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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 17th August, 2011.

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

1. Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, welcomed the Councillors', County Cllr. Leighton and District Cllr. Gower to the meeting.
Apologies received from Cllr. A. Alder.
Cllr. L. Spindler then read a letter of resignation received from Bernard Orme with immediate effect.
Cllr. Dillaway proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Orme for his dedicated service to the Parish over many years.
Clerk to notify SCDC Elections Office. Agenda item September.
2. There was no declaration of Interest.
3. County Cllr. Leighton informed the meeting that the County Councils Intelligent street lighting would take effect on 16th January, 2012 for a trial period when the lights would be turned off at midnight.
Broadband upgrading has been announced with £11 ½ million coming from Government, £10 million from County Council which should benefit rural areas.
A non emergency number 101 for the Police will start in October.
4. District Cllr. Gower said the Wind Turbines at Parham had been rejected by the Northern Area Planning. Tesco are reconsidering their application for a store at Leiston.
Cllr Edwards asked about the Core Strategy. Cllr. Leighton said the next stage for local plans would be in the Local Development Framework.

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5. Minutes of the Meeting 20th July, 2011.

Cllr. Corbett asked that the Minutes be adjusted to include in the Clerk's report that she had spoken to Halesworth Volunteer Centre and they had informed her that hardly anyone from Wenhaston makes use of the Centre.

Proposed BY Cllr. Gasper and seconded by Cllr, Wright that the Minutes of the meeting 20th July, 2011 be accepted. All agreed.

6. Clerk's report.

I received a reply to the letter sent to the Chief Executive SCD regarding the election.

I have been asked to supply the names of people who reported that their postal vote arrived too late. The letter is in the circulation folder.

The next day I received the bill for the election £839.51.

I spoke to SCC and asked them if the hedge around the Cross Road sign in Back Road could be cut, also about other hedges that were overhanging onto the Highways.

SCC informed me that they had swept the roads and cleared the drains.

The committee room has been booked for the meeting to discuss the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Peter Leech is unable to repair the broken seat but is willing for someone else to repair it.

I have asked the Right of Ways dept. if more gates could replace the existing stiles.

I have sent a card to Mr Gus Jones.

PCSO Newson was asked to do speed checks in the Village. This has been done and cars were stopped for using mobile phones and not having seat belts on, speed was not a problem.

The doggy bins are emptied once a week, normally on a Tuesday.

A letter was addressed to Mr Orme from Barclays Bank informing him that the mandate had been set up for the new Council.

I am at present getting all the necessary paper work together to send to the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury to have the extension to the Cemetery consecrated.

Matters arising from the report.

Cllr. Tate said the WI would be getting an estimate for the Seat.

7. Any other matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. Gasper reported that the grass by the bus stop had been cut.

Cllr. Corbett said that the Good Neighbourhood forms had started to come back.

Agenda item for September.

Cllr. Dillaway informed the meeting that the 28th September had been booked for the meeting with the young people in the village.

Cllr. Edwards said that Cllr. Alder was arranging a meeting for the parent forum in November.

8. Village Hall Report

Cllr. Tate said that she had resigned from the Committee and as

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Bernard Orme was the other Parish Council representative, 2 new representatives were needed. Agenda item September.

Cllr. Tate said that some of the grant money of £5,000.00 had been spent on a new cooker and flooring, still to be done was the painting, work surfaces and cupboard.

Agenda item next month to appoint new representatives.

9. The cost of having “30”mph flashing speed signs would be approx. £6,000.00 each.

The Parish Council felt that this was too much money to spend.

Clerk to ask the Police to do a speed check on Back Road.

10.Planning Matters.

C11/1509. Post Office Cottage, The Street, Wenhaston.

Erection of one, one & a half story dwelling. Existing garden to be divided, existing vehicle access from highway to be partially shared.

Existing two story shed and single storey pool building to be demolished.

Proposed by Cllr. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the Parish Council supports this planning application. All agreed. The clerk to point out, that some Councillors’ were concerned about parking.

11.Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr & Mrs Rowland informing the Parish Council that the hedge would be cut.
2. Letter from Wenhaston Sports Club requesting a donation towards the Insurance for the skate board area. Agenda item September.

12.Correspondence for circulation.

1. Letter from SCDC – Local Elections.
2. Policing Suffolk.
3. Suffolk Coast & Heaths.
4. E Mail Waveney District Council – Strategic Planning.
5. Suffolk View.
6. Letter fro Mr & Mrs Hennessy. Ref Planning C11/1428. 4, Church Terrace.

13.Finance.

Balances as at 17th August, 2011.

Current Account	£908.31
Base Rate Tracker	£16,820.53
Total	£17,728.84

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£140.00 received from Woolnoughs for burial.

Cheques drawn:-

101496, Mr D J Coby – Grass Cutting	£371.25
101497. A W & D Hammond Ltd. Petrol	£15.00 VAT 2.50
101498. SCDC Cost of election.	£839.51
101499. Mrs M Pennock – Wages	£383.71
101500. Blyth Web Ltd. Printing	£45.12 VAT £7.52

Proposed by Cllr. Corbett and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the Accounts be accepted. All agreed.

14. Any other matters that the Chair will allow.

Cllr. Tate has had Parishioners complaining about cars parked on the pavement on St. Michaels Way, and that the hedge at Chamonix is over the path.

Cllr. A. Spindler also pointed out that the hedge by the Church rooms was also over onto the highway. Clerk to have a word with Highways.

Cllr. Edwards asked Cllr. Gasper about the local bus service. He said that some services (520) were not sufficiently used. Transport needs for the future in the village needs analysing. Part of the Parish Plan.

Cllr. Corbett reminded the Council of the Queens Jubilee meeting to be held on 14th September.

15. Meeting closed at 8.55p.m. Date of next meeting 21st September, 2011.