

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting held in Village Hall on Wednesday 16th May, 2012.

Present:- Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, District Cllr. M. Gower, Country Cllr. R. Leighton, Clerk. Mr. R. Day and 2 Parishioners.

1. Following proposal from Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. L. Spindler was re-elected chairperson. As Cllr. Spindler was not present at the meeting the declaration of acceptance will be signed at the earliest opportunity. All voted in favour.
2. Vice Chairperson Cllr. D. Corbett welcomed the Councillors and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Cllr. L. Spindler.
3. The following declarations of interest were received –
 - Cllr. H. Phillips re agenda item 18. Planning application no: C/12/0689.
 - Cllr. J. Wright re agenda item 18. Planning application no: C12/0916.
 - Cllr. R. Dillaway re agenda item 18. Planning application no: C12/0916.
4. Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. A. Edwards that Cllr. D. Corbett is re-elected as vice Chairperson. All voted in agreement.
5. County Cllr. R. Leighton provided a report. This contained a reminder of the forthcoming meeting re Sizewell C scheduled for 28/5/12. Details circulated.
6. District Cllr. M. Gower provided a report. He highlighted a new initiative from Suffolk Coastal District Council which will be effective in July. This will provide for re-cycling of textiles. Further information for residents will follow.
7. Minutes of meeting dating 18th April 2012 were approved following proposal from Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. M. Gasper. All voted in favour.
8. A donation of £100 has been received from Rev. Anna Wright towards the cost of launching new Parish Magazine – letter of thanks forwarded.
 - Letters of appreciation forwarded to Mrs. M. Pennock and Blythweb,
 - Advertising implications re Parish Magazine investigated via SALC – best practise to include disclaimer.
 - Internal Audit arranged for 24/5. Documents etc will be delivered to Claydon.



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- Railway Planning Application has been the major activity during previous month. Parishioners emails and letters have all been circulated prior to today's meeting. Additional copies of plans have been obtained and made available to Parish at Public Meeting and afterwards via post office. 2 Parishioners have also had plans for inspection at their homes.
- Email received regarding children's roundabout within play area. This is now beyond repair. Additionally there are possible issues with the surface matting which will soon require replacing and tree roots also causing the matting to rise. The equipment may require to be moved or roots treated and a barrier installed to prevent further deterioration. I have requested Chris Green, Suffolk Coastal Services provides a recommended course of action for consideration – carry forward to next meeting agenda.

There were no matters arising from the report.

9. There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

10.(i) Cllr. A. Alder reported that 2 free sessions were available for the Playbus. First one completed with very positive feedback and 11 children and 4 parents attended. Further session on 29/5. Agreed that a feedback meeting with attendees would be arranged for late June.

Future sessions will cost £125. Cllr. A. Alder to update at next meeting.

(ii) We still await final quote for replacement of Village Sign. In view of condition of post, action to be agreed at next meeting.

(iii) Update provided by Cllr. A. Alder, a June issue is in progress and a broad ethos for future publication has been agreed. Meeting on 17th May from which progress report will be available at next meeting. Donations received to date are £140 towards initial costs.

(iv) Cllr. D. Wilkinson reported back on terms for possible SALC based website. It was felt that it was less restrictive than previously advised and free of charge. Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Corbett as it seemed to meet all needs expressed. Cllr. D. Wilkinson to action.

(v) Cllr. M. Gasper provided a summary of available options to Parish Council. Ongoing investigations regarding possible incursion risk, fly tipping risk and associated potential remedial action costs are still being investigated. Cllr. H Philips expressed the view that the responsibility for meeting these potential costs should not fall to the Parish and his should be clear with any possible future agreement.

Cllr. D. Wilkinson proposed and Cllr. R. Dillaway seconded a proposal that Cllr. L. Spindler and Cllr. M. Gasper meet with representatives of Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Coastal District Council an attempt to frame a proposal towards eventual ownership by the Parish Council of



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- the 3 Wenhaston Commons under discussion. This to take full account of the views expressed at this meeting. This was unanimously agreed, Progress update from Cllr. M. Gasper at the June meeting.
11. Proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. R. Dillaway that Cllr. M. Gasper appointed as Transport Liaison Officer. All voted in favour.
 12. Proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. A. Alder that Cllr. R. Dillaway appointed SALC representative. All voted in favour.
 13. Proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that Cllrs. R. Dillaway and A. Spindler were appointed representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee. All voted in favour.
 14. Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. A. Adler that Cllrs. L. Spindler, D. Corbett and H. Phillips appointed as members of the Finance Committee. All voted in favour.
 15. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that standing orders be adopted by the Parish Council. All voted in favour.
 16. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that Financial Regulations be adopted by the Parish Council. All voted in favour.
 17. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that SALC be appointed as internal auditors. All voted in favour.
 18. Planning application no C/12/0689 (Southwold Railway Trust) Following consultation with the Parishioners at a public meeting on 10th May and full review of subsequent views expressed both during and post the meeting, the matter was fully debated and views evaluated. There were 8 votes against the proposal and two in favour. A letter expressing the reasons why the Parish Council do not support the application will be forwarded to Suffolk District Council by the Clerk.
 Planning application no: C12/0735 (East Neuk, Hall Rd, Wenhaston). The Parish Council voted to support the application. 9 Councillors voted in favour, there was one absention.
 Planning application no: C12.0859 (1 Mill View, Back Rd, Wenhaston). The Parish Council voted to support the application. All councillors voted in favour.
 Planning application no: C/12.0916 (Heathside Haven, Blackheath Rd, Wenhaston.)
 Prior to debate Cllr. J. Wright left the meeting room and returned after a vote was taken. A letter from Mr. B. Cattell was read by the Chair, a copy also having been sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council. The Parish Council did not support the application by a vote of 7 against and none in favour. There were 2 abstentions. A note of the reasons the Parish Council were unable to support the application will be forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council by the Clerk.



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19. A letter was read from Parishioner. Mrs. E. Heaps regarding obscured signage to Public Footpath 13. Cllr. D. Corbett to review matters with property owner concerned. Update at next meeting.

20. Correspondence for Circulation;

- Emails from James Hewett – Southwold Railway Trust, thanking the Parish Council for facilitating the meeting and for invitation to present.
- LAIS 1337 re Local Council Precept Data Newsletter - Suffolk Coastal Resource Network.
- ESTA – Members Bulletin issue 120.
- Councils District Newsletter.
- Suffolk Preservation Society Issue 119.
- LAIS update 120503.
- Annual report letter from Dr. Therese. Coffey MP.
- Notification of submission – Suffolk Coastal Local Development Framework Care Strategy and Development Management. Politics development plan document.
- Details of availability.

21. Finance report was presented by RFO – It was proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett that this was accepted and seconded by Cllr. J. Wright. All voted in favour.

C/A £7177.24

Base Rate Tracker £15827.24

Cheques Issued – 101552 Blythweb Ltd. £72.00

101553 SALC £57.60

101554 Richard Day £453.00

101555 D. J. Coby £246.00

Clerk to investigate possibilities of improved return on deposit monies held. Report at June meeting.


22. Cllr. A. Alder summarised current strategy which is to review content of Local Plan and existing Parish Plan and suggested a Parish meeting in October to present to village.

Agenda item carried forward to June meeting.

23. A.O.B

Following request from Cllr. A. Spindler, Clerk to contact previous Clerk for an update on possible legacy to the Parish which had been previously mentioned- Clerk to update at June meeting.

Cllr. A. Spindler also highlighted instances of vandalism within the village, it was agreed to highlight the actions Parishioners should take in the forthcoming Parish magazine. The objective was to raise awareness to the Police of the instances occurring and to elicit response.


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Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. P. ...'.

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