSIDE GYM COSTING OVER £5300 ENSURING THAT THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR LEISURE REMAIN WELL AHEAD OF OTHER SIMILAR SIZED VILLAGES.

SIGNIFICANT REPAIRS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO BOTH BUS SHELTERS COSTING APPROX £2000 AND THE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT VILLAGE SPORTS CLUBS AND THE VILLAGE HALL FINANCIALLY. THE PARISH COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN SPONSORED THE VILLAGE SHOW AND A DONATION WAS MADE TO HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS FUND TO HELP FUND THE VALUABLE SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE TO PARISHIONERS IN WENHASTON.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE CONSULTED ON AND RESPONDED TO 17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR,

#### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/25 WENHASTON with MELLS PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council remains in a satisfactory financial position and the draft accounting statements and statutory notices appear on the Parish Council's webpage. In summary form the main points are as follows.

Net capital expenditure for the financial year was £3863. This involved improvements/repairs to the outside gym and the bus shelters in the village.

The balance at bank at the end of the financial year was £44795 of which £40500 is allocated as follows. Computer/printer/equipment replacement £4000. Repairs and renewals sports/play area £29000. General reserve £7500.

There are currently no Community Infrastructure funds available to the Parish Council for qualifying projects in the village.

Donations made during the year include Wenhaston Village Hall £350. Royal British Legion £127. Wenhaston Village Show £250. Solebay Care Fund £1000 (for allocation within the village) Wenhaston Tennis Club £1000. Blyth Woods £600.

The Parish Council did not receive any donations or grants during the financial year.

The Parish Council did not request an increase to the precept levied for the fourth year in succession.

This report covers the main points of the Parish Council's financial position but I shall be pleased to answer any questions during the open forum at the end of the meeting.

#### 5.WENHASTON CHARITIES REPORT.

A copy of the report is available upon request to the Clerk, Wenhaston with Mells Parish Council

#### 6,BLACKHEATH COMMON REPORT BY WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP and SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST.

A copy of the report is available from the Clerk, Wenhaston with Mells Parish Council.

7. OPEN FORUM. Parishioners were given the opportunity to put questions to County, District and Parish Councillors.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25PM