

## WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of Meeting held in Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

Present:- Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. H. Philips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, County Cllr. R. Leighton, Clerks. Mrs. M. Pennock, Mr. R. Day.

1. The Chair Cllr. L. Spindler welcomed the councillors, county councillor R. Leighton and introduced the new Parish Clerk Richard Day to the meeting. Apologies received from District Cllr. M.Gower, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. M. Gasper and Cllr. R. Dillaway.
2. There was no declaration of interest.
3. County Cllr. R. Leighton informed the Council that the County Council budget has now been approved for next year. This will involve a £26m saving on current expenditure and the loss of 1400 staff. Front line services are to be protected as far as possible. Cllr. R. Leighton described the Suffolk Broadband Plan – speed is a major concern and Rural Suffolk broadband speeds are the slowest nationally. The awareness campaign was described. Questionnaires are available online and additional hard copies are available from the clerk if requested. A poster will be placed on the village hall notice board and the greater response from parishioners the stronger Suffolk's case will be for improvement. (Online completion at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband).)
4. There was no report from District Cllr. M. Gower.
5. Proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. J. Wright that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be accepted. All agreed.
6. Clerk's report
  - PCSO Newson reported that there has been one recorded crime for January, theft of wood from an outbuilding in Blyford lane.
  - February damage to window caused by a snowball.



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Jill Daines has sent an e mail in which she said

Whilst I welcome the delivery of an updated GVG to all houses in the village, I would like to see an ongoing commitment as well to the "meet & greet new residents" with a copy of the GVG and not just any left over can be used for this purpose.

Jill would like the Parish Council to approach Blythweb for price.

I have put into circulation plans for a single small wind turbine 14.97, metres to hub and 5.5.m diameter blades for Lavender House Hall Road.

I have spoken to the planning officer and as our next meeting is not till 21<sup>st</sup> March, she would like the Parish Councillors comments by the beginning of March. Special planning meeting will have to be called.

The salt bin for Star Hill/Blackheath Road has been delivered and I have applied for the licence from SCC Highways.

I have spoken to the Parishioners who requested a fido bin and informed him of the price. He is willing to pay the amount and I have ordered one, as well as requesting the license from SCC Highways.

I requested that the salt bins be filled at Back road and by the Telephone box.

If they have not been filled please inform me.

Letters to be read – Correspondance,


1. Letter from Mr Graham Hodges
2. Letter from Christopher Borrett
3. Letter from Halesworth Volunteer Centre Agenda Item March

Correspondence for Circulation

Plans Wind Turbine for Lavender House  
Predetermination

A planning meeting has been called for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 7:30pm at Village Hall to consider the application no c/12/0195/ for installation of a single small wind turbine on land to North of Lavender House, Hall Road, Wenhaston.


7. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

  
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8. It was proposed by Cllr. H. Philips and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that the request from the Village Hall Committee for a donation towards insurance costs be met with £1,000. This was agreed. There were two votes against and one abstention.
9. The Clerk reported that it was unclear whether or not the requested work to the lighting for the path at Hall Road/ Star Lane footpath had actually been completed. Item to be carried forward to March agenda pending further investigation/clarification. If additional lighting is required SCC confirm this will require funding by the Parish Council and there are three installation options to eventually consider.
10. The cost of replaced the post for the village sign has been estimated at £293+ VAT. Cllr. D. Wilkinson felt that a further quote should be obtained. Item carried forward pending further cost estimate. Agenda item March meeting.
11. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. A. Alder that a further salt bin is provided for the hill on Blackheath Rd. Cllr. J. Wright agreed to be responsible for the bin when installed. Clerk to order bin and arrange necessary agreements regarding siting/position. All agreed.
12. The date for the Annual Parish meeting was suggested for 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Subsequent to the meeting the Village Hall was booked and therefore the date is confirmed as above.
13. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. H. Philips that the petition for consecration of the cemetery was made. The £180 administration fee will now be forwarded and the Council awaits advice of potential dates from the Bishop. A preference for p.m was expressed to keep costs down as the Council will be responsible for providing either lunch or afternoon tea. All agreed.
14. Correspondence.

A letter was read out from Halesworth Volunteer Centre requesting support by way of donation to help maintain services. This will be an agenda item at the next council meeting.

Correspondence read from Christopher Barrett ex of Coles Hill expressing his disappointment that a picture of Mr Segundo, 2 frames honouring village war dead, a picture of Peter Wright V.C and the train on a plaque had disappeared from view in the village hall. It was agreed

  
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that this was a matter for the Village Hall Committee to respond and therefore the correspondence will be forwarded to them.

Correspondence was read out from Graham Hodges concerning the recent increase in precept which he felt "thoughtless" at best. It was agreed to respond setting out the Council's position which will include

1. The responsibilities regarding adequate reserves and the ongoing financial need for maintaining assets.
2. Council's financial support via donations
3. Increased expenditure anticipated as a result of local government changes and the associated costs at Parish level

#### 15. Correspondence for circulation

– The relevant documents re Planning Application c/12/0195/ (see agenda item 6 and action agreed) Land north of Lavender House, Hall Rd, Wenhaston.

– Correspondence re predetermination.

#### 16. Finance

Bank balances as at 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

Current Account	£569.30
Base rate tracker	£18,824.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,394.19</b>

#### Cheques Drawn


101529 Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd.	£221.11	Vat 36.85	Salt Bin
101530 Mr Richard Day	£183.48		Wages
101531 Mrs M Pennock	£339.22		Wages
101532 Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd.	£160.48	Vat 26.74	Fido Bin

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that the accounts be accepted. All agreed.

#### 17.A.OB

1. Note from Cllr. A. Edwards with following points

- (i) Bob Cattell has asked that the grass re the Heathside development was kept long, in line with the stipulations, so that bluebells alongside the hedge would be ok. Mr Cattell asked that Cllr. J. Wright refrains from moving there and this was acknowledged and agreed.



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- (ii) Re Youth bus and council representation at event. Chair will attend and report back.
  - (iii) Information re forthcoming WESG meeting and support for possible community wood for the village – noted.
2. Cllr. J. Tate requested the installation costs of the seat on Blackheath be met by the Parish Council. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
  3. Cllrs. A. Spindler and A. Alder have agreed to attend neighbourhood planning training on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Pennock will make the necessary booking arrangements.
  4. Cllr. A. Spindler requested specific detail of how the Parish Council will support the Jubilee event financially. It was agreed that the Council would respond favourably to a specific request based upon the number of mugs actually required. The chair agreed to pursue this for clarification of requirement.
  5. An email was read out from Cllr. M. Gasper regarding the Star Hill path. In particular the area cleared by Mark Woolnough is being driven over and a question of whether a surface would be laid together with edging or posts to keep vehicles off. It was agreed to carry this forward as an agenda item for the next meeting.
18. Date of next meetings 5<sup>th</sup> March (Planning Meeting)  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2012

Meeting closed at 9pm.



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Precept letter 1

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FROM: G HODGES

Monday, 13 February 2012, 10:28

TO: mary.pennock1@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Mary

Bernard has asked me to send you a copy of the letter that I have sent to the Word. The recent increase in the precept amounts to an increase of more than 10%. At a time of rapidly rising costs for households to bear and the Governments appeal for council moderation this increase is thoughtless at best. Make no mistake, all Council money comes from the public (you and I) and I don't know of any one in Wenhaston who had an increase in their pay or pension of anywhere near 10% this past year. This money will have to be found from Suffolk Coastal budgets and if every Council behaved as ours is then libraries etc. don't stand a chance. It honestly makes me wonder if anyone on our council has ever had to, manage a budget, now is definitely not the time for an increase of this magnitude.

Yours Graham Hodges

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Reply to G HODGES



## Fw: Wenhaston Village Hall

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FROM: CHRISTOPHER BORRETT  
TO: mary.pennock1@yahoo.co.uk  
CC: ruthborrett318@btinternet.com

Sunday, 12 February 2012, 18:12

*Copy for Parish Council*

To whom it may concern,

Having been born and raised in Wenhaston it always made me feel proud when I went to the village hall to see pictures on the wall of Wenhaston residents who had gone the "extra mile" for the village and, those who had done valiant deeds.

However, having come back to the village at Christmas to see relatives I was somewhat dissappointed to see that the picture of Mr De-Segundo had disappeared from view which I thought rather odd as he was the man who put in a lot of hard work and, inspiration re the building of the village hall. Having an interest in history with regard to the wars (as my father fought in WWII) I was also very dissappointed to see that the 2 frames of the war dead from the village had also disappeared from view together with the picture of Peter Wright VC as had the train on a plaque given by Roger.

I noticed that they appeared to have been replaced by pictures of Reg & Harold Youngs outside the bakery, Mrs Liz Holt, Peter & Heather Phillips, Maurice Stammers and, a picture of the village green.

My question is what was wrong with the old pictures that were in the hall? Everyone knew Mr De-Segundo and the contribution he made to the village and I think we should honour those who gave their lives for us. It always made me feel proud knowing that Peter Wright VC had his roots in the village as, not every village has that claim to fame.

Is this apparent removal of the old permanent or are they going to be returned to their rightful place so that all in the village can see who helped make the village what it is today.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher J Borrett  
(ex of Coles Hill and, now of Wellington, Shropshire.)

Reply to CHRISTOPHER BORRETT



WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Sir,

Wenhaston Village Hall Committee

I am writing in response to the email sent to the Parish Council by Phil Corbett. Whilst not wishing to comment on the assertion of inaccuracy in Mr Borrett's letter I agree that it was disappointing that the committee were not written to direct and given the opportunity to respond. I am sorry that the email forwarded by Mary Pennock to Bernard Orme on 20/2 at 11:37 as requested at the Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February does not appear to have been received.

Regarding the publication of Mr Borrett's correspondence in the Wenhaston Word I regret to advise you that the Parish Council were unaware of Mr Borrett's request that this email should be forwarded to the Wenhaston Word. Please accept my sincere apologies on behalf of the Parish Council for this, clearly it would have been preferable to advise you of the actions we had been requested to take by Mr Borrett before forwarding the email. It does not appear that the Wenhaston Word had access to the email prior to the Parish Council – I am advised that they occasionally extend deadlines for items received from the Parish Council.

I very much regret the circumstances and embarrassment caused. Please accept my apologies on behalf of the Parish Council. We will endeavour to ensure that this situation is not repeated and we remain extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication of your committee.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Lilian Spindler Chairwoman

**Clerk Richard Day**

**Richard@daymilldown.fsnet.co.uk**



**to Dr Wilson Harvey, Post office cottage, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk,  
IP199DP (copy also to Trevor Tate with short covering note)**

Dear Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> March. I am writing to apologise on behalf of the Parish Council for the chain of events which led to the publication of an email in the March edition of the Wenhaston Word from Mr C J Borrett. I have written separately to the Village Hall management explaining the circumstances surrounding this occurrence and offering my sincere apologies. The Parish Council remain extremely grateful for the continued hard work and commitment of the Village Hall management committee and I believe that I have provided re-assurance to them.

On behalf of the Parish Council please accept my sincere apologies for this embarrassing occurrence which should have been avoided.