

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL


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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th April, 2013.

Present; Cllr. L. Spindler (Chair), Cllr. D. Corbett (Vice Chair), Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. Alan Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, County Cllr R. Leighton, Clerk to the Council, Richard Day (2 Parishioners attended the pre meeting surgery.)

1. The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Gasper, Cllr. Alder, Cllr. Alastair Spindler and District Cllr. Gower.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. County Cllr Leighton provided his final report prior to elections. He was thanked by the Chair for his service to the Parish over the previous 22 years as he is not seeking re election.
5. No Report.
6. Following proposal by Cllr Phillips seconded by Cllr Edwards the minutes were unanimously approved for meeting dated 20th March 2013.
7. Clerk's Report
 - Mr Coby has accepted the new requirements for grass cutting.
 - Request to Peter Ross SCC that warning signs erected re the drainage hole and black dyke and updated him re current position re commons proposals.
 - Repairs to driveway to playing field now completed.
 - Written to Latitude organisers requesting signage to route traffic away from Village. Organisers generously provided 2x2 tickets for festival. These have been accepted by Football Club to assist with fund raising events.
 - Good progress made with SCDC following meetings to obtain transfer of allotment land to Parish Council. Position outlined to councillors.
 - Footpath 16 issues reported. Currently low priority with agency as there are a number of similar cases. Most effective action will be to highlight again in the light of any future planning application - resolution will be reqd. as part of the application process.
 - Investigated procedure of additional double yellow lines (minutes reflect procedures required)
 - Potholes reported as per call reference within minutes.
8. None.
9. (i) Final preparations completed. Agenda has been published.


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(ii) Chair provided short report on meeting held with WVHMC Cllr Alastair Spindler is preparing a draft "roles and responsibilities" document for joint consideration and possible adoption. WVHMC to request alternative levels of funding for Parish Council to consider in respect of repairs and maintenance.

(iii) Cllr Corbett proposed purchase of a grit spreader for use by the volunteer group within the village. Following debate there was no support for the proposal and therefore it was withdrawn.

10. It was agreed that Cllr. Alder should discuss this within the recently formed village committee and to provide recommendations for proposed usage within the already agreed criteria to the Parish Council for consideration. Clerk will provide an update to donees explaining rationale. Carry forward to May agenda.
11. Planning approval received ref C/13/0134 Tastards, St Michaels Way, Wenhaston (rear extension and front extension to property)
12. Clerk advised Councillors that ROSPA report had been completed and that this was awaited together with an estimate of cost of required work. this was expected prior to May meeting and will therefore be an agenda item.
13. Report provided by Cllr Dillaway. In summary AGM 7/5/13. Charges to be simplified. Bookings holding up and in line with other Village Halls locally.
14. Report circulated pre meeting by Cllr Gasper and this will be presented at Annual Parish meeting next week.
15. None.
16. Correspondence for circulation.
 - Revised bus services Suffolk County Council. Advice and timetable information.
 - FCC Environment; feed in tariff wind energy project information (recent briefing meeting at Yoxford refers. Proposal to be subject of planning application sited at Saxmundham.)
 - Coast and County spring newsletter.
 - Summary of Football Club's work undertaken on Pavilion and pitch from Dougie Canham Chairman Wenhaston United FC.
17. RFO Report.

Accounts for Financial Year to 31/3/13 were presented and explained. Copies were made available to all Councillors and a summary of the main points was given. These will now be subject of internal and external audit. Cheques due this month total £2,276.63 and following a transfer from general reserves of £5000.00 Balances will be Current account £3,809.67 Base Rate Tracker account £15836.08 and Base Rate Reward account [Specific Reserve] £4002.35. Total £23,648.10. In addition to the specific reserve held as a result of a donation a further £1000.00 is held within current account for the Playbus expenditure


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following the SCC Grant. Councillor Dillaway proposed acceptance of the RFO report and that Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return should therefore be approved for signature Cllr Wilkinson seconded. All voted in favour.

18. (i) Clerk to write to Football Club expressing thanks on behalf of Parish Council for their ongoing work on the pitch and pavilion improvements.
- (ii) Thanks were expressed to Blythwoods for the recent hedge panting and donation of £30 towards the cost.
- (iii) An offer from Gillian Benjamin to attend a future meeting to advise on Neighbourhood Planning was declined for the time being.
- (iv) Energy Support Group AGM is scheduled for 14/5/13 for those wishing to attend.
- (v) Chair provided feedback and detail following attendance at recent meeting in Leiston held as part of consultation stage re a proposal for a wind turbine at Thorington.
- (vi) Clerk to investigate procedures required pending a possible request to remove 3 birch trees situated at Well Green (carry forward to May agenda)

Meeting closed at 9:15pm. Next meeting Wednesday 15th May.



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