

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21/7/21 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, Cllr.C Way, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. H Phillips. Cllr K Canham, Cllr. C Watson County Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Goldson and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Cllr Wildish welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Stammers, Cox and Mann
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 16/6/21 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Welby and agreed unanimously.
5. Request from Bowls Club that the Parish Council considers installing a defibrillator at the Playingfield/Sports area. (I am in the process of ascertaining views of other sports clubs to the idea and will update at next meeting.)

Quotation for replacement gate posts and bolts obtained by WALGA for allotments. Details provided.

Changes to Bank mandate now confirmed as recorded by Barclays so new signatories can now operate as requested in January.

Request from VHMC for information regarding title to Village Hall. They require details to allow them to investigate the merits or otherwise of changing the status of management of the Hall to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) I have responded to the request but stressed that should they wish to proceed Parish Council approval must be sought. The Parish Council may need to take advice on the matter so as to be clear on any possible implications.

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6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. A copy of Cllr Smith's report is available upon request. Additionally Cllr. Smith outlined the reasons and implications of the reduced levels of grass/roadside verge cutting and maintenance of road signs following advice of several Parishioner complaints/comments. Whilst work continues it will be on a reduced scale and prioritised due to cost constraints. Improvement in the short term is unlikely.
8. A copy of Councillor Goldson's report is available upon request.
9. Items carried forward from previous meetings (i) Following proposal by Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Way the accessibility statement of policy in respect of the PC website will be adopted. All voted in agreement. (ii) Options for future management of speeding vehicles within the village were debated A decision on how to proceed will be made at the next meeting and during the interim it is hoped further volunteers will be found to assist with the arrangements under the guidance of a nominated Parish Councillor. (iii) Agreement has been obtained to co-opt a person to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council. AGENDA ITEM NEXT MEETING.
10. (i) Following debate it was agreed in principle that Cllr. Musk's suggestion for a permanent acknowledgement to mark H.M. The Queen's Platinum jubilee would be adopted. Plan and costings to be advised and agreed at a future meeting. (ii) Cllrs Musk and Cox have agreed to assist a Parishioner group arrange a suitable event within the village to mark the above anniversary.
11. Clerk reminded Cllrs. of the availability of CIL funds and that consideration should be given to suitable projects. CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING.
12. PLANNING. (i) No correspondence.
13. Cllr. Way provided an update from the recent VHMC meeting.
14. CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Various comments/concerns expressed by Parishioners regarding grass verges growth and general condition. SEE AGENDA ITEM 7 RESPONSE. (ii) It was agreed to invite Jasper Garland to a future meeting to re visit Quiet Lanes project. (iii) Chair to place an entry to Warbler setting out a suggested plan for litter picking in village. (iv) Telephone box refurbishment has not yet commenced. Concerns regarding health and safety aspects of the removal of the lead based paint mean that the Parish Council will consult specialists rather than rely on volunteers. Clerk to progress.
15. RFO REPORT. Cheques for approval and signature total £1246.63. Balance at Bank prior to issue of cheques is £53362.93. Reconciliation has been completed and is available for member audit. Following earlier adoption of the scope of the internal review by members and adoption of the model provided by NALC. this will now be conducted by the

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member appointed and relevant material will be made available by the next meeting.

Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr Way seconded by Councillor Musk and unanimously approved.

16. Date of next meeting 18/8/21 and future meetings 29/9/21 and 27/10/21 agreed.

Meeting closed 9.05 pm.

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