

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19/10/22 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. A Musk (Vice Chair), Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. S Mann, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. C Way, County Cllr. R Smith, District Cllr. T Goldson, Clerk Richard Day and 2 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Stammers, Welby and Watson.
2. A declaration of interest in agenda item 13 (ii) had already been declared and Cllr. Leech 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 21/9/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Mann seconded by Cllr. Musk and agreed unanimously.
5. **CLERK REPORT:**

Questionnaires completed and forwarded regarding non domestic rates assessments/reviews in respect of Pavilion and Village Hall.

Acknowledgement of Parish Council's letter setting out the position regarding the right of passage at the rear of properties on Narrow Way bordering the allotments. WALGA have confirmed that they will include this information at their next committee meeting.

Arrangements have been made for wreath on behalf of the Parish Council for Remembrance Sunday.

Replacement benches installed at Blyford Lane and Cemetery and thanks to Cllrs Mann Townsend and Stammers for their work with this.

Battery has been stolen from the VAS sign. I have sourced a replacement and it is now operational. Additional lock also installed.

6. There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
7. A copy of the report from County Cllr Smith is available from Clerk.
8. A copy of the report from District Cllr Goldson is available from Clerk.
9. Items carried forward from previous meeting. (i) Possible extension of 30 mph limit on Blackheath to include shop and entrance to lodges. A decision whether to pursue was deferred until the new year pending receipt of further information and budget setting for next financial year.

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10. Following vandalism at sports are and subsequent reporting to police by Football Club, Cllr. Canham proposed that on this occasion the Parish Council could reimburse the club's costs of £161.00. Cllr. Mann seconded, all voted in agreement.
11. Cllr. Smith will advise Clerk of the contact point regarding future use of the shared Vehicle activated speeding device with VIN recording.
12. Following further consideration it was decided not to pursue purchase of an additional plaque at the Village Hall following the death of H.M. Queen Elizabeth 11.
13. Clerk confirmed responses made to applications DC/22/3691/LBC/FUL and DC/22/3582/FUL both of which were supported unanimously subject to conditions. (Cllr. Leech had taken no part in the determination of the Council's response regarding (ii) above.) (iii) No further correspondence.
14. A request from the school to provide lighting at the car park at the sports field for their staff will be further considered when an estimate of cost is available. Access to the area is primarily for users of the sports facilities and is parking for the school is provided on a grace and favour basis. A contribution may be requested from the school should agreement to proceed be given at the next meeting. C/FWD.
15. Cllr. Wildish updated on litter problems, particularly adjacent to the shop/holiday site and the emergency planning arrangements.
16. No further correspondence.
17. RFO REPORT:

Bank balance is £62179.82 prior to authorisation of cheques totalling £ 979.10 this month. Second precept payment has been received and is included in the above.

I have completed a review of charges levied by the Council and recommend that these are kept at current levels for a further 12 months. I will prepare a draft budget for review once further information is available on the Parish Council's various contracted costs becomes available. Qtr 2 Cumulative Expenditure vs Budget figures does not reveal any significant variation to plan and I will circulate this information to Councillors. This will form the basis of 2023/24 planning.

Bank statement has been reconciled to ledger and is made available for member audit.

Report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Wildish and unanimously approved.

18. Meeting closed 8.40 pm. NEXT MEETING 16th November 2022.

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