

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Paul Parry, Edward Flaxman, Geoffrey Kiddy, Matthew Wetmore, Beryl Matthews

APOLOGIES: Camilla Prior, Cllr Geoffrey Wakeling

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Annette Dunning, Cllr Beth Keys-Holloway, Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 1 Member of the public.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Beryl Matthews duly signed the acceptance of office declarations and was witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

Minutes of the meeting agreed and were signed as true copies.

### REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the new financial regulations which will be posted on the website.

### REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) has been in recent use. The ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) deployment dates have been changed to 23/9 to 30/9.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. FB to arrange appointment with the new MP. Latest landscape and heritage report commissioned by Save Grays Lane from Helen Donnelly now on the planning portal. East Suffolk Planning Department has sent letters to objectors seeking further comments by the 9th August on additional information provided by the developer. Pace wrote a 4-page letter on the 12th July commenting on queries raised by ESC planning department. The parish council will prepare its response. The decision to give planning permission to the Sunnica development may be subject to a judicial review.
- c) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. The Environment Agency have said it's not their responsibility and will do nothing. They advise it's the riparian owner's responsibility, but no-one knows who this is, nor is it recorded at the Land Registry.
- d) Neighbourhood Plan. FB has emailed a Policies and Objectives document to those attended the meeting in April and suggesting that each takes responsibility for small (bite size) items.
- e) Local Biodiversity Plan. Website <https://wissett-biodiversity-network.org/>

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- f) Wissett Road speed – report ref no. 472929. EF met with the Community Liaison Engineer on 16<sup>th</sup> July. He advised that the criteria were not met for the reduction of the current National Speed Limit set for the road. He will investigate the possibility of improving and adding warning signage. He suggested the Parish Council approach the landowners adjacent to the road asking them to cut back their hedges and verges to improve visibility. He also suggested considering a “buffer zone” of 40mph at the village end of the road, which would be subject to a survey at a cost of circa £400 to the village.
- g) Wissett Road footpath No.6 report reference number is 472929. EF met with the Community Liaison Engineer on 16<sup>th</sup> July. He said he would investigate further and advise. He asked for any local knowledge of the Suffolk Council purchase of the verge area off of landowners in about 1975.
- h) Parish Clerk recruitment. There has been no expression of interest from anyone in the village, the adjacent Parishes of Rumburgh, Spexhall and Chediston or via the advert placed with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Clerk to ask another Clerk if interested.
- i) Defib / CPR training. 7 Parishioners have already expressed an interest in attending, although we may need circa 20 to make it viable. Clerk to ask adjacent Parishes if any interest in joining the training to make numbers up.

District and County Councillors reports were emailed to Parish Councillors and discussed.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/24/1948/FUL The Street IP19 0JG removal of the chimney breast and stack. Replace existing front door panel with similar UPVc door panel. Paint front elevation brick work in white/ off-white. Construction of a small single storey side porch. Solar panels to be added to front roof elevation and Air Source Heat Pump placed behind proposed porch towards the rear of the house

No objections raised and defer to the conservation consultee from ESC on this issue

### RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved to accept the quotation from E Kiddy for cutting the playing field grass

It was resolved to adopt the Wissett Biodiversity Statement

It was resolved to pay 50% of the Village Hall annual insurance

It was resolved to defer the purchase of new mirror for junction The Street & Gray's Lane pending Village feedback as to its requirement.

### FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

EON Next	Elec 1/2/24 to 30/4/2024	£56.91
SES Business Water	Water charge May	£2.99
SES Business Water	Water charge June	£2.99
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88

All were approved for payments to be made.

### INCOME RECEIVED:

Barclays Bank	Interest on deposit account	£41.83
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Account balances at 10<sup>th</sup> July from internet – Current £3,432.32 - Deposit £11,229.48

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars previously emailed, and letters received shown, with no action required. AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Report) notification of exempt status 2024 received.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Wissett Village Hall  
Meeting closed at 8.50pm