

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.

Present:- Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. R. Dillaway, District Cllr. M. Gower, Richard Day, Clerk to the Council and two Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed the Councillors to the meeting and accepted apologies from County Cllr. R. Leighton. Chair outlined agreement in principle should the meeting overrun the 2 hours scheduled, in order to complete the full agenda.
2. Cllr. J. Tate declared an interest in agenda item 12.
3. There was no report from County Cllr. R. Leighton.
4. There was no report from District Cllr. M. Gower. He provided a short overview of current planning applications/issues.
5. Minutes to meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> August were unanimously approved and signed after proposal by Cllr. A. Edwards seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips (item 16 iii should read telephone box not post box.)
6. Clerk's Report
  - Issues relating to side gate opposite Church, Gates to war memorial and pathway reported to SCDC on 20/8 for repair action as requested at last meeting.
  - Request for bank/verge trimming at Coles Hill Corner and footpath between Blyford Lane and Coles Hill made 20/8 as requested at last meeting.
  - I have not made any progress (yet) re Phone Box Painting.

(All other matters are covered under separate agenda headings 8(ii)(iii) 10 and 12)

Note – Outcome of conversation with Anne Westover post her visit.

- Ok for removal of smaller cedar.
- Possibly ok for larger also (biggest problem)

  
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- Justification required – report and plan replacement with more appropriate trees i.e. non encroaching and more in keeping with environment – (Hawthorn, flowering cherry.)
  - No conservation issues but appropriate to put proposals to Suffolk County Council to note/acknowledge and publicise why felt necessary (Warbler).
  - Quotes obtained for taking down both £580 – two further quotes to be obtained.
  - It was suggested that the painting of the telephone box could be undertaken by volunteers subject to the required permission (carry forward to next meeting). There were no other matters arising from the report.
7. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
8. (i) Councillors confirmed training requirements, Clerk to obtain potential dates for local training and then organise. Invitations will be sent to other local Parish Councils to send interested delegates. Training subject localism/planning matters.
- (ii) Children’s playground. Cllr. R. Dillaway proposed and Cllr. J. Tate seconded proposal that the appropriate strategy would be to address the immediate issue (Tree incursion and root damage to surface of play area) and then review possible equipment replacement/refurbishment. This was unanimously approved. Clerk to obtain necessary quotations for removal of the two cedar trees and confirm intended actions to Anne Westover who has already been consulted.
- (iii) Clerk reported that agreement in principle had been obtained for a contribution toward the cost of repair and on-going maintenance from Suffolk County Council. It was agreed to defer any further action until matters were formalised. (Carry forward to October agenda)
- (iv) Cllr. A. Alder advised the Council that no further central funding was being made available for the Playbus visits to Wenhaston, various fund raising initiatives were now being pursued to re-instate this for village young people.
9. (i) Appn C121856 re The Dell, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston. Councillors voted by a majority of 9-1 in support of the application. It was voted on the Parish Council’s response that it was regretted that this appeared to be a retrospective application.
- (ii) Parish Council were invited to comment on the additional/revised information provided in respect of the Southwold Railway Trust Application. It was felt by a majority of 9-1 that the original response and concerns still applied and that the Parish Council remained firmly opposed to the application. A suitable response will be forwarded to Planning Authorities.
10. Proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. D. Corbett that Parish Council co-opts to fill newly created vacancy. This was

  
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unanimously agreed. Notices had immediately been displayed following receipt of resignation letter, no poll will be required, agenda item at October meeting to review candidates.

11. Chair provided an update and suggested strategy re the 3 Wenhaston Commons. Meeting closed at 8:15pm to allow Parishioner to speak. Meeting re-opened at 8:25pm.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. A. Alder that Parish Council should proceed with a view to ownership of the 3 Commons subject to satisfactory negotiations and outcomes with SCDC and full prior consultation with the Village. This would be followed by negotiations with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to then lease the commons on acceptable terms to the Parish Council.

Actions Agreed – 1. Sub Committee formed comprising Councillors L. Spindler, H. Phillips and A. Spindler to report at future Parish Council meetings. The subcommittee will take advice from invited parties in formulating recommendations to Parish Council. 2. Clerk to inform SCDC of proposed decision and proposed strategy. This was unanimously agreed.

12. Cllr. J. Tate left the meeting prior to discussion of this agenda item.

Proposed Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. A. Edwards that Clerk should consult solicitors regarding the most appropriate way of dealing with the proposed transfer of lease of Post Office. All voted in favour. A summary of the proposals has been provided to Parish Council by existing tenants, this will now be required to be presented in document form for consideration. (Carry forward to October Agenda)

13. Cllr. J. Tate re-joined the meeting.

#### Correspondence read out at meeting

- Email from Jason Gairn Parishioner re fly tipping incident.
- Notification of temporary traffic order – 12/10/12 Back Road Wenhaston.
- East Suffolk Line – update and forum invite from Greater Anglia Trains.
- Letter offering donation of costs of registration of Domain name for Parish Council website and hosting via hosting package from Cllr. David Wilkinson.
- Email from Clerk re contracted hours (forwarded to finance committee for proposals.)



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- Response letter from Festival Republic re complaints from Parish re Latitude Festival (noise and traffic).
- Letter of resignation as compiler of Wenhaston Warbler from Phil Corbett.

**14. Items in correspondence for circulation**

- Notification of Temporary closure of Public right of way – 15/8 to 15/2 with accompanying map.
- Suffolk Acre update/newsletter.
- Clerks and Councils Direct September Issue.
- SALC Newsletter issue 3.
- Revised Bus Services Suffolk.
- Suffolk Preservation Society Magazine.
- Copy of letter to Planning Services re proposal for heritage railway centre from Gail and Anthony Attfield.

**15. Report from RFO**

- Cheques totalling £1997.40 to be issued this month following signature.
- Balances prior to the above; C/A £3665.67, D/A £15829.40, TOTAL £19,495.07.
- I will prepare year to date figures for expenditure vs budget after the end of the month – (these are now produced quarterly).
- Contribution from Wenhaston Warbler for information.
- Receipts and Donations - £555
- Printing Costs                   - £415
- Surplus                           - £140.

Councillor Edwards proposed that the Financial Report was accepted by the Parish Council and Councillor Wilkinson seconded. All voted in favour.

16.(i) Requested by Cllr. H. Phillips that report from Village Hall management committee available at future meetings (relevant Councillors to provide as an agenda item).



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- (ii) Cllr. A. Spindler highlighted position of filing cabinets within Village Hall –actions to be agreed at next meeting to move, Clerk to ascertain exactly what is required to be filed.
- (iii) Complaint received regarding overgrown hedge of property Sunnyside, Blyford Lane, which is felt to be a hazard. Letter to be sent to occupier requesting action.
- (iv) Entrance to Back Road from Coles Hill remains to be cut despite earlier request Clerk to chase up.
- (v) Request from Cllr. D. Wilkinson that Parish Council asks for progress update from Guy MacGregor, Suffolk County Council, following recently circulated correspondence concerning the A12 Flood Wall and sluice project. (Clerk to arrange.)
- (vi) Confirmation of arrangements for consecration of Cemetery provided by Chair. Concern expressed by Cllr. A. Edwards regarding late notification of date to Parish Council. A note expressing this to be forwarded by Clerk to Reverend Renard.
- (vii) Concern expressed re junction of St Michaels way and Narrow Way as some drivers are ignoring white lines. Clerk to liaise with Highways to request signage/attention.

Meeting closed at 10pm. Date of next meeting 17.10.2012.

  
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