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**WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010.

Present:- Cllr. B. Orme, Chairman, Cllr. T. Tate, Vice Chairman, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. B. Cousins, County Councillor R. Leighton and clerk Mrs M Pennock.

1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' and County Councillor Leighton to the meeting.  
Apologies received from Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter, District Councillor P. Austin and PCSO J. Newson.
2. There was no declaration of Interest.
3. County Cllr. Leighton stated that the National deficit will affect the public sector. The County Council over the last few years has made efficiency savings and is having to find new ways to reduce costs. They are very reluctant to reduce the services to the public, but at some stage will have to report what the effect will be on all of us.  
The Schools re organisation will be going ahead as the 3 tier system shows that the results of this system are below the national average. In 2012 the Middle schools will close. The college at Halesworth Middle school will be kept opened, and it is hoped that the School It self might be used for further educational purposes.
4. There was no report from District Cllr. Austin.
5. Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. B. Cousins that the Minutes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 be accepted.
6. Clerk's report.  
I wrote to Mr Paul Nolloth regarding the land at Heath Road/Wash Lane. I have been

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informed that Highways will not be taking any action, and have signed an agreement with Mr Nolloth that he manages this land. At the same time I was informed of the items found on the site, bike, car battery, builders rubble, roof sheeting as well as garden rubbish. I spoke to Carol Edworthy asking for clarification of the 80 year claw back on the land in Hall Road. She has e mailed as follows:-

After consultation with our legal team, they feel in the circumstances it would be best for SCDC to issue draft Heads of Terms for the proposed land disposal and you would then be able to consult your solicitor regarding the proposed terms and the claw back (overage) provision.

Miss Edworthy is on holiday till 2<sup>nd</sup> August and will deal with this matter on her return to Work

Highways have informed me that they will be painting the slow signs on Heath Road/Back Road, but are unable to move any road signs without the consent of the Ministry of Transport.

I have asked SCS if we might have a new bin at the Cemetery, as they no longer take sacks.

The playground inspection showed that repairs were needed on the gate and the swings, and also that roots were splitting the safety surface under the rocking horse.

The allotment society has complained about the dog by the allotments.

The new Doggy bin has been erected on the Right of Way sign leading to Vicarge Grove.

PCSO Newson reported that there had been 2 reported crimes since the last meeting, Theft from properties on Blackheath and St Michaels Way, Both undetected.

Any matters arising from the report.

Cllr. Cousins asked if natural grass seed could be planted on the land at Heath Road/Wash Lane. Clerk to speak to Richard Collen Highways and Mr Nolloth about the management of the land.

Cllr. Orme asked if a meeting could be arrange with SCS to look at the problem with roots causing damage to the rocking horse. It was agreed that the minor repairs be done. .

7. **There were no other matters arising from the minutes.**
8. **Cllr. Tate gave the following report of behalf of the Village Hall.**  
Cllr Orme has become the Chairman of the Village Hall.  
A fund raising committee is to be set up to help generate more income.  
The bins have had to be moved as children were climbing onto the roof.  
The other side of the roof is to be repaired. We still have grant money of £5,000.00, but this can only be used for the roof.
9. **The interviews for the Parish Council vacancy will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Clerk to inform candidates.**  
Cllr. Cousins has suggested questions to be put to all candidates.  
Fifteen minutes to be allowed for each candidate.
10. **Mr Gus Jones has given an update on the First Responder scheme for Wenhaston. At this moment no volunteers have come forward for Wenhaston. The £1,000.00 donation from the tractor run is earmarked for Wenhaston.**

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If volunteers come forward and funds are still needed to purchase the necessary equipment the Parish Council may consider donating up to £1,000.00. This was proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Edwards. Clerk to clarify the situation with Mr Gus Jones.

**11.A Parish Wild life Map. Cllr. B.Cousins is willing to set up this scheme. The Parish Council approve and give their support, they also can apply for funding. It was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that the Parish Council give Cllr. Cousins their support to go ahead.**

**12.A report on Wenhaston School was e mailed to the Parish Council by Mrs Sue Brinkley as follows:-**

We are having 2 rooms built onto the back of the school (one classroom and one ICT/Library) and some internal refurbishment of toilets for older children, Seaman's have been given the contract. Ground work will begin in August with the contractors fully on site in December. It is anticipated that all work will be completed by the end of June 2011.

Plans have been received from SCDC and will be circulated to all Councillors'. This will be an Agenda item for the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.

**13.More information is needed from the Churches Together. The Good Village Guide is available on the Blyth Web website. Clerk to get up todate copy. This would be a good item for the Village Action plan. Agenda item August.**

**14.Planning.**

**C10/1693. Retention of summer House and shed.**

**The Parish Council fully supports this application.**

**Concerns were expressed as to why planning consent was needed.**

**Clerk to write to SCDC for an explanation.**

**There were no planning decisions.**

**15.There was no correspondence.**

**16.Correspondence for circulation to be given at meeting.**

**1. Suffolk Coastal District Council – Local Plans.**

**2. Suffolk Police Authority.**

**3. Suffolk Coastal District Council – Local Development Framework.**

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4. Waveney District Council - Local Development Framework.

5. Clerks & Councils direct.

6. Suffolk Coastal District Council – Village Physical Limits Boundaries. Agenda item August.

#### 17. Finance.

Balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

Current account	£1,240.59
Base rate tracker	£15,812.43
Total	£17,053.02

Cheques drawn:-

101424 Essex Suffolk Water - allotments	£40.17 VAT 5.98
101426 Namesco – Broadband	£155.42 Vat 23.15
101427 A & D Hammond – Petrol Mower	£14.35 Vat 2.14
101428 Mr D J Coby – Grass cutting.	£181.50
101425 Wenhaston Village Hall – Hire	£59.20
101429 Mrs M Pennock - Wages & expenses.	£341.64

Proposed by Cllr. B. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. R Ives that the accounts be accepted.

#### 18. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Phillips asked if the owners of Myrtles be asked to cut back the plants etc. making it clearer for motorists on this dangerous corner.

Cllr. Edwards reported that the Sports Club are holding a Sports Day on 4<sup>th</sup> September, and hope to have the new Pavilion in place.

Cllr. Wilkinson asked if the hedge at the top of Coles Hill could be cut.

Cllr. Cousins stated that an event would be held in the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> November, a “Wenhaston’s got Talent” night to help promote the Parish Plan.

#### 19. Meeting closed at 9.10p.m. next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010.