

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

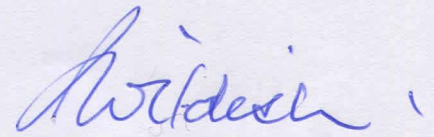
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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st February 2024 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, (Chair) Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. M. Wilkinson, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. C Way, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. S Mann, Cllr. G Leech. Cllr. J Townsend, County Cllr. R Smith, 1 Parishioner and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received and accepted from District Cllrs. Keys-Holloway and Wakeling, Cllrs. Canham and Cushion.
2. There were no declarations of interest expressed.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. The minutes to the meeting held on 17/1/24 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Mann, seconded by Cllr. Wildish and unanimously approved.
5. Clerk Report. All matters covered within agenda.
6. There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
7. A copy of the County Cllrs. report is available from Clerk
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9. (i) Clerk confirmed that arrangements had now been made in respect of grass cutting previously undertaken by Mr. Coby (ii) Remedial action has been undertaken following the recent request to a Parishioner to cut back hedges obscuring vision at a road junction. (iii) No date confirmed by SCC Highways for site meeting regarding possible parking restrictions in The Street, Wenhaston. Carry Forward to next meeting. (iv) Flooding in village. Parishioner in attendance provided a full update on progress made by volunteers and Councillors to alleviate flooding to properties in the village. (A copy of the report is available from Clerk) It was confirmed that Wenhaston had now been placed on the list of Section 19 cases, where Suffolk County Council would investigate causes of the problems encountered and produce recommendations for future mitigation. In the shorter term and following a proposal from Cllr. Musk, seconded by Cllr. Wildish a list of priorities was agreed to which the Parish Council would fund the cost of urgently required mitigation measures. These involve ditch and drainage pipe clearance and will be on a cost of plant hire and materials only. The proposal was unanimously supported. The plan of action had been compiled by Roger Claxton together with a full analysis of the cause of problems. Councillors expressed their appreciation for this work and a copy will be made available to SCC to assist with the Section 19 investigation via County Cllr. Smith. (Approval to fund these measures as outlined was made under Public Health Act 1936 sect. 260 powers)


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10. Ineffective collection/emptying of dog waste bins by East Suffolk Council had been subject of reporting by Parishioners and Clerk. A broken support had also been reported. The suggestion for replacement/larger bins was not supported. Further dialogue with ESC will be undertaken and report reference no DLB586677895 followed up.
11. Clerk had reported the lack of security at the water/ sewerage pumping station on Narrow Way and the consequent health and safety risk. The report had been acknowledged but no action taken so far by the Utilities Company.
12. Clerk had provided a summary of risk assessment work and findings and actions taken prior to the meeting. The summary was unanimously accepted by members following their review.
13. PLANNING (i) DC/24/0423/ROC ref Glen House, Blackheath Rd Wenhaston was noted by members.
14. No reports from committee members/group representatives,
15. CORRESPONDENCE. (i) Parking issues at ex Wooten's site Blackheath Rd. Letter of concern from Parishioner (Response to be sent following requests to Planning Dept. SCC and Suffolk Police for assistance)
 - (ii) Letter re condition of track to Blackheath leading from top of Star Hill, (Response to be sent confirming why Parish Council is unable to assist)
 - (iii) Update on flooding at Blackheath property by parishioner. (E/mail addressed to Chair) (Response to be sent by Chair after reference to Clerk)
16. RFO REPORT. Payments for authorisation this month total £1425.81. In addition, there is a pro forma invoice for necessary work at Playground and Sports area totalling £2076.34 which will become due upon completion of the work required which has been identified following recent inspection. Balance at bank prior to these transactions is £50250.95. Bank accounts have been reconciled and are available for member audit. Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Wildish, seconded by Cllr. Welby and unanimously agreed.
17. Meeting Closed 9.00pm. Date of next meeting 20/3/24 Agenda items to include possible danger to school children leaving the school bus in the late afternoon. Possible danger caused by cars passing and travelling too fast for the road conditions.


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