

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall on Wednesday 21st March 2012.

Present: - Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. M. Gasper, District Cllr. M. Gower and Clerk. Mr. R. Day

(The meeting had been preceded by a presentation from the countryside team SCDC regarding options around the higher level stewardship scheme for common land, 2 members of the Wenhaston Commons Group also attended.)

1. The Chair Cllr. L. Spindler welcomed councillors and District Cllr. M. Gower. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Mary Pennock clerk.
2. There was no declaration of interest.
3. There was no report from County Cllr R. Leighton.
4. There was no report from District Cllr M. Gower although questions were invited. There were no questions.
5. The extraordinary meeting of 05-03-2012 was summarised and following proposal from Cllr. H. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate the minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes for meeting 12-02-2012 were also unanimously approved following proposal from Cllr. H. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate.
6. Clerk's report summary
 - Sign has been repaired at the Dell.
 - Salt bin has been installed at Star Corner and is awaiting delivery of salt.
 - Consecration of cemetery. James Hall advises that all paperwork is in place and Bishop to consecrate. Rev Renald is arranging date- however expectation is for a long wait due to diary commitments.
 - End of year financial work is fully on track (by Mary) as soon as it is finalized financial report/booklets will be made available to councillors.

There were no matters arising from the Clerk's report

7. There were no matters arising from the minutes
8. Cllr. D. Wilkinson provided progress report on the exploratory work regarding the possibility of a Parish Council website to help further improve communication with Parishioners. Initial costs estimated at £9.99 per annum for domain subscription and hosting charges of £5.99 per month. Item to be carried forward to next meeting agenda for full discussion of cost and potential benefit and decision whether to



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proceed further. Clerk to ascertain current charges from Blythweb (if any).

9. Items carried forward from February meeting;

- Work complete re lighting at Hall Road/Star Lane – matter now closed.
- Village sign repair Cllr. J. Tate to obtain written confirmation of verbal quote from Chrispin Chalker – Agenda item for next meeting.
- Halesworth Volunteer Centre request for donation. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wright and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that donation of £50 is made. All councillors voted in favour.
- Installation costs for seat on Blackheath and request for Council to meet cost – Cllr. J. Tate to obtain written confirmation of verbal quote subject to this not exceeding verbal quote of £125 it was proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that Council should meet the cost. All councillors voted in favour – c/fwd to next Agenda and receipt of written quotation.
- Re Star Hill Path – Discussion around how to keep vehicles off and Clerk to seek guidance from Peter Ross SCDC. Also to investigate whether it is possible/viable to improve the surface – perhaps using bark – carry forward to next agenda for update.

10. Cllr. A. Edwards felt that the timing of Parish meetings and publication deadlines for Wenhaston Word meant that minutes were delayed in publication. It was agreed to investigate whether draft minutes could be released to speed communication. Clerk to investigate and report back to Councillors (Agenda item at next meeting).

Cllr. A. Edwards also expressed the opinion that at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting the current level of cash held in reserve by the Council may be expressed as being too high, particularly in the light of the recent letter from Mr. G. Hodges. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek confirmation of current requirements regarding levels of reserve from SALC.

11. Contract for Wenhaston Playing Field Grounds maintenance together with schedule and calendar or work approved following proposal from Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. J. Wright. All councillors voted in favour – cost will be £286.90 plus VAT for 2012/13 and will be invoiced in December.

12. Planning matters

- Approved received re application no C11/2729 Wall Green Cottage, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth, IP199HD re erection of log cabin/summer house.

13. Correspondence read out at meeting

- Temporary closure of Wenhaston Level Crossing 22:00hrs 17-06-2012 until 05:00hrs 18-06-2011.
- Invitation to CLP event 18-04-2012 to Councillors – no attendees.
- Revised bus services in Suffolk update – New timetables late March – details on website or 0845 606 6171.



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- Request for donation from Home Start- to be forwarded to Church for consideration.
- Email from Mr Bob Cattell requesting that he talks to councillors "in surgery" at next meeting. Agreed that Clerk should extend invitation as per request.
- Email from Mr. P. Corbett expressing disappointment at the appearance of the recent email from Mr. J. C. Borrett in the Wenhaston Word and pointing out that a copy of the email had not been received by the Village Hall Committee as promised by the Parish Council. It was agreed that a letter of explanation and apology would be sent by the Chair to the Village Hall Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Letter received from Dr. Wilson Harvey questioning why the letter(email) from Mr. Borrett was passed to the Wenhaston Word by the Parish Council without comment or caveat as to the accuracy of the content (regarding removal of pictures). It was agreed that a letter of apology and clarification of Parish Council's position would be sent to Dr. Harvey and also to Trevor Tate by the Chair.

14. Correspondence for circulation

- Planning application C12/0458 documentation – Agenda item at next meeting for Councillors observations.
- Planning inspectors decision re appeal by Roger Desborough, Church Farm.
- Suffolk County Council's part night lighting project – implementation.
- Freedom to Pray – Advise to Parish Councils note from Rt Hon Eric Pickles M.P.
- SALC training programme for 20-02-2013 for councillors for review/requests.
- Minutes from last Safe Neighbourhood Team meeting.
- Guidance note for local councils re localism extract from Journal of Local Planning.
- Agenda re SALC meeting 19-03-2012 and previous minutes.
- Legal Topics note- National Association of National Councils.
- March newsletter – Clerks and Councils Direct.

15. Finance Report

Balances as at 21st March 2012

Current Account -	£1,095.05
Base Rate Tracker -	£15,824.89
Total -	£16,919.94

Cheques Drawn

101533 Birkett LLP - £180.00 Fees for consecration of Cemetary
 101534 Wenhaston Village Hall - £1,000.00 for Donation S133
 101535 Norse Commerical Services - £55.20 Dog Waste Bags Vat - £9.20
 101536 Suffolk ACRE Ltd Insurence Pavillion and Subscription - £302.93
 101537Norse Commercial Services ROSPA report - £207.60 VAT £34.60



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101528 Jason Gairn sighting of salt bin £37.47
101539 Mrs M Pennock Wages and expenses - £345.47
101540 SCDC Rates Pavilion £171.75
101541 Mr Richard Day wages and expenses £383.80

Acceptance proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson. All councillors voted in favour.

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- (i) Cllr. M. Gasper expressed concern re lorry traffic on and around Cotes Hill. After discussion it was not felt anything could be done at present.
- (ii) Cllr. L. Spindler provided an extremely favourable report following her involvement with the Playbus initiative and felt it extremely worthwhile.
- (iii) Cllr. D. Wilkinson provided feedback on better broadband for Suffolk Conference. A full summary will be circulated to Councillors.
- (iv) Cllr. A. Edwards stated that the residents of St Michaels Way were extremely pleased with the reduction in street lighting levels at night time.
- (v) It was agreed that agenda items for the Annual Parish Meeting would include information on the various new initiatives supported by the Parish Council. This will be further discussed at the next meeting prior to APM.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.



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