

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18/1/23 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. A Musk (Vice chair) Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. S Mann, District Cllr. T Goldson, Clerk Richard Day and one Parishioner.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from County Councillor Smith and Cllr. Welby.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 21/12/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Wildish and agreed unanimously.
5. CLERK REPORT:
Work on telephone box restoration is scheduled for completion in February. Prior to installation we need to confirm that a suitable base has been constructed for which I have the specifications.

Risk assessment work is underway and will be completed prior to the Feb/March meeting. I am awaiting quotation for remedial work required at sports/play area following the completion of the ROSPA inspection.

Dog waste bag supplies which we provide to Post Office to hand out are no longer available for Parish Council to purchase from NORSE
6. There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
7. No report from County Cllr Smith.
8. A copy of the report from District Cllr Goldson is available from Clerk.
9. Items carried forward from previous meeting. (i) Review of cost and feasibility of providing lighting at sports area car park primarily for school staff. Decision deferred pending receipt of further information regarding cost. (ii) Wenhaston Allotment Association (WAA) has now been formed with a full committee, constitution and full plot allocation. As previously indicated Parish Council assistance is requested with finance as rents cannot be collected and insurance premiums paid until a bank account is arranged. This will take 3 months and therefore a request to waive the first years rent and cover the public liability insurance etc costing £191 was made by WAA. Cllr. Canham proposed acceptance, Cllr. Musk seconded and all voted to support this important village amenity. WAA had already expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for the recent help and guidance provided.
10. Meeting dates for 2023 were outlined by Clerk. March will be deferred by one week to 22/3/23 and there will be no September meeting scheduled as per last year's arrangements. (There is a possible change to the May meeting date to

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accommodate Local Election and Annual Parish Meeting) This will be confirmed in due course.

11. Planning. (i) DC/22/4759/FUL. Conversion of Church Hall Meeting Room, Church Lane. Wenhaston, into a one bedroom dwelling house. Decision to support unanimously ratified following prior circulation of application to members. (ii) There was no further correspondence.

12. No reports from Committee representatives.

13. No further correspondence.

14. RFO REPORT:

Payments for authorisation total £7288.23 this month and prior to this the balance at bank is £65080.16. This figure has been reconciled and is made available for member audit. Expenditure vs Budget figures are made available for members together with explanation of significant variances to plan. There are no areas of concern. RFO Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk and seconded by Cllr. Way. All voted in agreement.

15. Items for next agenda, (i) Format of Parish Council representation at Village Hall open day in May. (ii) Wilder Wenhaston/ Blyth Woods request for donation. (iii) King Charles III Coronation. Possible Parish Council commemoration.

Meeting closed 8.25 pm. Next meeting 15/2/23.

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