

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26/6/25 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. A Musk (Chair), Cllr. S Mann, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. T Cushion, Cllr. F Desborough, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. M Wilkinson, 2 Parishioners and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from County Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Keys Holloway and Cllr. 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 21/5/25 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Mann seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved.
5. **CLERK REPORT.**
Cllr Cushion and I attended the Local Government Reorganisation Meeting for Suffolk held recently at the Village Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to submit their views and details of how to do this are published here <https://onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk/residents-survey> or by [emailing devolution@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:emailing.devolution@suffolk.gov.uk). Further engagement meetings will be held and participation is encouraged.
Peter Wildish continues to inspect the sports and play areas and keeps them litter free without too many problems. I have personally thanked him for his ongoing help.
6. None
7. No County Cllr. report
8. No District Cllr. Report.
9. No items carried forward from previous meetings.
10. The internal audit report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Following proposal by Cllr. Mann seconded by Cllr.Way the report was accepted and Clerk will arrange for the suggested audit of the Parish Council website in due course to ensure compliance with WCAG standards as recently amended.
11. **PLANNING.** (i) DC/25/1822/FUL. Extension to existing garage outbuilding to accommodate additional car lift at workshop at rear of Sanday Cottage, Wash Lane, Wenhaston. Unanimously supported. (ii) DC/25/2125/P3Q. Prior approval- Proposed change of use of agricultural buildings at Highfield Farm, Holton Rd. Wenhaston. Cllrs. Made no further comment regarding the application made as permitted development .(iii) DC/25/1637/FUL Change of use- re development of existing B2 outbuildings to C1 (Self build) residential usage and associated works at Oak Hill. Halesworth Rd. Wenhaston, Cllrs voted to support this

application and Clerk will forward reasons for the decision to East Suffolk Planning Dept, East Suffolk Council. (iv) Clerk provided an update on the proposed Blyford Lane development which was the subject of postponement from the Planning Committee meeting in June. This is now provisionally due for review on 8/7/25. Following proposal by Cllr Stammers, seconded by Cllr Way, Clerk was given delegated authority to act on behalf of the Parish Council at the meeting using the previously agreed list of objections.

12. There were no committee or representative's reports.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence regarding SEAS proposals had been circulated to Councillors, as there was no proposal to register the Parish Council's opposition no further action will be taken. Councillors had been made aware that they could register their personal views prior to the published deadline.

14. RFO REPORT.

Balance at bank prior to issue of payments totals £55670.84. The figure has been reconciled to spreadsheet and is made available for member audit.

Payments for approval total £2261.66 this month and I will provide the quarterly expenditure vs budget figures prior to the next meeting for review. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Way seconded by Cllr. Mann and unanimously approved.

15. Meeting Closed 8.40 pm DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20/8/25.

(Item for next agenda... Overgrown hedge Bramfield Rd. Wenhaston)