

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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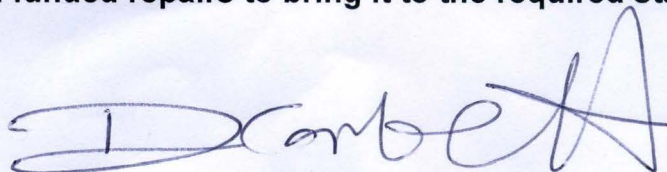
Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler (Vice Chair), Cllr. A. Alder,  
Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. D. Stammers, Cllr. J. Gairn, Cllr. C. Watson,  
Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Hewett, District Cllr R. Catchpole, Richard Day Clerk  
and 10 Parishioners

1. Following Chair's welcome apologies were read and accepted on behalf of County Cllr Gower.
2. No declarations of interest.
3. No requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting 16th March 2016 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Phillips and unanimously agreed.
5. Clerk's report
  - Memorial Coins for pupils of Wenhaston School obtained. (Re 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations HM Queen Elizabeth II ) These are now available for distribution.
  - Training document provided to each Councillor. (Good Councillor's guide)
  - Following the resignation of Cllr Peters a casual vacancy has arisen. The statutory notice has been posted and we must now await developments.
  - Please note that indexation/reference numbers for minutes have changed as they are becoming unwieldy.
  - All other matters will be covered within the Agenda.
6. There were no matter arising from the report.
7. No report from County Cllr Gower.
8. A copy of the District Cllr Catchpole's report is available from Clerk.
9. (i) Following a summary of the quotes obtained for the proposed work at Children's Play area it was proposed by Cllr. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. Alder that Kompan would be the preferred provider. All voted in favour and Clerk will arrange a presentation to the Parish Council by the company once funds pledged are in place, to outline the full scope and timescales involved with the project.  
(ii) ROSPA report has highlighted safety issues with skate park which was closed and secured pending decision on its future. Longer term the facility is reaching the end of its working life. Representations were made to retain the facility, although the Sports Club have stated that they are unable to financially support the skate park in the future. Cllr. Alder proposed that the Parish Council funded repairs to bring it to the required standard and



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during the next 12 months a clear understanding of usage and replacement costs (or alternatives) would be established. This was seconded by Cllr. Gairn and unanimously agreed. Clerk to liaise with NORSE regarding repair and carry forward to next meeting to agree strategy for review of the facility and alternatives during the next 12 months.

(iii) Presentation to be arranged by Cllr. Alder for a representative of Quiet Lanes project to Parish Council.

10. ROSPA reports – these has been circulated prior meeting. Clerk will arrange for play area issues to be dealt with but with recognition that facility is to be replaced within next 12 months – skate park has already been dealt with earlier in meeting – Sports Club have written to confirm they will address issues identified by report relating to the Games Area.
11. Following a question raised at APM the Parish Council re stated its position and rationale regarding possible ownership of Wenhaston Commons. No further action to be taken – a view which was supported by Suffolk Wildlife Trust in the light of their recent experience. (The meeting closed at 7:50pm following a proposal by Cllr. Alder, seconded by Cllr. Musk and agreed by all Councillors, to allow a Parishioner to state their support for ownership) meeting re-opened at 8pm.
12. Cllr. Hewett proposed that Blyth Woods group were appointed tree wardens for the Village. Cllr. Spindler seconded and all voted in favour.
13. Report available from Clerk.
14. Agendas/minutes circulated. Copies available from Clerk.
15. It was agreed to forward letters confirming the Parish Council's position regarding future development within the Village following receipt of the latest Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies and development plan document to planning officers, District Cllr. Catchpole and the specific feedback portal at SCDC.
16. CORRESPONDENCE READ AT MEETING. Following a request for support from Halesworth Volunteer Centre Cllr. Edwards proposed a donation of £50. Cllr. Alder seconded this and all agreed.

**17. Correspondence Circulated Post Meeting**

- LAIS 1388
- LAIS 1389
- LAIS Up2Date
- ESTA NEWS.
- Wenhaston with Mells Neighbourhood Plan. Agenda and minutes April and March meetings.
- Site Allocations and Area specific Policies. Development Plan Document
- ROSPA REPORTS...Playarea, Skate Park, Games area.

18. The Annual Governance Statement had been circulated together with yearend accounts prior to the meeting. Cllr. Hewett proposed signature on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr, Stammers seconded this and all voted in favour.

**19. RFO Report**

Cheques totalling £1,201.70 require approval this month. Monies received total £ 505.00. Balances of accounts as at 31/3/16 are as presented within



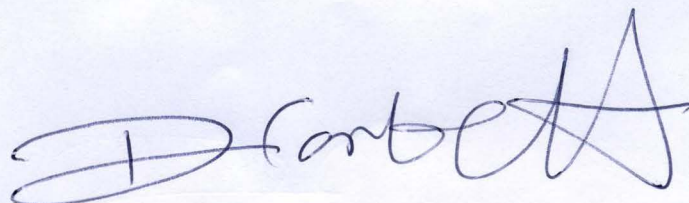
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accounts namely C/A £14,999.39 Base Rate Tracker £2500.28 Base Rate Reward £17,979.19. Total £35,478.85. The accounts to year end 31/3/16 had been circulated pre meeting and Cllr Musk proposed acceptance, Cllr Spindler seconded and all voted in favour.

20. None

Meeting closed at 8:50pm. Date of next meeting 18th May 2016.

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