

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 16th February, 2011.

Present:- Cllr. B. Orme Chairman, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J Wright, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. D. Wilkinson and clerk Mrs M Pennock.

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' to the meeting.
Apologies received from Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. T. Tate, Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter, County Cllr. R. Leighton and District Cllr. P. Austin.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. There was no report from County Cllr. Leighton**
- 4. There was no report from District Cllr. Austin.**
- 5. Proposed by Cllr. J. Wright and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate, that the Minutes of the 19th January, 2011 be accepted.
Proposed by Cllr. J. Wright and seconded by Cllr. R. Ives, that the Minutes of the 9th February, 2011 be accepted.**

6. Clerk's report.

I have asked for quotes for the repair of the bus shelter and Suffolk Coastal Services to replace the ball bearings in the round about.

The salt bin has been delivered for Back Road, just need to find a suitable place to put it.

Hastoe housing has informed me that they have a new housing manager. I have informed him exactly what the Parish Councils views are of leaving the house empty.

Zurich Insurance has still not given the go ahead for the repair of the Pavilion. I wrote to SCDC giving the Parish Councils views on the Core Strategy, I haven't received a reply yet.

I also wrote to Home Start explaining that the precept had been set and that the Council is unable to donate this year.

Large holes have appeared by the cricket nets on the playing field. Cllr Gasper has had a look, and it appears that we have some very large rabbits.

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Cllr. Tate and myself attended a clerk's briefing by Waveney District Council and Suffolk Coastal. Various items discussed included the Localism Bill.

I am waiting for a reply from SCDC about the purchase of the Right of Way for the proposed cricket ground.

I have omitted a Wenhaston Village Hall report off the Agenda. We have a lot of issues to be discussed this month. Agenda item March.

I had a meeting with Planning at Suffolk Coastal, complaining that the Parish Council was not receiving any decision regarding planning, This has now been rectified.

There were no matters arising from the report.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. Gasper on item 3A agenda 9th February, informed the Council that major electrical works were needed to renew the power lines. This also meant that major tree surgery was also needed to get to the power lines. Clerk to put a note in report for Wenhaston Ward.

Cllr. Edwards stated that parishioners had been in touch with her regarding the Meeting on 9th February. Parishioners expressed their concerns about the meeting.

The Parish Council has received letters and e mails and these will be read in correspondence.

Cllr. Tate asked about grant money. The clerk replied that she had applied for two grants but had heard nothing yet.

8. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that the Parish Council donate £50.00 to the Halesworth Volunteer Group.

9. Cllr. Edwards requested that the Parish Plan be postponed to the March Agenda.

10. The Localism Bill has been circulated to Councillors'. The main concerns are that the Standards Board regime is being abolished. Councils must promote and maintain high standards of conduct and may adopt a voluntary code.

In the Community Right to Buy act the Parish Council is to make inquiries at SCDC as to whether the Allotments might be put forward for consideration.

11. The e mail from SCDC Countryside officer was discussed regarding the cost of aggregate for the track between Greenacres and Martlets. Cllr. Gasper to find out from the Countryside officer the price of having

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a gravel path and under path drainage.

12. Correspondence.

Cllr. Orme read the letters and e mails received from Parishioners' regarding the 9th February meeting.

It was felt that valuable lessons have been learnt for future meetings. In future the micro phone will be used in order that everyone can hear exactly what is going on.

It would also be helpful if submissions are made available earlier. The Parish Council did not receive any letters from SCDC relating to their letters sent to relevant bodies for their comments.

Letter received from Mr Hooper asking the Parish Council if the Telephone box in the Street that he and his late wife religiously cleaned and looked after over many years could be repainted and cleaned. Clerk to get in touch with BT.

Letter received from the recently set up Youth Club for a donation. Agenda item March.

Suffolk Coastal Services has submitted the cost of Play ground inspection and cost of grass cutting at the triangle adjacent to the tennis courts. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that the Parish Council accepts the cost of £74.00 plus VAT for the inspection and £35.00 plus vat for the grass cutting.

13. Correspondence for circulation.

1. Castle Bytham Parish Plan.
2. WDC – Local Development Framework.
3. Suffolk County Council. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service.
4. Suffolk update.

14. Planning.

C10/3045. Broom Cottage, Low Road. Permission has been granted for the erection of a single storey side extension on western elevation. (existing lean-to be demolished).

C10/2528. Land to the rear of Cove Hythe and Heatherset. Mr & Mrs Block have withdrawn this planning application.

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15. Finance.

Balances as at 16th February, 2011.

Current account	£2,027.89
Base rate tracker	£15,316.43

Total	£17,344.32
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Cheques drawn.

101460. Wenhaston Village Hall.	£30.00. Affiliation fee.
101461. Glasdon Manf.	£200.64. Salt Bin. Vat £33.44
101462. Mrs M Pennock.	£413.73. Wages and expenses.
101463. Halesworth Volunteer.	£50.00. Donation. S137
101464. Norse Comm. Services.	£158.40. Fido Bin at Narrow Way VAT £26.40.

Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Wright that the accounts be accepted.

16. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Gasper stated that the new bus timetable was available.

Cllr. Edwards informed the meeting that the rail service from London to Ipswich only allowed 5 minutes to connect to the Lowestoft train, not enough time especially for the elderly or people with push chairs. ESTA to be notified.

There is not adequate parking at Halesworth train station.

Inform Richard Woolnough of the situation.

With elections due in May, perhaps the Parish Council could host an event to bring all people interested in becoming Councillors' together.

Cllr. Orme congratulated Richard Steward as it looks like a sluice gate and barrier is one step nearer for the A12 at Blythburgh.

The new pathfinder time tables are now available.

Concerns were raised by Councillors' over the Caravan Site at Hazel Lane. The road is dangerous without the extra traffic of caravans.

What has happened to the enforcement notice? Clerk to speak to SCDC.

Cllr. Wilkinson said that someone from Halesworth had come forward as a Wenhaston First Responder.

17. The date of the next meeting is 16th March, 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.10.