

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 30/09/20 at 7:30pm.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (chair), Cllr. C Way (Vice chair), Cllr. S. Mann, Cllr. M. Welby, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. C Watson, County Cllr. R. Smith, Clerk Richard Day and 2 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies submitted and accepted from Cllrs. Goldson, Canham, Musk and Stammers.
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 26/08/20 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Way seconded by Cllr. Mann and all voted in agreement.
5. Clerk Report

I have obtained a draft contract for the transfer of ownership of the telephone box (Agenda item (9i)). Subject to approval I will arrange for this to be signed and executed.

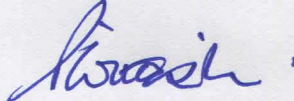
Tenancy agreement on terms agreed has been forwarded to WALGA in draft format for their approval. Subject to this signing can be completed prior to the date of expiry of the current arrangement

Complaint received regarding hedge incursion on Blyford Lane. SCC Highways are now dealing with the matter, future cases can be dealt with by using the online reporting portal SCC website.

Contacted neighbouring PCs re River Blyth. There is nothing to report and requested information has not been forthcoming. Matter now closed.

Cllr Canham will arrange for attendance at the next meeting for a Parishioner interested in Parish Councillor role. This would bring our numbers to maximum.

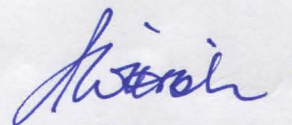
6. There were no items arising from previous minutes.


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7. Report from County Cllr. R. Smith (copy available from Clerk.) This included details of bidding process for electric car charging point. Application forms to be forwarded to VHMC to consider.
8. No report from District Cllr. Goldson/Cackett
9. Items carried forward from previous meeting
 - (i) Several ideas were considered for future use of telephone box when adopted, it was agreed that this would be finalised at Annual Parish Meeting 2021 as by then transfer of ownership and refurbishment will have been completed. Cllr. Way is collating suggestions.
 - (ii) WIFI at Village Hall for emergency planning purposes was not supported due to cost.
 - (iii) Further quotation awaited for Cemetery fencing and gates – carry forward to October meeting.
10. Following a meeting between interested persons and 4 Parish Councillors earlier in the week, suggestions for 'Greening Wenhasston' were circulated prior to this meeting for consideration by Councillors. A proposal from Cllr Wildish and seconded by Cllr Way was unanimously agreed. The initiative will be supported as follows (i) The section of Cemetery currently not used could become a managed wild flower area. (ii) An invitation would be extended to ESC Officer for verges to attend a future meeting and explain how a suitable wildlife/flower scheme could operate in Wenhasston. Both of these initiatives are subject to confirmation that there are sufficient numbers of Parishioners to provide continuity of the project and therefore sustainability. A review would be implemented after 12 months if the initiative proceeded. There was no support for extending the wildflower area to include the mown areas of grass within the village.
11. Planning (i) DC/20/3557/LBL & DC/20/3558/LBL - Church End, Church Lane, Wenhasston – demolition of outbuildings and extension to form single workshop and extension – no objection – unanimously agreed.
12. Reports from Parish Council representatives/committee members – Cllr. Wildish outlined the work undertaken by VHMC to meet Covid 19 regulations. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded to Chair person VHMC.
13. Correspondence

Complaint received concerning sundry unannounced road works/diversions impacting the village. It was suggested that the lack of information being provided was due to current staffing arrangements during CoVID and would hopefully return to normal soon.
14. RFO Report and Bank reconciliation

NALC have provided amended salary scales for approval and implementation. These were circulated pre meeting.


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Cheques for approval and signature this month total £2744.95. Balances of accounts are C/A £37429.73. D/A £ 3141,38 Total £40,571.11

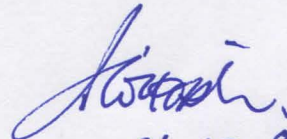
Statements have been reconciled to ledger and are available for member audit. Second instalment of precept payment received totalling £11,500.

Included within cheques for approval is the Parish Council's renewal premium for insurance. The schedule has been reviewed and is adequate in terms of cover and corresponds with asset register.

RFO Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr Wildish seconded by Cllr Way and agreed unanimously.

Date of next meeting – 21st October at Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8:50pm.


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