

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th February 2014.

Present; Cllr. L. Spindler (Vice Chair), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. A Alder, Cllr Alan Spindler, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, County Cllr. M Gower, Clerk Richard Day and one Parishioner.

1. Cllr. L. Spindler Vice Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Corbett. Apologies were received after the meeting from Cllr. Alastair Spindler.
2. None received.
3. None received.
4. A copy of the report is available from Clerk.
5. The minutes to the meeting of 15/01/14 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Edwards seconded by Cllr. Gasper and unanimously approved.
6. Clerk's Report
 - Work has commenced at Cemetery clearing trees and pruning back all dangerous branches. It should finish this week and a note has been placed in Warbler confirming parishioners can help themselves to wood, on a first come first served basis, at their own risk, until mid March when the site will be cleared of any remaining wood.
 - Service level agreement is with SWT solicitors for signature. A copy is due for countersignature by the Parish Council. Upon completion SWT can assume management on behalf of the Parish Council. I will advise subcommittee in due course.
 - Conveyance of allotment land is available for signature by Parish Council and terms of lease to WALGA are agreed. Documents to be forwarded for signature later this week. I am arranging additional Public Liability Insurance to cover from the date of the conveyance.
 - I have been advised by Highways Dept that the requested work to the bank at Star Hill is not viewed as urgent so will not be undertaken in the short term.
 - There were no matters arising from the report.



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7. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
8. (i) Cllr Alder proposed that Parish Council endorsed the plans for grant support application in respect of a coffee bar at the Village Hall, Cllr. Edwards seconded the motion and all voted in favour.
(ii) A proposal from Cllr. Dillaway, seconded by Cllr. A. Spindler to increase cemetery fees by 100% was overturned by a majority of 5 to 2 (2 abstentions). Further consideration will be given to the matter at the next meeting. In the interim Clerk will endeavour to obtain further comparative costs (carry forward to March agenda.)
(iii) Cllr Alder will liaise with County Cllr. Gower re this matter. It is hoped that by the next meeting specific proposals will be available for use of the bequest and that these can be announced at the Annual Parish meeting in April. (Agenda item March)
9. A copy of the report is available from Clerk.
10. (i) Appn ref DC/14/0132 FUL Heathside Haven. Approved with one abstention, Clerk to forward comment.
(ii) Appn ref DC/3630/FUL re Greenacre, St Michaels Way - approved.
(iii) Appn ref DC/24/0023/FUL. Request for provision of toilet and shed at Blyford Lane, Wenhaston by Southwold Railway Trust. With the exception of two abstentions all Councillors voted to oppose this request. Clerk to forward comment/rationale.
11. Clerk to forward list of affected numbers currently held to BT. Notice of meeting to appear in next two months Warbler editions by way of Parish Council meeting report. Final preparation and agenda timings to be agreed at March meeting.
12. The draft expenditure budget was presented by RFO. Cllr. Dillaway proposed acceptance, this was seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson and unanimously agreed.
13. Following a request for donation from Halesworth Volunteer Centre Cllr Dillaway proposed a sum of £50. Cllr. Wilkinson seconded the proposal and this was carried unanimously (Clerk to forward with covering letter.)
14. Cllr Gasper updated the meeting on proposals to develop and update the map of Wenhaston Footpaths. This will eventually be available to anybody interested.
15. Correspondence read at meeting
E/Mail from secretary of Good Neighbours Scheme outlining their work and suggesting possible use of part of the surplus funds generated by Wenhaston Warbler. Clerk to respond indicating a willingness to help if at all possible. Specific request awaited. Also reference made to Home and Good Neighbours AGM 25/2 and Hopkins Homes Public Consultation on 26/2. (These were highlighted by virtue of also being VH booking secretary)
16. Correspondence Circulated at meeting



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- (i) Electoral Review of Suffolk Coastal. Draft Recommendations of Boundary Commission.
- (ii) Copy of findings following recent job evaluation of Parish Clerk role completed by CPALC. These have been implemented within budget.
- (iii) LAIS 1362/3/4.
- (iv) The Local Councillor. Winter 2013/14 publication.

17. RFO Report

Balances of accounts. C/a	£15146.51.
Base Rate Tracker a/c	£15842.30.
Base Rate Reward a/c	£4017.50.
Total	£35006.31.

Balances are after receipt of £2000.00 from SCDC as contribution to legal costs re commons, £6.00 donation and £260.00 advertising revenue from Wenhaston Warbler but prior to issue of cheques totalling £1598.20.

The report was proposed by Cllr Dillaway for acceptance, seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved.

- 18. (i) Clerk to request pillars to gate at war memorial are rendered. Gates still also require attention (2nd request to be made to SCDC)
- (ii) Progress with new "Welcome to Wenhaston" booklet outlined by Cllr. Gasper.
- (iii) Path to playing field requires further attention - carry forward to next agenda.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.



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Cheques issued February 2014

Richard Day	£432.40
Lawrence Tree Serv. Ltd	£100.00.
Leiston Press Ltd	£140.00
Prettys Solicitors	£844.80
WVHMC	£40.00
Cross Ram &Co	£41.00
Total	£1598.20


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