

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17/8/22 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. A Musk (Vice Chair), Cllr. C Way, Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. S Mann, District Cllr. Goldson, Clerk Richard Day and 3 parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from County Cllr. Smith and Councillor Canham.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 15/6/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Wildish and agreed unanimously.
5. CLERK REPORT.

I am scheduled to attend a meeting next week with SWT and Commons Group. The management agreement and the HLS agreement are due for expiry next year and I will be exploring proposals and options before reporting back to the PC for a decision as to how/whether to proceed.

A further meeting is scheduled with the VHMC who continue to investigate the possibility of CIO status for the Village Hall. Peter and myself have attended 2 previous meetings and the matter is still being explored. Our role is simply to advise on process should the Committee wish to pursue this. This will include a direct approach to full Council for agreement before proceeding further.

Waste Bin at bottom of Star Hill has been reported as requiring attention as has a street light (40) on Narrow Way. Both are awaiting action.

Repair completed satisfactorily to parking area at playing fields. Thanks to Cllr. Musk for organising.

I have been made aware of further vandalism at Pavilion. Football Club have been advised to report to police.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. No report by Cllr. Smith.
8. A copy of District Cllr. Goldson's report is available upon request.

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9. Items carried forward from previous meetings. (i) Specification and costings were reviewed for possible bench replacement at sites within the village and agreement reached on Lowther bench as supplied by Glasdon. Base cost is £674 per unit. Suggestion made to purchase 2 units proposed by Cllr. Mann, seconded by Cllr Stammers and unanimously agreed and these will be sited at Cemetery and Blyford Lane to replace existing units which are in poor repair. (ii) Clerk updated on the position with Housing Association's concern over access to properties at Narrow Way. Chasers have been sent for a response to Parish Council's request for a meeting concerning the hedge planted by WALGA which is the perceived cause of the problem. Until the response is forthcoming no further action can be taken.
10. Clerk explained the recent difficulties with contractors for the maintenance and inspection visits to sports and play equipment and Cllr. Way proposed acceptance of Clerk's request to change contractors to Kompan Ltd on similar terms to the existing contact. Cllr. Townsend seconded and all voted in agreement.
11. A Parishioner's request to consider extension of the 30 mph speed limit on Blackheath Rd will be carried forward to the next meeting to seek the views of County Cllr. Smith.
12. (i) DC/22/2608/VOC. Site at Glen House, Blackheath Rd. Wenhaston. Agreement ratified unanimously (ii) DC/22/2387/FUL Re Oak Cottage, Blackheath Rd. Wenhaston. Construction of 2 Bedroom Bungalow in part garden. Decision to support by majority of 9 to 1
13. No reports
14. No reports.
15. CORRESPONDENCE.  
Request from school to assist with cost of litter picking equipment which will be used by children in the village in connection with a community project. Cost will be in the region of £180.00 Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Way and unanimously agreed.

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**16. RFO REPORT.**

Cheques for approval since last meeting total £4,851.81 and balance at bank prior to issue is £59019.96. Accounts have been reconciled to ledger and are available for member monthly audit. Expenditure vs Budget figures for Qtr1 have been circulated and there are no areas of concern. Explanation of variances were included within the report.

External audit has now been completed with no issues raised. Conclusion document has been posted on the website together with the statutory public rights notice, Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Way and unanimously agreed.

**17. Meeting closed at 8.25 pm. Agenda items for next meeting (i) Emergency Planning review (ii) Wilding Wenhaston Project. Following an earlier presentation Parish Council will consider whether to support/endorse the principles of this initiative (iii) Following receipt of complaints regarding parking issues within the village and in close proximity to a road junction guidance will be given on how the matter should be reported to determine if action can be taken. (Cllr Mann)**

Date of next meeting 21/9/22

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