

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler (Deputy), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Musk, Cllr. C. Watson, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. D. Stammers, Cllr. K. Canham, Cllr J. Gairn, County Cllr. M. Gower, District Cllr. R. Catchpole, Richard Day (Clerk) and 14 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies were read and accepted on behalf of Cllrs Alder and Hewett.
2. Cllr. Spindler declared pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 and would take no part in that section of the meeting.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting held on 18/01/17 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Edwards and unanimously approved subject to amendment of item 12/10.
5. Clerk's Report

I have installed the sponsorship plaques and acknowledgement notices at the Play area.

The Parish Council's response to Sizewell C consultation has been provided and relevant and interested parties copied in. Councillors have also been copied in with SCC and neighbouring parish responses.

Request made to Highways re improvement to white lines at junction of St Michaels Way/Narrow Way and response circulated confirming action. (See also separate agenda item re Star Hill response)

Annual Parish Meeting to be held prior to regular Parish meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2017. Agenda to be agreed at March meeting.

Detail provided regarding correspondence in respect of Mylor and statements made by owner. Correspondence already circulated.

6. Matters arising from the minutes – none
7. A report is available from the Clerk
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9. SCDC response suggests cost will be prohibitive for footpath, other alternatives being investigated by Cllr Canham (carry forward to March agenda)


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10. It was agreed that Clerk would write again to Hopkins Homes Ltd, (copy to Allotment Association) stressing Parish Council's opinion re existing boundary. Letter also to Planning Department and Hannah Smith stating our position and requesting this is placed on record.
11. No reports. Neighbourhood Plan still not progressed by SCDC Planning. Agenda/slot at next meeting for update agreed.
12. RE DC/17/0181FUL (Seven dwellings, Glen House, Blackheath Road.) Cllr Spindler left meeting room prior to discussion and returned after voting. A full debate was held after review of feedback from Parishioners, letters and personal representations made prior to meeting. Councillors also gave their own views on the matter and these were summarised by the Chair. A vote to object to the proposal was held with 7 Councillors opposing and 1 abstention (A letter will be forwarded by Clerk to SCDC outlining reasons for objection which are numerous.)
13. It was proposed by Cllr. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. Musk that Parish Council should progress with an Emergency Plan on a modest scale. All voted in favour. Cllr. Spindler volunteered to liaise with Peter Langford and Village groups to try to get this moving.
14. Correspondence read at meeting

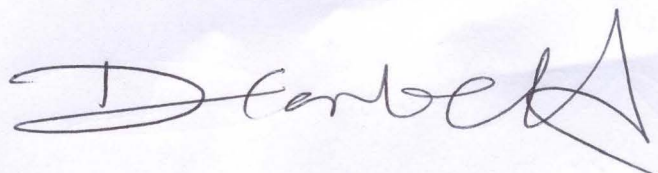
- (i) Eight letters from Parishioners objecting to Planning appn DC/17/0181/FUL. (These had been circulated to Councillors prior to meeting.)
- (ii) Email from Village Hall Management Committee requesting assistance towards urgent resurfacing/repairs /replacement of car park surface. Cost estimated at £20k. AGREED TO SUPPORT IN PRINCIPAL FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FROM CLLR CORBETT, SECONDED BY CLLR STAMMERS ONE VOTE AGAINST ,ALL OTHERS IN FAVOUR . ADVICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AND CLERK TO WRITE TO VHMC AND AWAIT FURTHER DETAIL.
- (iii) Request for donation by Football Club towards cost of contemplated improvements to changing rooms. (Plans are to be amended due to escalating cost)REQUESTED FULL DETAILS OF COST AND REVISED PLANS.AGENDA ITEM UPON RECEIPT.

15. Correspondence circulated post meeting

- (i) Update from Highways Dept to Parish Council request for extension of speed limit on A12 to include junction with Hazels Lane.
- (ii) Correspondence re Mylor as outlined in Clerk Report.
- (iii) Risk Assessment Document and findings.

16. RFO Report

Balances of accounts. Current account £10,324.13 Savings account £18,047.02 Total £28,371.15. Cheques totalling £1,693.73 await approval this month. Records have been reconciled and agree with Bank statements.

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Risk assessment work has been completed and a summary of findings has been circulated. All matters pertaining to financial risk have been reviewed and in particular levels of insurance cover for assets and consequential loss. These are viewed as being sufficient for current need.

With regard to assets there are two areas requiring attention. Play area and Bus shelter. RFO REPORT PROPOSED FOR ACCEPTANCE BY CLLR SPINDLER SECONDED BY CLLR EDWARDS ALL VOTED IN AGREEMENT.

17. Any other business

- (i) Vicarage Grove Footpath overgrown. Clerk to report upon receipt of path number (Cllr Phillips)
- (ii) Agenda item for March will be next phases of amenity development in Village.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm. Next meeting 15th march 2017.

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