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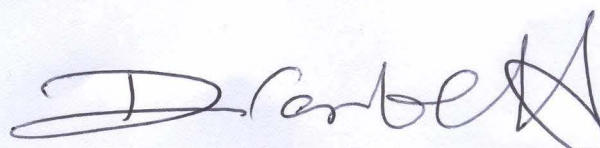
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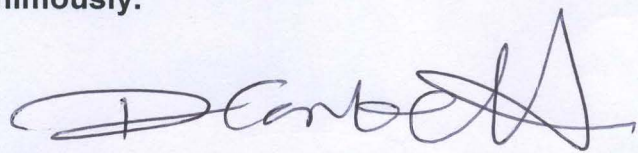
Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16TH December 2015.

Present; Cllr D Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. A. Musk, Cllr. D. Stammers, Cllr. J. Peters, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. C. Watson, Cllr. J. Gairn, County Cllr. M. Gower, Richard Day Clerk, 9 Parishioners attended the meeting.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies accepted on behalf of District Cllr. Catchpole and Cllr. Hewett.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting of 18th November were proposed for acceptance (subject to amendment of an incorrect date) by Cllr. Spindler, seconded by Cllr. Phillips and unanimously agreed (Clerk also outlined NALC guidance on minute composition and copies will be provided for reference of Councillors)
5. Clerk's Report
 - 2 Meetings attended re Neighbourhood Planning
 - 1 Meeting attended re Play area development. (Both items covered within agenda)
 - Further representations made to SCDC regarding plant on site of Hopkins Homes Development .
 - 2 applications forwarded for grants towards cost of speed monitoring equipment in village.
 - Request forwarded to SCDC Highways for assessment of proposed sites.
 - Letter of support for extended PO opening hours sent on behalf of Parish Council.
 - Letter sent to SRT requesting correction of inaccurate reporting of Parish Council's position with regard to recent planning appeal. (This had been copied to Councillors prior to meeting)
6. None.
7. A copy of Cllr. Gower's report is available from the Clerk.
8. No report available.

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9. Cllr. Corbett stated that as a result of numerous telephone calls and emails received and following ambiguous information from another source she wished to propose the following to clarify matters "That the Parish Council categorically states that it refutes the assertion that it supports a future development of the Southwold to Halesworth Railway. As the matter has not been the subject of a formal planning application, any such comment on this issue would be speculative and misleading". The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Peters and all voted in favour of the statement.
10. (i) Quotation obtained for work to re site sign. Work can commence as soon as re-painting completed on both sites (Cllr. Hewett dealing with this.)
(ii) Cllr. Alder proposed temporary closure of meeting, seconded by Cllr. Edwards to allow a short presentation by the working group to outline their proposals. This was unanimously agreed. The meeting re-opened at 7:55 when Cllr. Corbett proposed adoption of the play area vision statement to allow fund raising initiatives for the project to commence. This was seconded by Cllr. Alder and unanimously approved.
11. Clerk outlined the changed audit requirements and possible impacts on costs of the alternatives. Cllr. Alder proposed that PC opted to remain with the sector led body for audit recruitment. This was seconded by Cllr. Edwards and unanimously agreed.
12. A full discussion took place regarding PC expenditure for 2016/17. Significant items to address include part funding for speed monitoring equipment, increasing costs of maintenance for skate park and children's play area (short term) and the likelihood of contribution towards an estimated £30k cost of replacing the play equipment. Part of the expenditure will be met from reserves but Cllr. Musk proposed that an increase in precept of £2000 was set to partially cover the costs outlined. Cllr. Edwards seconded this and all voted in favour. Clerk to forward request to SCDC and prepare budget for 2016/27 based upon these figures.
13. A copy of Cllr. Watson's report re VHC is available from Clerk.
14. Agendas and minutes to recent Neighbourhood Planning Group meetings circulated.
15. Reports from PCSO Newson are no longer available -alternative sources of information highlighted to Councillors.
16. (i) Cllr. Corbett wished to place on record her apologies for an oversight in not formally declaring the result of a vote at the previous meeting. This had been highlighted post meeting by Cllr. Hewett in respect of Appn C13/0833.
(ii) Re Appn DC/15/4395/LBC (Old Hall Farm Wenhaston) approved unanimously.



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(iii) Re Appn DC/15/2765/FUL (Land off Blyford Lane -revised application) - Parish Council unanimously agreed to object. Clerk to forward details outlining reasons to SCDC.

(iv) Re DC/15/4610/FUL - approved unanimously.

17. Correspondence read at meeting

None

18. Correspondence for circulation

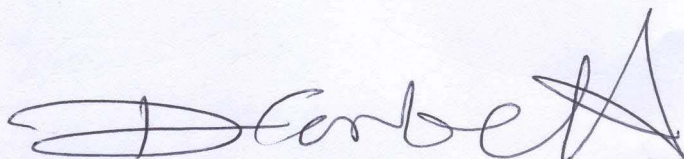
- LAIS 1384
- Neighbourhood Planning co-opted sub group. (Agenda and minutes meeting dated 23/11/15)

19. RFO Report

Cheques totalling £ 2058.26 await approval this month. Balances of accounts prior to issue are Current account £15,163.11 Deposit accounts £19,937.12. Total £35,100.23. The report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Musk, seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously agreed.

20. Request for letter from PC to support retention of Police Station at Halesworth - (Clerk to forward)

Meeting closed 8:40pm. Next meeting 20th January 2016.

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