

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Paul Parry, Edward Flaxman, Geoffrey Kiddy, Camilla Prior
APOLOGIES: Matthew Wetmore, Beryl Matthews, Cllr Annette Dunning, Cllr Beth Keys-Holloway Cllr Geoffrey Wakeling

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson & Carol Hume (Parish Clerks), 0 Members of the public.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 18th July 2024:

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

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) not in current use as the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) has been deployed early, after being advised it would be 23/9.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. FB met with the new MP Adrian Ramsey and discussed all relevant points. AR will not write a letter of objection, nor attend the planning meeting, but will otherwise support us in ensuring the councillors are aware of our extensive objections. He confirmed Annette Dunning had spoken to him and she will speak on our behalf at the planning meeting. AR will also oppose the plan to cut from the current NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) the need to consider food production in applications on agricultural land. Beth K-H has asked PACE questions on behalf of Spexhall PC in respect of the fire risk assessment on the Bess and other issues. Pace's response was to indicate that details of the risk assessment and emergency planning in the event of a thermal runaway would be considered post determination.
- c) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. No further updates.
- d) Neighbourhood Plan. We will start the application process in the near future.
- e) Local Biodiversity Plan. There have been recent surveys of some of the village meadows. A quantity of free trees will be available from the Tree Council. Anyone wishing to plant one of these in their land should contact Edward Flaxman via the website <https://wissett-biodiversity-network.org/>
- f) Wissett Road speed – report ref no. 472929. See resolutions below. CP will identify BT post numbers where they may be too close to the road. Then report to BT.
- g) Wissett Road footpath No.6 report reference number is 472929. No further updates, Clerk to ask AD if any further information.
- h) Defib / CPR training. Several people from Spexhall are interested in joining us. This means we have circa 15+. Clerk to ask trainer for potential dates.
- i) There has been no village feedback regarding the missing mirror at the junction of The Street and Grays Lane, so no resolution to consider the cost of replacement has been put forward for consideration.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/24/2478/FUL White House Farm, Rumburgh Road, Rumburgh, IP19 0NG Construction of new vehicular access and driveway (Half in Rumburgh). No objections

RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved not to make an application for a “buffer zone” of 40mph at the village end of Wissett Road coming in from Halesworth end. This would be subject to a survey at a cost of circa £400 to the village and would not guarantee any changes would be made. The Community Liaison Engineer has already advised that the criteria were not met for the reduction of the current National Speed Limit set for the road and will investigate the possibility of improving and adding warning signage. He suggested the landowners, Inc. SCC, adjacent should cut back their hedges and verges to improve road users’ visibility.

It was resolved to approve the appointment of the new Parish Clerk, Carol Hume, with effect from 1/10/2024. Carol and the Chair signed the contract of appointment. Bill Simpson will work with Carol on a handover period and leave the Council on 29/11/2024

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Wissett Village Hall Management Committee	50% of insurance, as grant	£429.37
SES Business Water	Water charge July	£2.99
EON Next	Elec 1/5/24-31/7/24	£57.66
Zurich Town & Parish	Parish Council insurance	£214.00
Rumburgh & St Michael VH	Use of village hall on 16/5/24	£20.00
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88
Mr W Simpson	Salary 6 months	£790.80
SES Business Water	Water charge August	£2.99

All were approved for payments to be made.

INCOME RECEIVED:

Barclays Bank Interest on deposit account £41.98

Account balances at 15th September via internet – Current £2,684.43 - Deposit £11,268.46

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars previously emailed, and letters received shown, with no action required. Some Parish Councillors will attend the Halesworth Climate Action meeting and the Save Grays Lane group are trying to book a stand there.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

The Chair thanked the outgoing Clerk for all the support given to the Wissett Parishioners and Councillors over the 10 years in the position.

2nd half of this years rent for the land near Rumburgh due October. Clerk to remind tenant.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21st November 2024 in Wissett Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45pm