

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

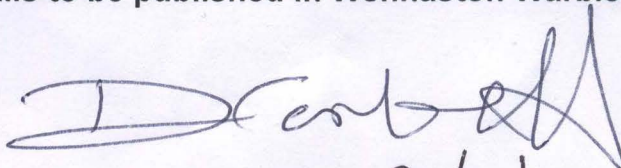
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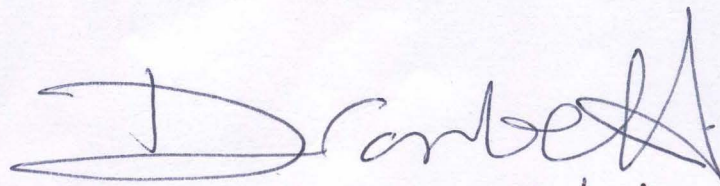
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

Present; Cllr. D Corbett (Chair), Cllr L Spindler (Deputy chair), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. A Edwards, Cllr. A Alder, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. J Gairn, Richard Day, Clerk to Council and 11 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cllr. R Smith, Cllr. R Catchpole and Cllr. D Stammers.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting held on 18/10/2017 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Alder and seconded by Cllr. Spindler. This was unanimously approved.
5. Clerk's Report
 Progress made with abandoned vehicle on common land. (Still under review.)
 Statutory requirements have been undertaken re resignation of Cllr Hewett. Upon expiry of notice period Parish Council may co opt replacement. AGENDA ITEM DECEMBER.
 Remembrance Sunday Ceremony attended by Chair and wreath laid on behalf of Parish Council. ACTION. CLLR GAIRN PROPOSED A DONATION OF £50.00 TO ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, CLLR CORBETT SECONDED AND ALL VOTED IN FAVOUR.
 Mower has now reached the end of its working life. Repair would not be economic. ACTION: CLERK TO PROVIDE COSTINGS ON SUITABLE REPLACEMENT AT NEXT MEETING.
6. Matters arising from the minutes – None
7. No report.
8. No report.
9. Clerk advised of a further meeting arranged for 20/11/17 with potential supplier of sports equipment. ACTION C/fwd to Decembers meeting.
10. Cllr. Alder proposed Parish Council fund cost of replacement battery for defibrillator under section 137 expenditure as this village amenity would not be serviceable without this equipment. Cllr. Gairn seconded and all voted in agreement. Cllr Watson to arrange invoice to be sent to clerk.
11. Cllr. Canham proposed a contribution under section 137 expenditure towards the cost of Halesworth Town Council's support for 1hr free parking in the Town, as this is widely used by Parishioners. Cllr. Musk seconded and all voted in favour.
12. Cllr. Spindler reported progress with emergency planning arrangements for the village – Details to be published in Wenhaston Warbler.


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13. Planning matters : DC/17/4171/FUL re change of use of Wenhaston Quarry to facilitate holiday lodges and associated leisure facilities. Following a long debate 7 councillors voted against this application with 2 councillors abstaining. Clerk to summarise rationale for decision and forward response to SCDC Planning. (Copy summary available from Clerk upon request)
14. Meeting closed temporarily at 8.15pm to allow Neighbourhood Planning Committee member to address councillors outlining the frustration at delays by SCDC in progressing matters. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write a strongly worded protest at the delay addressed to Dr T Coffey MP outlining the timelines of various stages of submission and the delays encountered. (Meeting re-convened at 8.15pm)
15. CORRESPONDENCE READ AT MEETING.
Email re tree planting from Cllr Edwards. ACTION. Further investigation required by Cllr Edwards prior to any PC involvement.
CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED POST MEETING.
- (i) Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Newsletter.
 - (ii) LAIS 1405
 - (iii) LAIS 1403
 - (iv) SALC Response to Planning Consultation arranged by Central Govt.
 - (v) Clerks and Councils Direct Nov issue.
 - (vi) Copy correspondence from Parishioner objecting to Planning Appn DC/17/4171/FUL
16. RFO REPORT.
Cheques totalling £1,053.93 require approval this month. Balances of accounts prior to issue were Current a/c £20,655.58 and Deposit a/c £18,084.76 Total £38,740.34. These figures have been reconciled to ledgers. At next months meeting Councillors will need to consider precept request for 2018/19 and last month I provided figures showing expenditure broadly in line with budget this year. Costs will increase next year (Summary provided) and guidelines are being circulated regarding controlling the levels of increases to precept. ACTION.....
AGENDA ITEM DECEMBER.
17. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO SPECIFIC RESERVE. ACTION.....AGENDA ITEM DECEMBER.
18. Cllr. Canham suggested Parish Council may own a strip of land since the 1970s, adjacent to Star Hill. CLERK TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT.
19. Meeting closed at 8.40pm, Next meeting 20/12/2017


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