

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

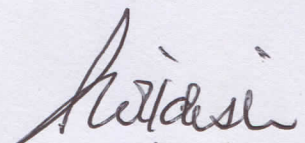
Present; Cllr. P Wildish, (Chair) Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. T Cushion, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. M Wilkinson, Cllr. M Welby, Clerk Richard Day and 3 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllrs. Way, Townsend, Stammers, Mann and Canham
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 17/4/24 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Leech and unanimously approved.
5. Clerk Report:
The tree in dangerous condition, has been removed from the cemetery and further ditch clearance undertaken as part of flood prevention measures by Cllrs. Canham, Stammers and Musk respectively. Councillors expressed their appreciation for this work.

Accounts finalised and submitted for Wenhaston Playing Fields Charity on behalf of the Parish Council as Trustees.

Repairs now completed for the bus shelters and it was felt that the work and materials used were first class.

6. None.
7. A copy of Cllr. Smith's report is available from the Clerk
8. District Councillors' report was made available pre meeting to Members and a copy is available from Clerk.
9. There were no items carried forward from previous agendas.
10. 'Wilder Wenhaston' Group had provided Councillors with a detailed series of requests pre meeting pre meeting. The objective being to help stem the tide of insect decline. Measures requested of the Parish Council involve protection of dark skies by light reduction at night. This would be achieved through reduction of light from street lights initially, either by dimming or reducing the time they are switched on, or by a combination of both. Whilst agreement in principle was given a final decision will not be made on the requests until Parishioners have been consulted and full cost implications were established. An entry will now be made to the Wenhaston Warbler setting out the position and requesting Parishioners make their views known. It is anticipated that the matter will return to the agenda


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in August to allow Parishioners to contribute their views and for a final decision to be made.

11. Clerk updated on the developments following a request for action made to *Anglian Water Authority to properly secure the pumping station in Narrow Way*. Access is not restricted and it represents a danger to the public. The matter was originally highlighted by the Parish Council in March and no action has been forthcoming. A further request for action under reference 25653084 has been made.

12. The minutes from the recent Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated and the outstanding matter of the overgrown condition of the Church Cemetery has been resolved during the interim period as a result of East Suffolk Council completing their overdue maintenance responsibilities. No action by the Parish Council is therefore required.

13. PLANNING: No correspondence

14. Cllr. Wilkinson updated on the Village Hall Management Committee meetings. (Clerk will provide details of possible funding/grant opportunities to assist with current projects under consideration, these are via CAS)

15. CORRESPONDENCE. No further correspondence.

16. RFO REPORT:

Balance held at Bank is £52560.66 prior to authorisation and issue of payments due this month which total £1779.29 The initial precept payment has been received and is included within the figures as has the VAT claim of £1311.18. Accounts have been reconciled to ledger and are available for monthly member audit. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Musk and unanimously agreed.

17. Date of next meeting 19/6/24 (Advance apologies received from County Cllr. Smith and Councillor Cushion)

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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