

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16/2/22 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair) Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips. Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. A Musk, County Cllr. Smith, 2 Parishioners and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Cllr. Wildish welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr. Goldson, Cllrs. Way 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 19/1/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Canham seconded by Cllr. Phillips and agreed unanimously.
5. Clerk Report:

The speed survey within village is underway and results should be available at the next meeting.

The commemorative oak has been collected and I will arrange tree guard etc, Site to be advised asap please.

Tap at Cemetery is not functioning properly. Cllr Townsend has agreed to resolve the problem.

All other matters covered within agenda items 11 and 14.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. Copy of County Cllr. Smith's report is available upon request.
8. No report from District Cllr. Goldson.
9. Items carried forward from previous meetings. (i) Jubilee Celebrations planning. Full costings and final draft design for the plaque and metal sheeting were provided by Cllr. Musk. Total cost will be maximum £4600 which will be reduced by an agreed grant from County Cllr. Smith. Cllr. Canham proposed acceptance, subject to confirmation that copyrights would not be infringed, Cllr. Welby seconded and all voted in agreement. Cllr Wildish will obtain the necessary copyright approval.

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10. PLANNING. (i) DC/22/0018/FUL. Blyth View Narrow Way Wenhaston. Single storey side extension. Decision to support unanimously ratified.
(ii) No further correspondence.
11. Risk assessment work has been completed and copies of supporting information/documents are held on file. Assets have been inspected and only minor issues identified which have been remedied. The ROSPA inspection for Sports/Play area has been requested and any remedial work will be undertaken under the terms of the management contract with NORSE.
12. Cllr Welby has completed the review of the system of Internal Controls as agreed by Councillors. The document will be presented to Council at the next meeting and the outcome recorded by minute
13. No reports from PC representatives on committees.
14. CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Two e/mails received expressing concern at the possible closure of Village Hall gate on to Hall Rd.

(ii) Request from VHMC to discuss the future of gate from car park onto Hall Rd. Chair and Clerk attended a meeting on 2/2/22 with VHMC representatives to understand the proposals and reasons to close this. During the interim period I have consulted solicitors for guidance on boundaries and insurers on potential liability mitigation given the risks involved and relevant traffic history. As there has been a recent traffic incident involving the entrance, complaints of speeding through the village with an ongoing traffic survey and that poor parking practices on the road opposite the gate have been highlighted then effectively the VHMC are 'On notice' regarding the potential hazard and in the event of an accident then indemnity provided by insurers may be compromised. After full consideration of all risks and the above factors Councillors voted by a majority of 6 to 2 to support the VHMC in their decision to close the entrance.

(iii) Contract for Sports area and grounds maintenance is due for renewal via VERTAS Ltd and shows an increase in cost for the next 12 months in line with budgeted figures. I recommend this is renewed. Cost £626.04 net per annum.

(iv) Request for sponsorship received for Village Show which had not been held for the last 2 years due to COVID although costs had still been incurred. It was unanimously agreed to provide a sum of £200 on this occasion.

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15. RFO REPORT:

Balance at Bank prior to approval of payments totalling £1100.51 this month is £58482.32 Expenditure summary vs Budget to Qtr 3 has been circulated prior to meeting and there are no areas of concern. CIL expenditure for the financial year will be summarised and the net position showing funds remaining pending allocation will be provided and published next month. Bank account has been reconciled to spreadsheet and is available for member audit. RFO Report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Widish seconded by Cllr. Welby and unanimously approved.

16. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Next meeting 16/3/22.

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