

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, (Chair) Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. M Wilkinson, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. T Cushion, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. J Townsend, County Cllr. R Smith, District Cllr. G Wakeling and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Welby and Mann

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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Townsend and unanimously approved.

5. Clerk Report:

New Parish Council e/mail address published on website. Phasing in use of this in order to comply with national audit requirement for security and GDPR.

Annual Parish Meeting arranged for 24/4/24 at 7pm. Annual Meeting of Parish Council (AGM) will take place on 17/4/24 which is our normal meeting date.

Insurance policy for pavilion at playing field due for renewal. Schedule reviewed for adequate levels of cover. Premium £457.85.

Football club have pointed out the additional utilities bill they face due to court cleaning, multi sports area cleaning and floodlighting to tennis courts. Rates bill apportioned costs now due amounting to £102.00. Suggest waiver for this year and Clerk to advise Football Club. (AGREED)

Repairs required to bus shelter in The Street following recent damage. Requested this is attended to at the same time as more extensive repairs to Star Hill bus shelter.

Direct debit due for water rates £88.69 at allotments.

Offer to combine multi sports area court clean with tennis club's court clean declined as the former has recently been completed. Agreed to try to coincide at next cleaning.

Letter of appreciation received from Postmistress for Parish Council support for the upgraded security at the village hall.

6. There were were no matters arising from previous minutes.

7. A copy of the County Cllrs. report is available from Clerk

8. A copy of District Cllrs. report is available from Clerk. This has been circulated to members post meeting.

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9. (i) Chair and Clerk had attended a site meeting with a representative from SCC Highways Dept. to further review the feasibility of introducing parking restrictions on a section of The Street, Wenhaston. A summary of the key points was provided to members which included cost, benefits and obstacles to effective implementation. (A copy of this summary is available from Clerk) After debate it was unanimously decided not to proceed in view of cost of implementation and doubts surrounding the effectiveness and enforcement. Alternative solutions would continue to be investigated and considered. It was pointed out that offending vehicles should be the subject of reporting via 101 facility if available road width rules are compromised. (ii) Cllr. Wildish provided an update on a recent meeting with SCC Highways regarding the recent flooding impacting properties and the resultant 'Problem report' provided with a request for action. SCC were extremely sympathetic and acknowledged the degree of self help demonstrated by Parishioners and Councillors. We await a response to the requests for assistance based on priority of needs contained within our report. The requested actions were not disputed.
10. Following proposal from Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Stammers a grant of £250.00 was unanimously supported for sponsorship by the Parish Council for this year's Village Show.
11. Concerns were expressed regarding the use of an unofficial dropping off point in the evenings by the school bus. This presents a danger, particularly in the darker evenings to the children on this section of The Street. Clerk to contact bus company and request that only designated stops are used.
12. No planning correspondence.
13. No reports from committee members/group representatives,
14. No further correspondence.
15. RFO REPORT:  
Balance at bank totals £ 49443.49 prior to authorisation of payments this month which total £3750.03. Additionally, invoices are expected for bus shelter repair and sports area repair/maintenance which I hope to receive before the financial year end and settle. This may require an additional payment run. This expenditure has already been authorised. Bank statements have been reconciled and are made available for monthly member audit.
- Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Wildish seconded by Cllr. Way and unanimously approved.
16. Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Date of Annual Parish Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 7pm 2024.

Meeting Closed 8.35

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