

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th April 2018.

Present; Cllr. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. Spindler (Deputy Chair), Cllr. Phillips, Cllr. Musk, Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Alder, Cllr. Canham, Cllr. Cox, County Cllr. Smith, Richard Day Clerk and 16 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received from District Cllr. Catchpole, Cllrs Gairn, Amery and Stammers.
2. Cllr. Musk proposed acceptance and signature of the minutes to the meeting held on 19th April 2017 Cllr Edwards seconded and the minutes were duly signed following publication pre meeting.
3. Chairman of the Parish Council summarised the previous year's work and notable achievements, thanking Councillors for their support. Particular mention was made to those Councillors with additional roles (Cllr. Spindler, Alder, Edwards) and to those Cllrs. (Musk and Stammers) who also undertook specific tasks during the year on behalf of the village on a voluntary basis.
(A copy of the report is available from Clerk)
4. Suffolk wildlife Trust (Alan Miller) summarised the year's work on Blackheath Common, including ongoing bracken clearing and the attempts to start another colony of silver studded blue butterflies on the common. (Copy REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CLERK)
5. County Cllr. R Smith provided a full report and copy is available from Clerk.
6. No report available from District Councillor Catchpole.
7. Clerk's report .

Budgeted expenditure last year was £21,250.00 and actual expenditure(net) was £20,275.00. This allowed an increase in specific reserves to £18,103.00

The Parish Council currently has balances at the bank totalling £33,079.00 Of this £18,103 has been reserved specifically for asset replacement, compliance costs for Data Protection Legislation, Legal Fees to be met for renewal of the PO Lease and associated Land

Registry Fees contingency, and funds for the awaited sports area development. Total cost of the latter being £60,856 inc vat.

The year end accounts are in draft format and will be presented to the Parish Councillors at the next meeting and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and supporting documents will be available for public inspection in early July.

8. Charity Reports.

- (i) Pepyn & Lessey – Historical report provided together with an update on current financial position .
A full transcript is available from Clerk or direct from trustees via Cllr. Alder.**
- (ii) Wenhaston Relief in Need – Cllr Spindler outlined the aims of this small charitable fund which supports those parishioners facing temporary financial hardship. Funds are limited and income received last year totalled £281.00 with donations made totalling £350.00. (Contact Cllr. Spindler for further information/copy of report)**

9. Cllr Edwards outlined the aims and objectives of Blyth Woods project, which now has charitable status. (Contact Cllr. Edwards for further information following recent purchase of land and planned activities.)

10. Open Forum.

- (i) Village Hall representative summarised the need for various improvements to the building and that the Parish Council had been approached for assistance with costs. (This will be discussed at future PC meeting)**
- (ii) Footpath sign (St Michaels Way?) requires replacement. Parishioner to provide full details to Clerk who will pass request to relevant agency for action.**
- (iii) Village Litter Pick suggested. Article to be placed in Wenhaston Warbler and suggestion to be raised at Parish Council meeting (May)**

Meeting closed 8pm

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.