

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21/9/22 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. A Musk (Vice Chair), Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. S Mann, Cllr. K Canham, County Cllr. R Smith, Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from District Cllr. Goldson and Councillors Way and Watson.
2. Cllr. Stammers declared an interest in agenda item 13 (i) and would take no part in discussion regarding this matter.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 17/8/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Mann seconded by Cllr. Stammers and agreed unanimously.
5. CLERK REPORT:

Reference right of way at Narrow Way/Allotment border I have chased Flagship Housing in an attempt to make progress. They appear to have let the matter drop at least for the time being but this may be temporary and the covenant within the transfer of land to the PC will ultimately apply if pursued by them. Following proposal by Cllr Musk, seconded by Cllr Wildish it was unanimously agreed that Clerk would update the allotment holders on the current position and that ultimately the Council will be bound by the covenant within the transfer document which would require removal of the hedge, this had not been the subject of a request for permission to plant, therefore the allotment holders will be on notice regarding this possible development.

Discussions on the renewal of the Commons Management Agreement have been suspended at the request of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. These will be resumed nearer to the expiry date of the HLS agreement due in March 2025. Village Hall Management Committee are still deliberating whether to request the Parish Council cedes interest as Custodian trustees to the Village Hall and change status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the governance of Charity Commission. The matter therefore remains under consideration and should a request be made it will be a matter for full Council approval.

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Delivery of the two replacement benches is expected within the next 7 days.

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.
9. Items carried forward from previous meetings. (i) WILDING WENHASTON. Cllrs. unanimously agreed to endorse the general principles following a presentation by the group at the previous meeting. Clerk to confirm decision via email to the group.
10. A review of the numbers of Councillor volunteers was undertaken in respect of the emergency planning group for the village. Councillor Wildish will co ordinate work with the enlarged group.
11. It was agreed to further consider a Parishioner's request for extension of the 30 mph. speed limit on Blackheath Rd, this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting to seek specific information on possible costs and to further examine the feasibility including the views of County Cllr. Smith.
12. A review of the scope of the current internal control procedures was undertaken and following proposal by Cllr. Wildish which was seconded by Cllr. Musk the review will be undertaken using the agreed template.
13. PLANNING. DC/22/3459/FUL. Conversion of outbuildings to form annexe/holiday accommodation at Hill Farm, Blyford Lane, Wenhaston.. A clear majority of Cllrs objected to the current format of the proposal. Clerk to advise planning dept. of reason for decision to object.
14. No reports.
15. None.
16. RFO REPORT: Balance at bank, prior to issue of cheques this month is £54,243.44 this has been reconciled and is available for member audit. Cheques for authorisation and payment total £3912.46 at this meeting.  
  
Insurance renewal is due and a full review of levels of cover has been undertaken and checked against the asset register. The new premium on a 3 year undertaking is £958.56 which is an increase of approx. £100 on last year but reflects the hardening of the market in general, Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Welby and unanimously agreed.

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17. Appreciation was expressed for the following recent work by Councillors within the village. Cllr. Wildish, sign cleaning and litter pick. Cllr. Musk cemetery clearance of unused portion, Cllr Stammers hedge cutting back and Cllrs. Mann and Welby removal of fallen branches from tree. Next agenda to include (i) Cost of recent vandalism at Tennis Club and Football Club (ii) Update on speed camera provision with vin facility. (iii) Possibility of adding detail to Jubilee plaque at Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm, NEXT MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022.

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