

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19/04/2023 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

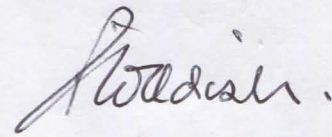
Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. A Musk (Vice chair) Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. M Welby and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from County Councillor Smith and Cllrs. Watson, Canham, Stammers and Mann.
2. Cllr. Stammers had declared interest in agenda item 12(ii) prior to meeting but would take no part in discussion or decision.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 22/3/23 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Townsend and agreed unanimously.
5. CLERK REPORT.
 - (i) Election nominations completed and I am advised that we are able to opt to fill vacancies. (ii) APM agenda has been prepared and published. (iii) Telephone box restoration and return has now been undertaken and Cllrs. Mann and Townsend will complete remaining work with the interior fittings prior to the display being set up. (iv) I attended a meeting at Village Hall with VPMC and Chair following the attempted break in. Further meeting planned for 2/5/23 together with security advisers. (v) Application for Environmental Stewardship Scheme for Blackheath has been submitted in conjunction with SWT and WCG.
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) The proposal to consider improvements to street lighting at Narrow Way did not meet with support as it conflicts with stated objectives within the neighbourhood plan and also the resultant cost implications are significant.
10. Following a site meeting attended by Cllrs. Wildish and Leech and subsequent to a request from a Parishioner, the court at the multi sports area will be pressure washed to improve visibility of markings.
11. Coronation Plaque for possible installation will be investigated for cost after Cllr. Wildish has advised suitable wording to Cllr. Musk. (Carry forward.)
12. Planning. (i) DC/23/1151/FUL. Glengally, Blyford Lane, Wenhaston. Rear extension, new detached double garage and demolition of outbuildings. Unanimously supported. (ii) DC/23/1431/FUL. (Received post agenda production) Sprucefield, Blyford Lane, Wenhaston. Construction of new garage/secure store. Unanimously supported.

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13. Following review, the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was proposed for approval and signature by Cllr. Welby. Cllr. Wildish seconded and all voted in agreement. Chair signed document.
14. Following review, the Accounting Statement 2022/23 was proposed for approval and signature by Cllr. Musk. Cllr. Welby seconded and all voted in agreement. Chair subsequently signed document.
15. Cllr. Wildish reported on fly tipping at sports field. (Clerk advised on contact point for reporting and remedial work.)
16. CORRESPONDENCE. (i) E/mail re surface area at multi sports court. Refer to agenda item 10 above. (ii) Complaints received regarding possible planning breach off Blyford Lane. Clerk requested to refer matter to ESC Planning enforcement for investigation.
17. RFO REPORT. (i) Year- end procedures/accounts/ audit preparation work in progress. Statutory notices to be posted on website. (ii) Qtr 4 Expenditure vs Budget figures produced and these confirm all areas within tolerance levels. (iii) Bank balances total £51692.00 prior to authorisation of payments of £1608.11 this month. VAT reclaim made for £2644.44. Balances have been reconciled and are available for member audit. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Leech and unanimously agreed.
18. Items for next agenda. (i) Possible addition of aerial photograph/video footage of village for archive. Cllr. Musk to confirm cost at next meeting and seek approval. (ii) Meeting closed at 8.30 pm following a presentation by Chair to Cllr. Phillips who is not seeking re- election following 68 years of service as a Parish Councillor in Wenhaston.

Date of next meeting 17/5/23.


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