

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18/8/21 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. H Phillips. Cllr K Canham, Cllr. S.Mann, 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 County Cllr. Smith, Cllrs. Musk, Cox and Watson.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were on requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 21/7/21 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Canham seconded by Cllr. Wildish and agreed unanimously.
5. Clerk Report. Updates covered within agenda headings.
6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. No report.
8. A copy of Councillor Goldson's report is available upon request.
9. Jason Townsend was proposed by Cllr Canham to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council and co option was seconded by Cllr.Welby. All voted in agreement and acceptance of office formalities were completed.
10. Items carried forward from previous meetings (i) Full proposals and costings for restoration and refurbishment of the redundant telephone box and conversion into an information centre were provided by Clerk. Following proposal by Cllr. Canham a specialist company will be engaged and work will be completed off site but not until Spring 2023. Work will be guaranteed and restore the box to original condition. Cllr. Phillips seconded the proposal and all voted in favour. Cost will be met from CIL funds held and total cost will be £5.1k with a deposit of £1k required to commence work. (ii) Cllrs. Way and Townsend have volunteered to guide the group with management of the speed monitoring equipment. Cllr Smith has been requested to include Wenhaston within the scheme. Clerk will advise volunteer group as progress is made with securing delivery of the equipment. (iii) Quiet lanes project has been suspended pending contact from Parish Council

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representative with a report/update on exactly what this involves. Chair to advise SCC.

11. Cllr Welby has completed the first six monthly Internal Control Statement and this was presented to members and content noted. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Wildish and approved unanimously.
12. Possible use of CIL funds was discussed, it was agreed that Parishioners would be consulted and the matter will return to agenda when this has been completed. Chair to make entry to Warbler.
13. PLANNING. Ref DC/21/3747/FUL. Extension to garage at Belmoor, Blackheath Rd. Wenhaston. Unanimously supported. DC/21/2995/FUL. Change of use of garage/store at Star Inn Wenhaston to form retail outlet for local produce. Unanimously supported.
14. Cllr. Way will step down from the role of PC representative on VHMC. Dates of future meetings to be requested together with meeting minutes so that future representation by Parish Council can be arranged, possibly on a rota basis. Cllr Way to inform VHMC.
15. CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Report made to Highways (Rights of Way) concerning condition of 3 stiles on footpath off Bramfield Rd leading to Blackheath. (ii) Concern expressed regarding possible encroachment to grass verge following movement of a fence forward beyond boundary. Further detail requested prior to consulting Highways Dept SCC.
16. RFO REPORT.
Cheques for approval and signature total £2330.69 and balance at bank prior to issue is £49334.07. Accounts and statements have been made available for monthly reconciliation. A summary of Qtr. 1 expenditure vs budget has been made available together with an analysis of variances of which there is nothing significant. The external auditor report (AGAR) has been received and published on the Parish Council website together with the statutory notices. There are no items of concern raised by auditors and the certificate reflects this. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr Wildish seconded by Cllr. Canham and unanimously agreed.
17. Amended dates of next meetings 30/9/21 and 26/10/21. Agenda item for next meetingJubilee Celebrations Event (Confirmation of proposals)

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

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