WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th August 2023 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, (Chair) Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. M. Welby, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. G Leech, County Cllr. R Smith, Wayne Saunders (SCC Highways Engineer) and Clerk Richard Day.

- 1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Mann, Stammers, Wilkinson and District Cllr. Keys-Holloway and Wakeling
- 2. There were no declarations of interest expressed.
- 3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
- 4. The minutes to the meeting held on 19/7/23 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr.Wildish and unanimously approved.
- 5. CLERK REPORT:

Following a series of meetings, a draft agreement with Wenhaston Commons Group has been formulated in order that Councillors may consider. The agreement covers the working relationship and default position should the Commons group be unable to continue with their work and forms part of the Countryside Stewardship Agreement which has been applied for. Agreement proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Way seconded by Cllr. Musk and unanimously approved.

- 6. There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
- 7. Cllr. Smith together with Wayne Saunders provided an update and guidance on the Highways related issues reported at the previous meeting. ACTION. Agenda item at next meeting to consider options/cost/effectiveness. During interim details will be uploaded to fault report, with photographs highlighting the issues in The Street and St.Michaels Way / Beckers View. The importance and relevance of using the reporting tool for all Highways related issues was stressed.
- 8. No District Cllr. Report received.
- 9. (i) Following proposal from Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Canham it was unanimously agreed to co-opt the nominated Parishioner at the next meeting. (Cllr. Wildish to invite.) (ii) It was unanimously agreed to install a further rubbish bin at sports area. Clerk to arrange. (iii) Cllr. Wildish proposed additional signatories to Bank mandate. Cllrs. Leech, Wilkinson and Townsend to replace retired Councillors. Cllr. Way seconded, all voted in agreement.
- 10. The proposed interior display panels and fitting of the telephone box will cost approx. £500.00. Cllr. Way to obtain firm quote and forward to Clerk. Cllr. Wildish proposed that, subject to the above, work should be commissioned. Cllr. Leech seconded and all voted in agreement. (It is anticipated by Cllr. Way that this will be completed by the next meeting)

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- 11. PLANNING. (i) DC/23/2657/FUL. Marsh Cottage, Narrow Way, Wenhaston. Three Bay Cart Lodge with office space above. No objections. Decision unanimously ratified. (ii) DC/23/2637/FUL. Rosecroft, Chapel Lane, Wenhaston. Single Storey extensions at both ends of property and replacement windows. No objections, unanimously supported.
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Suggestion from Cllr Musk regarding possible provision of young person's meeting venue at Sports Area. (Outline details provided to Councillors pre meeting) After discussion, this is not being proceeded with. Cllr Musk will tidy up area at playing field to allow access and use by those wishing to exercise/cycle. (ii) Request from Halesworth Dementia Carers Charity for grant. Carry forward to next agenda. (iii) Letter of thanks from Chair, Wenhaston Village Show. For PC donation. (iv) Letter of appreciation for the PC's funding of sports area surface clean.
- 13. RFO REPORT: Payments for authorisation total £1211.32 this month. Funds held prior to issue of payments total £56617.66 and accounts have been reconciled to ledger and are available for member audit. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Welby seconded by Cllr. Wildish and unanimously approved.
- 14. Items for next agenda. (i) Possible intervention in the Street, Wenhaston, regarding the connected issues of footpath incursion/damage by vehicles and also parked vehicles damaged as a result of road width. (ii) Condition of hedge at cemetery. Possible remedial work required.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Next Meeting 18/10/23.

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