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# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th December 2013.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. Alan. Spindler, Cllr Alastair Spindler, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, County Cllr. M. Gower, Clerk Richard Day. Three Parishioners attended prior to the meeting proper.

1. Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cllr. L. Spindler.
2. Cllrs Gasper and Phillips declared an interest in agenda item 12.
3. Requests for dispensation to vote were received from all Councillors in attendance and granted re agenda item 14.
4. A copy of the report is available from the Clerk.
5. The minutes to the meeting of 20th November 2013 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Gasper. All voted in favour and minutes were duly signed.
6. Clerks Report
  - We are still awaiting final transfer of the allotment land to the Parish Council by Solicitors. As soon as complete the proposed lease to WALGA can be signed.
  - The proposed SLA for the Commons is with Solicitors for overview. This will be presented to Parish Council when completed prior to forwarding to SWT.
  - I have obtained clarification regarding the suggestion to seal the War Memorial after cleaning. This is not recommended as it could seal in damp and cause the limestone to crack and deteriorate. Therefore we will proceed as per the original quote, which includes re lettering, in early spring 2014. The cost is £1057.68 less vat.
  - Two streetlights reported as faulty. Blackheath Rd and also junction with Star Hill.

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- All other matters are covered under separate agenda headings 8(ii), 12 and 14.
7. None
  8. (i) This will return to agenda following a site meeting and discussion with Commons Group (Cllr. Gasper to follow through)  
(ii) Following receipt of a report from Arbouricultural Manager and initial costings for work involved Clerk to obtain two further quotes and a management plan is to be agreed at the next meeting (carry forward to January agenda)
  9. (i) Following debate Parish Council will provide initial feedback on Hopkins Homes proposals following their recent presentation. Clerk to copy Councillors with agreed response to Hopkins Homes request.  
(ii) Clerk to respond to recent request for further consideration of application re former granary, Old Hall Farm from SCDC copy of agreed response to be forwarded to Councillors.
  10. Agreed that March meeting will include an agenda item re the proposed use of bequest from the late K. Roberts. At this time it is expected that progress will have been made re the project and an update can be provided to the family and arrangements commenced for the plaque.
  11. No report provided by PCSO Newson.
  12. Cllrs Gasper and Phillips left the meeting prior to discussion. Cllr Wilkinson proposed a one off donation of £112- to the Commons group to assist their work in the transition period following the changes in stewardship of the Commons from SCDC to Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Corbett and carried by a vote of six to two.
  13. Cllrs Gasper and Phillips returned to the meeting room. Cllr. Edwards will liaise with Football Club and Sports Club and request re entry to the agenda when exact requirements are known and a costing obtained from Mr. A. Musk.
  14. Clerk outlined the proposed reduction in financial support next year from SCDC as a result of the phased withdrawal of support funding. Various budget options were outlined and discussed. it was proposed by Cllr. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. Alder that Parish Council expenditure should be frozen next year to current levels. The shortfall position should be funded by an increased precept request equating to an extra cost of approximately 69 pence per band D property annually. This was carried by a majority of seven in favour and four against. Clerk to prepare 2014/15 budget for allocation of expenditure based upon these figures. This will then be presented to Council.
  15. Correspondence read at meeting.
    - Neighbourhood planning event...Invite to Councillors.



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**16. Correspondence for Circulation.**

- L AIS UPDATE 131129.
- The Local Councillor Issue 3 2013.

**17. RFO Report**

- Balance of accounts prior to issue of cheques (£1262.37 ) and credits received (£35.00)
- Current account. £ 14900.66. Base Rate Tracker £15840.33. Base Rate Reward £4012.50
- TOTAL £34,753.49.

RFO Report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Alastair Spindler and seconded by Cllr. Tate. All voted in favour.

**18. (i) January agenda to include the election of two Parish Councillors to Relief in Need Trust.**

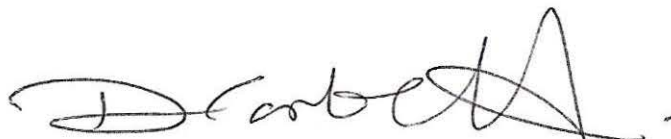
(ii) Request for donation towards presents at Village Hall Christmas Bazaar received. Agenda item January.

(iii) Cllr. Dillaway pointed out that the promised review of Clerks working hours was due. January agenda item.

(iv) No progress/response from Anglian Water re smell in Village, to be escalated to environmental health.

(v) Cancelled BT meeting (Nov) Clerk to rebook for April 2014. Agenda and invitation to be agreed January meeting.

Meeting closed at 9pm. Date of next meeting Wednesday 15th January.

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December 2013 Cheques issued summary.

£300.00 HMRC

£448.10 Richard Day.

£350.27 Eastern Facilities Management Solutions.

£140.00 Leiston Press Ltd.

£24.00 WVHMC

£1262.37 TOTAL

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