

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st February 2018.

Present; Cllr L Spindler (Chair), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. N Amery, Cllr. D Cox, Cllr. A Edwards, Cllr. J Gairn, Cllr. D Stammers. Richard Day, Clerk to Council and 3 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of County Cllr. R Smith, District Cllr. R Catchpole, Cllr D Corbett, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. A Alder and Cllr. A.Musk
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting held on 17 January 2018 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Stammers. This was unanimously approved.
5. Clerk's Report
 Request received from Parishioner for road sign denoting Beckers View. This has been forwarded to relevant agency.
 Update received and forwarded regarding the poor condition of the road surface in St Michaels Way. Highways SCC do not view this as high priority so action unlikely in short term.
 Possible encroachment onto Blackheath by boundary of property reported to Planning enforcement. SCDC for investigation.
 Parish Councillors now correctly recorded as Trustees for Village Hall with Charity Commission.
 Clerk attended recent Audit briefing following recent changes in procedures and External Auditors.
6. Matters arising from the minutes – None
7. No report available.
8. No report available.
9. (i) Clerk provided detail of final agreed specifications for the new sports equipment. Two orders (Kompan Ltd £41,836 and Sovereign Ltd £8,878) were proposed by Cllr Stammers and seconded by Cllr Phillips. These will be communicated as soon as confirmation is received that S106 grant monies will be made available to Parish Council. All voted in favour with one abstention.
 (ii) Cllr Alder absent from meeting – carry forward to March meeting.
 (iii) Cllr Spindler provided an update on emergency Planning arrangements. Following recent severe power outage within village it was agreed to investigate the possibility and cost of installing a small generator at Village Hall (Carry forward to next meeting) Cllr Spindler dealing.

10. No progress made with vacancies for Cllr representation on Transport Committee and Village Hall Management committee. All Councillors to give full consideration to these roles with a view to filling at next meeting. C/fwd to March agenda.
11. Representation and recommendations circulated pre meeting to members from Chair of Village Hall Management Committee regarding terms of renewal for Post Office lease. It was proposed by Cllr Stammers that these were accepted in principle by Cllrs(Acting as Trustee of Village Hall.) Cllr. Amery seconded and Clerk will seek guidance from solicitors on these proposals plus position of assignability, transferability of the lease and also insurance requirements. All voted in favour to proceed and Clerk will report back. (Carry forward to March)
12. It was proposed by Cllr. Edwards, seconded by Cllr. Gairn to pledge a maximum of £100 to the committee of Wenhaston Village Show to help fund this year's event. All voted in favour.
13. None
14. Planning matters : It was agreed that Philip Corbett would represent the Parish Council's views at any Planning Committee meeting held to discuss the application for development at Wenhaston Quarry (DC/17/4171/FUL) Clerk to advise SCDC Planning when advised of date of Committee meeting. Proposer Cllr. Stammers, seconded Cllr. Amery, all voted in agreement.
15. Neighbourhood Plan has been reviewed by independent assessor and group will now look to arrange an early meeting with SCDC prior to a referendum with the Village.
16. Correspondence read at meeting.
Request from Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association for one off donation of £50.00 following withdrawal of funding. (THIS WAS NOT PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION BY MEMBERS.)
17. Correspondence circulated post meeting.(ALL RELEVANT ITEMS SENT VIA EMAIL PRIOR TO MEETING.)
18. RFO Report. Cheques for authorisation total £1,405.17. Balances of accounts are C/a £17,672.39 and specific reserves £18,096.17. Total £35,768.56 (PRIOR TO ISSUE OF CHEQUES) Bank statements are available for member audit. (CLLR EDWARDS AUDITED.) CLLR PHILLIPS PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE, CLLR GAIRN SECONDED, ALL VOTED IN AGREEMENT.
19. A.O.B
 - (i) Metal railings have re-appeared adjacent to Blyford Lane –these represent a hazard and Clerk to report to Highways following complaints from Parishioners. (Reported. Call Ref 141723)
 - (ii) Tree encroachment along Back Road / Bramfield Road (Street Field) is causing problems – (Clerk requested remedial action call ref 198908)
20. Meeting closed 8.30pm. Next meeting 21st March 2018.