

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22/03/2023 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. D Stammers, Cllr. S Mann and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from County Councillor Smith , District Cllr. Goldson and Cllrs. Watson and Welby.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 15/2/23 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Leech and agreed unanimously.
5. CLERK REPORT.

I have obtained a provisional date for the Annual Parish Meeting from the Village Hall, this is 24/5/23 at 7pm.

A letter of appreciation and thanks has been received from the school, accepting the conditional offer of lighting provision as set out in previous minutes. This work can now commence. With regard to any future parking issues outside the school, the Head requests that the school are made aware as soon as possible by those persons impacted.

I have made initial enquiry regarding improved street lighting but understand that if this is required then central funding is unlikely to be available and the significant cost would need to be borne by the PC.

Telephone Box refurbishment is complete and a delivery date is 13/4/23. Base will require skimming as soon as possible following delivery to ensure permanency of fixture to base and installation of interior fittings etc.

6. There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
7. No report from County Cllr. Smith.
8. No report from District Cllr. Goldson.
9. Items carried forward from previous meeting. (i) See Clerk report re lighting at car park at sports field. Work will now be scheduled. (ii) Historical photographs of Wenhaston are in the process of being loaded to the Village website. Thanks were expressed to Roger Claxton for his work on this project.
10. The draft application for Countryside Stewardship of Blackheath Common had been circulated to members pre meeting for review. Councillor Wildish proposed agreement to proceed, subject only to shared administration of future operation of the scheme between Parish Council and Wenhaston Commons Group which has been agreed in principle. Cllr Stammers seconded

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and all voted in agreement. Document will now be signed and submitted on behalf of the Council.

11. Planning. (i) DC/23/0592/FUL. Construction of a two storey rear extension and front porch at 1 Belvedere Terrace, Coles Hill, Wenhaston. Councillors unanimously ratified the decision to oppose this and Clerk to advise Planning Dept. (ii) DC/23/0948/FUL. (Received post agenda production) Single storey flat roofed extension to rear of Skibbereen, Back Rd. Wenhaston. Unanimously supported.
12. Clerk provided update on Local Election arrangements and confirmed statutory notices had been posted with additional information provided to Parishioners via Wenhaston Warbler and recent Village Hall open day event.
13. Cllr. Wildish provided a report following the recent Village Hall open day when the work of the Parish Council was publicised and volunteers sought for Parish Councillor roles.
14. CORRESPONDENCE (i) Letter of complaint received regarding the management of Blackheath Common. Clerk to refer matter to Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Wenhaston Commons Group before responding. (ii) Councillors agreed to request from Wilder Wenhaston to plant bulbs on Village Greens. (iii) Councillors agreed to a request from Rev. Alder, on behalf of the Church, to publicise plans for a Coronation Event. A service will be held and other events are planned.
15. RFO REPORT.

Insurance renewal for Sports Pavilion received and reviewed for adequacy of cover prior to payment of premium. Bank balance is £54280.83 prior to authorisation of payments totalling £3311.78. Accounts have been reconciled and are available for monthly member audit. The report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr Stammers and unanimously approved.

16. Items for next agenda. (i) Inspection of surface of multipurpose sports area. (ii) Consideration to be given for a plaque, possibly at restored telephone box, to acknowledge forthcoming Coronation.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm. Next meeting 19/4/23.

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