

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.

Clerk Mrs M Pennock

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th June, 2011.

Present:- Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. B. Orme, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. J. Tate, District Cllr. M. Gower, and clerk Mrs M Pennock.

- 1. Cllr. L. Spindler Chair welcomed the Councillors' to the meeting. Apologies received from County Cllr. R. Leighton.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. There was no report from County Cllr. Leighton.**
- 4. District Cllr. Gower stated that there was not a lot to report. He is now on SCDC Planning Committee and informed the Council that Tesco Stores are applying for planning permission for a store at Leiston, which would create about 130 jobs. The Local Development Framework is still being discussed.**
- 5. Proposed by Cllr. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. Corbett that the Minutes of the meeting 18th May, 2011 be accepted.**
- 6. Clerk's report.**

All of the election documents have been taken to SCDC.
SCDC has refused the planning application for the Wind Turbine.
I have asked Mr Coby to cut the grass around the Sports Club Pavilion.
Letters have been sent to Parishioners' requesting that their hedges/tress be cut thus giving better visibility for motorists as well as pedestrians.
I sent a card on behalf of the Parish Council to the family of the late Elisabeth Holt.
I have asked Highways if they would sweep the Mells Road as well as the Village.
SCC own the lights in St. Michaels Way and they are due to be switched off between the hours of midnight and 5.30.a.m. The rest of the lights in the Village are owned by SCDC and no information has been received about these lights yet.
Mrs Addison has agreed for the salt bin to go on her private lay by. I have drawn up an agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. I would like to thank Mrs Addison.

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PCSO Newson has e mailed me requesting that the Parish Council put an article in the Wenhaston Word asking for people to come forward so that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be instated.

Matters arising from the report.

Cllr. Dillaway stated that he would get a list of lights owned by SCDC. The Parish Council could then monitor the lights

The hedge has been cut around Hobbly House. Some Councillors' felt that perhaps it could be taken even further back. Clerk to write to thank them and ask that the hedge be cut even more.

- 7. There were no matters arising from the Minutes,**
- 8. Proposed by Cllr. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. Phillips that Cllr. Gasper be appointed as Transport Liaison Officer.**
- 9. It was proposed that the Clerk write to all the Village organisations asking them to send a representative to a meeting to be arranged for September to form a committee to have an event in the Village to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Any ideas would be welcomed. August agenda.**
- 10. Cllr. Corbett and Cllr. Dillaway have been researching Good Neighbourhood Schemes. Details were given to the Parish Council. It was decided that 2 meetings one in the morning and one in the evening be arranged in September for Parishioners' to come and give their views or to volunteer. If there is a need in the Village then a survey could be undertaken via Wenhaston Word. Agenda item July.**
- 11. The Parish Council reviewed the risk assessment associated with the Parish Councils insurance. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Phillips that the insurance cover was adequate.**
- 12. Proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Tate that the Parish Councils Fidelity Guarantee Insurance be raised to £20,000.00.**
- 13. Proposed by Cllr. Wight and seconded by Cllr. Tate that the Chairs allowance be set at £100.00. This is not a personal allowance but for things like flowers for funerals etc. that the Councils feel is appropriate.**

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14. It was proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Dillaway that the Parish Council accepts the advice from Carl Lockwood of SCC and have the lantern turned giving light along the track as well as Star Hill Lane.

15. Cllr. L. Spindler suggested that as the new Councillors' had not seen the full Parish Plan, that Councillors' read the literature and then discuss it further next month. Seconded by Cllr. Corbett, July agenda.

16. Planning Matters.

C11/0692. Part side garden, Gorse Cottage, Back Road. Erection of detached single storey dwelling together with construction of new vehicular access off Chapel Lane. Permission has been granted.

C10/3109. Wind Turbine, Church Farm, Bramfield Road. Permission has been refused.

17. Correspondence.

- 1.** Letter from Vividor asking if the Parish Council would like a representative on their steering group. Cllr. Dillaway volunteered.
- 2.** Thank you letter from the Disability Advice Service for donation.
- 3.** E mail from Mrs Ann Jones giving an update on her composting inquiries.
- 4.** Letter from Delphine Battle requesting that the drains be cleared on Back Road, behind the Compasses, Mells Road be swept and that hedges overhanging the highways be cut. Clerk to respond.

18. Correspondence for Circulation.

- 1.** The Parish Plan.
- 2.** Suffolk Coast and Heaths.
- 3.** Southwold Town Council – Recycling Centre.
- 4.** Sizewell A & B Stakeholder Group.

19. Finance.

The quarterly budget was given to all Parish Councillors'. Proposed by Cllr. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. Orme that the Parish Council accepts the current budget position.

Current account £1,128.80

Base rate tracker £18,318.54

Total £19,447.34

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Cheques received.

Rosedale re Elisabeth Holt	£140.00
Anglia Memorials	£35.00

Cheques drawn:-

101483 A W & D Hammond Ltd. Lawn mower petrol	16.00 Vat 2.67
101484 SCDC. Allotment Lease.	1.00
101485 SALC. Audit	129.60 VAT 21.60
101486 Suffolk ACRE. Insurance	713.10
101487 Mrs M Pennock. Wages and expenses	364.64
101488 Mr D J Coby. Grass cutting.	140.25
101489 Mr Steve Tricker. Mole control	85.00

VAT Claimed £941.58

Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Tate that the accounts be accepted.

20. Any other matters that the Chair will allow.

Cllr. L Spindler asked that the Clerk put an article in Wenhaston Word informing Parishioners' about the position with Star Hill and the fact that the Parish Council have to pay for everything now including salt bins, doggy bins and any new street lights.

It was suggested that the Parish Council holds a surgery once a month. July agenda.

Cllr. Dillaway reported that he had attended the meeting with SALC and requested an agenda item for July to discuss the role of the Parish Council and SALC.

Cllr. Tate informed the Parish Council that new glass bins have been installed in the Village Hall car park. Also, that the Post Office would have to be closed on Wednesday 22nd June due to electrical works in the village.

Cllr Phillips reported that stiles had been replaced by gates on Leeches' farm making it so much easier for older people. Could the clerk see if stiles could also be replaced by gates on Bartholomews Lane. Map reference 5,6,7.

Cllr. Orme asked that the Village sign post be replaced before the bedding plants go in, in the Autumn. The post was inspected last year and the bottom of the post in the earth is rotten.

The seat on Blackheath needs looking at as the wood is split. Cllr. Dillaway offered to look at it.

21. The date of the next meeting is 20th July, 2011.