

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. A Musk (Chair), Cllr. G Leech, Cllr. F Desborough, Cllr. S Cooke, District Cllr. Wakeling, 5 Parishioners and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies from Cllrs. Canham, Townsend, Mann, Way, Stammers, Wikinson and District Cllr. Dunning had been received and were accepted.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2026 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr.Musk seconded by Cllr.Desborough and unanimously approved.
5. **CLERK REPORT.** The quarterly risk assessment has been completed in respect of the outside gym and play areas and classified in all areas as low or very low risk. It will be necessary, as in the past, to continue to monitor via quarterly inspections and take action if any risk level increases. It will be appropriate to consider the age of any piece of equipment should future work be necessary as some items may be approaching the end of their working life from a cost perspective.

Coles Hill Bin emptying continues to be unpredictable and understandably causing frustration for residents. I have provided a full report to District Cllr Wakeling together with a suggested solution which he agrees with. The problem appears to be with contractors and inconsistency with their views on access to Coles Hill and we need them to co operate until a cut back of hedging is possible in September.

6. None.
7. Cllr. Dunning had provided a report pre meeting and a copy is available from the Clerk.
8. A District Councillor report had been provided prior to the evening and is available from the Clerk. A full outline of ongoing problems with bin collection was provided to Cllr. Wakeling who will continue to attempt commitment to action from SDC and report back.

9. **Matters brought forward from previous meetings.** (i) The required information regarding a bar code to be placed within the telephone box to provide a link to the village website has been passed to Cllr. Way. An update will be required at the next meeting. (ii) The newly purchased benches have been included within the asset register and this is available on the website following review and acceptance by members. The benches have been delivered and thanks expressed to Cllr. Stammers for transporting to Wenhaston pending installation.
10. The summary of actions following the satisfactory Internal Audit Report will be carried forward to a future meeting for agreement on adopting the suggested development points. **CARRY FORWARD.**
11. **PLANNING.** 5 Parishioners had attended and commented on the two Planning Applications being reviewed. (i) Cllrs. unanimously agreed to object to retrospective application ref. DC/26/2067/FUL and basis of objection will be forwarded to ESC Planning Dept. (ii) Cllrs. unanimously objected to retrospective application reference DC/26/2068/FUL and the basis of the objection will be forwarded to ESC Planning Dept. The two applications are connected and relate to the workshop to rear of Sanday Cottage, Wash Lane Wenhaston and adjoining land.
12. No reports from Parish Council representatives on Village Committees/Groups.
13. **CORRESPONDENCE.** (i) Lion Link Targeted consultation 7/7/26 to 5/8/26. Details circulated and method for registration of comments advised.
(ii) Local Plan. Scoping consultation details of arrangements circulated pre meeting. Poster displayed for general information.
14. **RFO REPORT.** Payments for authorisation total £1214.19 this month and these are itemised in the normal manner. Bank reconciliation has not been completed as statements are not yet available due to the early meeting this month. This will be undertaken as soon as they are received. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Leech and unanimously supported.

16. Meeting Closed at 8.05pm.

NEXT MEETING 19th AUGUST 2026