

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd April 2014.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair) Cllr. L. Spindler , Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. A Edwards, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. Alan Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. J. Tate, County Cllr. M. Gower, Richard Day (Clerk to the Council) and 10 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed Councillors, County Councillor Gower and Parishioners to the meeting. No apologies were received prior to the meeting,
2. The minutes to the meeting held on 24th April 2013 were proposed by Cllr. Alder for acceptance. This was seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson and unanimously accepted.
3. A report was provided by PCSO Newson and copies are available from the Clerk.
4. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave the report to the Village on behalf of the Parish Council. A copy is available from the Clerk.
5. County Councillor Gower provided a report a copy of which is available from the Clerk.
6. Clerk provided the Parish Council Financial report a copy of which is available from the Clerk.
7. Charity reports (i) Pepyn & Lessey (Trevor Tate copy available from the Clerk. (ii) Relief in Need (Cllr. L. Spindler) Basis of income stream explained and £220 paid away to help village people suffering temporary financial difficulty.
8. Cllr. Alder outlined progress with the consultation within the Village for possible use of section 106 funds. Strategy is now to pursue grant monies with the stated objective of purchase and installation of suitable equipment during the current financial year.
9. Matters raised in open forum/questions.
 - Frustration at further appeal re planning decision for Pine Lodge and request that Parish Council pursues SCDC to ensure enforcement commences.
 - Parking problems in Narrow Way highlighted.
 - Pathway opposite Village Hall (Narrow Way junction with The Street) problems highlights during busy times for pedestrians.

- **"Welcome to Wenhaston" booklet/information to be introduced May/June details from Cllr. Gasper.**
- **Trustees of Pepyn & Lessey Trust to publicise via Wenhaston Warbler the help and support they are able to provide for young people.**
- **Update/clarification on status of ownership of Commons provided and involvement of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. (All of these matters will be carried forward to Next Parish Council meeting under agenda heading feedback from Annual Parish Meeting.)**

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Parish Council expenditure during 2013/14 was in excess of budget by £8049. It had been previously authorised that planned items of capital expenditure, repairs and maintenance would need to be partially funded by reserves. Significant sums were spent including Village Hall drains £3.5k ,Tree Work in Cemetery £2.2K, Legal costs re Commons management agreement and purchase of allotment land from SCDC £2.2K. and cleaning and restoration of the War Memorial £1k+. Additionally £1k has been promised to Wenhaston School to fund the purchase of learning aids and £3k to purchase cine equipment for the Village. The latter two sums being funded by a legacy from the estate of the Late Ken Roberts and held as a specific reserve . Donations and a grant from SCDC helped offset the impact on reserves and these are now £22868.18. (The specific reserve of £4022.51 mentioned for the above is purchases is held in addition pending distribution)

An expenditure budget has been agreed at £17950 for 2014/15.This will be insufficient to meet any large, unforeseen expenditure items of repair or maintenance these will once again need to be met from reserves.

The Parish Council will face a reduction of £226 in the support grant made available by SCDC in the current financial year and will continue, where possible to look for other means to increase income.

Accounts for 2013/14 are currently awaiting audit. Statutory Notices will be posted on 16/6/14 confirming exactly when accounts and records are available for inspection by Parishioners and final audit will be completed by BDO LLP no later than 30/9/14.

I shall be pleased to provide a copy of this report upon request .

Richard Day

Clerk to Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council.

WENHASTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING POLICE
REPORT WEDNESDAY 23TH APRIL 2014

CRIMES OF INTEREST TO THE PARISH COUNCIL 1ST APRIL 2013-31ST MARCH 2014

1x Criminal damage (detected)

7x Thefts

3x Common assaults (1 detected)

3x Assaults occasioning actual bodily harm (1 detected)

1x Burglary-other building

1x Exposure

1x Harassment

1x Threat to kill

4x Dangerous dog in public place (3 detected)

1x Driving motor vehicle with access alcohol (detected)

23 recorded crimes (22 recorded crimes last year)

SUFFOLK SAFEKEY

Suffolk SAFE Key is a comprehensive key holder service offered by Suffolk Police, which helps support local charities.

It is available to residential and business owners within the county, providing protection and assistance should you lose your keys.

Signing up for SAFE Key allows the police access to your property in the event of an incident occurring while your property is unattended. They do this by contacting the person you have nominated as a key holder for the property.

By registering for the service, you will have peace of mind knowing that your home or property will be in safe hands when you are not there.

In addition to the key holder database provision, we also offer a key fob recovery service, which means that all SAFE Key members are issued a with key fob, featuring the force crest and a unique identifying number.

People who find lost keys with the Suffolk SAFE Key fob are encouraged, through a £10 finder's fee, to hand the keys to the police or send them to a secure postal address. This allows for the keys to be returned to their rightful owner.

Some key benefits of the scheme include:

Suffolk SAFE Key branded key fob meaning there is a 90% likelihood that your keys will be recovered if lost when attached to a fob. Each fob carries an identifying number unique to you.

Cover for your keys if lost anywhere in the EU.

£10 reward to the finder of your keys courtesy of Suffolk SAFE Key.

Emergency helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Access to contact details of a nationwide network of approved locksmiths should you need to replace your locks or keys.

Accessible emergency contact and key holder details recorded on our secure database letting the police know who to call in the event of an incident at your unattended property – your nominated key holder is someone you trust and lives in the vicinity of your property.

A window sticker to confirm your membership to officers attending your unattended property meaning reduced risk of forced entry and potential incurred costs.

REPORTING CRIME OR ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Please continue to report suspicious/criminal or antisocial behaviour related to police on 101(non-emergency number) or if an immediate police presence is required, through the usual 999 system.

POLICE DIRECT

Police direct is still available and free to join and enables information on certain crime, missing people, traffic disruption and other issues to be sent to the recipients mobile phone, landline line or email account.

For details on joining please visit the Suffolk constabulary website.

Jamie Newson
PCSO 3044
Saxmundham & Framlingham SNT
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Pepyn and Lessey Trust

A report given at the Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2014

A Short history of the Trust – In 1562 and 1563 W Pepyn and R Lessey left land, the income of which was to help with “ The education in learning and Godliness of the poor children of Wenhaston” In 1982, thanks to the fore site of some of the Trustees a house on land owned by the Trust was sold and the proceeds were invested – producing an income of approximately £5000 per annum

Like all long established organisations the Trust must adapt to the needs and requirements of today and the Trustees, although still helping with requests for assistance for individual needs The Trust helps to fund school projects, trips and additional purchase of school equipment and books not supplied by the education authority which helps all families with school age children. We also helped with the funding of a sports club weekend

Individually we help with school clothing, instruments, books, field courses, school trips and travel for educational purposes

The trust gives grants to parents of children going from Primary school to High school to help with extra expenses incurred for new uniforms, sports equipment Etc

We also offer help to children staying on in the VI form

We also offer a book to children before moving to the High School, in memory of Harold Hatcher who left a bequest to the Trust.

The Trustees are concerned that there are many deserving families who are not aware of the availability of grants.

If anyone would like to know more about the Trust or knows of anyone who may benefit from the Trusts activities do let us know. A contact number is available in the Good Village guide

Wenhaston with Mells Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting April 23rd 2014
Chair's Report.

This last year has been a busy and successful year, at least partly driven along by the surgery sessions which have been well attended and as a consequence we have moved our meetings into the main hall. We believe that we are a responsive Council in that we have listened to the concerns of parishioners and done our best to respond to them.

We have had a number of major planning applications to deal with, and although some are still ongoing, we have vigorously pursued our concerns and the concerns of villagers to the extent of making representations at the District Council sub-committee. We are hopeful that we will eventually gain the outcomes that we all want.

The Parish has taken over stewardship of three commons from the District Council and we are working collaboratively with the Commons group and Suffolk Wildlife to maintain them in the desired condition. Similarly, we are working on transferring the allotments to Parish Council control.

Hopefully some of you will have noticed how impressive the War Memorial is now looking after it has been revitalised by a Woodbridge company and we have had to remove a number of dead or dying trees from the new cemetery and are about to renew the rabbit proof fence for the obvious reason.

Elsewhere we have commissioned the work done on the Village Hall surface water drainage and car park and funded the insurance for the Commons Group. After much deliberation we have allocated the Ken Roberts legacy to help buy equipment for the cinema at the village hall and also for literacy aids at the school. With other groups we have improved the road to the playing field are also negotiating with the District Council to improve the play equipment and Councillor Alder will tell us more about that shortly.

The Parish Council web site is up and running, but we could do with some enthusiasts who could spare an hour a month to maintain it. Any volunteers please see Councillor Wilkinson.

I believe that we have a village to be proud of and villagers who deserve the support of the Parish Council. In this respect, the Council will continue to work collaboratively to manage the budget, but also to meet the changing circumstances that we are faced with.

To conclude, there are a number of people who deserve the thanks of all of us and I will try to list them all, but apologise if I miss anyone.

- A big thank you goes to the many grass mowers around the village, who keep the place tidy and have reduced the Council expenditure.
- Mary for writing the report for the Warbler and all of the Warbler production team for the sterling work that they do. They do need more help if we have any willing volunteers. Please see Councillor Gasper.
- Jill, Michael, Lilian, Heather and particularly Richard for the hard work and dedication in negotiating the commons transfer.
- I personally would like to thank the rest of the Council for supporting me in making my year as Chair as straightforward as it was ever going to be. I am proud of this team and I believe that together we can meet the challenges of the future with optimism.

Any questions.



Content of the message

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as reported last Wednesday

County Council report – 2013/14 - Wenhaston

• **SCC delivers on council tax freeze pledge.** SCC's portion of council tax will be frozen at its 2010/11 level for the fourth year in a row, after the council voted through its budget proposals for 2014/15 in February this year.

The council will be saving £38.6million over the next year to meet a budget gap caused by on-going reductions in government grant and increased demand for services. This is the first part of plans to save £156million over four years. Despite the tough financial climate, the council will be pushing ahead with important projects, such as 'Raising the Bar (driving up attainment levels in education), the roll-out of super-fast broadband across the whole of Suffolk, investing in apprenticeships, and supporting the development of 10 new, state-of-the-art care homes for older people. At the same time, the road maintenance budget – used for fixing potholes - has been protected from cuts. With plans to freeze council tax each year up to 2017, this will mean seven years with no increase.

• **SCC shortlisted for Most Improved Council award.** The county council has made it through to the final shortlist in the Most Improved Council category for the 2014 Local Government Chronicle Awards..

- **Raising the Bar in education.** A report which produced a series of recommendations aimed at driving up educational standards in Suffolk was endorsed by the county council in July last year.

The report was produced by the RSA, under the auspices of the county council's 'Raising the Bar' initiative. Raising the Bar was launched last year, as a major project to improve attainment levels and build a stronger aspirational culture around education in Suffolk. The RSA's report, 'No School is an Island', contained 20 recommendations. Among these was the idea that small rural schools with fewer than 100 pupils should enter a federation with others to maximise resources. Other suggestions included: for Suffolk to form a partnership with a London Borough with a record of improvement in educational standards, to learn from the huge progress they have made; for every school to establish a Parents' Council to ensure voices are heard, and also for all Suffolk schools to join together to form a new county-wide, school-led Suffolk Partnership for Excellence in Learning.

- **GCSE results move Suffolk up five places in league table.** December's publication of the national league tables for schools, based on the most recent GCSE results, saw Suffolk move up to 137th out of 151 local authority areas.

This is a five-place improvement on last year. It also means Suffolk is climbing nearer to the national average. 54.6% of Suffolk pupils gained five or more GCSEs graded between A* to C, putting Suffolk 6.4% off the national average of 61%. This compares with the previous year's results, when Suffolk was 8.5% off the national average of 59%. As Lisa Chambers, SCC's cabinet member for education said: "The results are a reflection of the hard work put in by young people and all those individuals in the Suffolk education system who have been relentless in pursuit of improved standards in the county. I do however recognise that there is still work to be done to get Suffolk further up the league tables and performing above the national average. Crucially, the pace of improvement needs to increase. It's what our young people deserve from their education and it's what we are all determined to achieve."

- **Greater Ipswich City Deal signed.**

Local councils and businesses have signed the deal with the Government which will bring in £millions of new investment for the local economy.

- **Government confirm funding for A14 and drop plans for a toll**

In June, the government confirmed that funding will be available to upgrade the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon.

- **SCC agrees investment in new apprenticeships across Suffolk**

SCC's Cabinet endorsed the Greater Ipswich City Deal in early December. At the same meeting, they gave the go-ahead to the investment of £1.5million to establish a local Apprenticeship service for Suffolk.

- **Topping-out ceremony in Bury St Edmunds marks first year of care-home partnership**

In December, the first anniversary of the partnership between Suffolk County Council and Care UK - which is building state-of-the-art care homes across the county - was marked

with a topping-out ceremony.

Extra broadband funding confirmed as Suffolk's broadband roll-out reaches 13,000 properties

Suffolk is being given an extra £5million from the government to help make high-speed fibre broadband available to the hardest-to-reach communities. The cabinets have been positioned in Wenhaston and will be operational this June.

I have used money from my enabling budget to support the project to create a coffee bar area in the village hall

MJH Gower April 2014