

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18/2//26 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. A Musk (Chair) Cllr. J Townsend (Vice Chair) Cllr. S Cooke, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. T Cushion, Cllr. D Stammers. Cllr. F Desborough, County Cllr. Smith, County Cllr. R Smith, District Cllr. Keys- Holloway and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from District Cllr. Wakeling and Cllrs. Wilkinson, Mann and Way
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 21/1/26 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Canham seconded by Cllr. Leech and unanimously approved.
5. CLERK REPORT. I am advised that the limit per elector for Section 137 expenditure by the Parish Council has increased from £11.10 to £11.60 for 2026/27.

Wenhaston Utd FC have informed me that a lack of players has unfortunately meant that they have resigned from the league and will not fulfil remaining fixtures. It is anticipated that a request to enter a lower league will be made for next the season but they have promised to update the PC with developments. I attended a planning seminar on behalf of the PC on 9/2/26. This was to communicate the anticipated changes to planning consultation and explain the basis of the new National Planning Policy Framework and how it will impact Parish Councils going forward. I shall circulate a copy of the slides for Councillors as this is important for future planning applications. The next forum event will be in September.

Following adoption at the previous meeting I have forwarded as agreed a copy of the Parish Council's Biodiversity Plan to Wilder Wenhaston.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will coincide with our regular meeting in May and commence at 7pm followed by the full Council meeting.

Allotment holders Chair has written advising the Council that work is required to cut back hedging and tidy brambles at the allotments and requested that the Parish Council covers the cost. I have agreed that I will inspect and report back at the next meeting before responding to the request.

6. None.
7. A copy of County Cllr. Smith's report is available from the Clerk.
8. A copy of the report from District Cllrs. Is available from the Clerk.

9. (i) Design alternatives and costings for the replacement bench at the children's playground and the memorial bench in respect of the late Heather Phillips had been circulated to members and a final decision will be made at the March meeting. Cllr. Musk will now contact the representatives of Heather Phillips to outline the Parish Council's suggested memorial. (ii) Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a summary of risk assessment measures and management actions. This was proposed as appropriate by Cllr. Stammers, seconded by Cllr. Musk and unanimously supported.
10. PLANNING. (i) DC/26/0109/FUL. Demolition of timber conservatory and lean to and creation of a wraparound single storey extension to include a utility area, wet room and kitchen dining room at Chamonix, St. Michaels Way, Wenhaston. This was unanimously supported. (ii) No further correspondence.
11. The Letter of Engagement in respect of SALC's appointment as internal auditors for the period 1/4/25 to 31/3/26 was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Leech, seconded by Cllr. Townsend and agreed unanimously.
12. No reports from PC representatives on external committees.
13. CORRESPONDENCE. No further correspondence.
14. RFO REPORT. Balances held at Bank total £46744.19 and have been reconciled to spreadsheet prior to authorisation of payments of £1245.45 this month. The supporting reconciliation is made available for monthly member audit. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Cooke and unanimously supported.
15. Meeting Closed at 8.15 pm. Date of next meeting 18/3/26.

(Agenda item for next meeting. Future commencement times of meetings)