

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: Edward Flaxman, Cllr Geoffrey Wakeling, Bill Simpson

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Carol Hume (Parish Clerk), 1 Member of the public.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024:

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

### REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

### REPORTS:

- a) Grays Lane proposed solar farm – The Chair informed the meeting that a final decision on the planning application for a solar farm on Grays Lane will be made by ESC Planning Committee meeting on either 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 or 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025. At that meeting the three parishes involved, Wissett, Spexhall and Rumburgh will have the chance to each speak for 3 minutes. Each will start with a summary of their specific topic – Wissett will be landscape, Spexhall on BMV and Rumburgh on heritage. Symon Clarke will speak on the Bess. DC Keys-Holloway will sum up for five minutes at the end. That will be five oral presentations for councillors to consider. The meeting will start at 2 pm and members of the public are urged to attend. There will be a site visit on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am which the Chair will attend as an observer. It is thought that Iain Robertson, ESC Planning Officer, along with a representative from PACE will also be present. The Chair had written to EA in October about the potential harm to groundwater posed by the planning application but has yet to receive a satisfactory reply. Councillors thanked the Chair for all the work he has done on this issue.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan - The Chair had submitted the area designation plan for Wissett Neighbourhood Plan and it has been approved by ESC. There will be a further meeting in January to get 1 or 2 people involved by working on certain policies and objectives. There is help on offer to be able to move forward with this.
- c) Wissett Road speed (report ref 472929) – Cllr Prior had taken BT pole location measurements in September, which are kept on record. It is impossible to object to where the BT poles are located as they are within the allowed area. The hedge has been cut which has improved visibility. There was some discussion about how narrow the road has become on the south side. It was agreed to send a letter to Suffolk Highways to say there has been encroachment on that part of the road.
- d) Wissett Road footpath No 6 (report ref 472929) – SCC should have done some work from Mill Road onwards, however there is a lack of resources. It was agreed to leave this item off the next agenda.

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- e) Defib/CPR Training – Bill Simpson is co-ordinating this. It is planned for w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December on the Tuesday or Thursday in Wissett Village Hall, depending on availability.
- f) Replacement mirror at the Street and Grays Lane junction – no update. Remove from the next agenda.

District and County Councillors reports had been emailed to Parish Councillors

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/24/4125/TCA Sandpit Cottage, The Street, Wissett To reduce by 35% and remove 2 lowest limbs on garden side to one oak tree. There were no objections.

DC/24/3500/VOC 1 Mill Hill Drive, Wissett Road, Halesworth. Not in Wissett so no response needed.

### TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT FOR 2025/2026

Following receipt of a letter from ESC detailing the changes in legislation which allowed councils to charge 200% Council Tax on second homes, this would mean an increase from last year to the precept up to £4623.08 would represent no increase in Council Tax for the majority of homes in Wissett. Council agreed to apply for this amount in January.

### FINANCE:

The budget for the year 2024-2025 was reviewed. The clerk will work on a new format of budget in time for presentation at the next Council meeting in January.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SES Business Water	Water charge Sept	£2.99
EON Next	Elec 1/8/24-31/10/24	£59.34
A E Kiddy & Sons	Mowing in March to October 2024	£336.00
CAS	Website hosting	£60.00
C Hume	Salary October & November	£239.20
HMRC	PAYE October & November	£59.80

All were approved for payments to be made.

### INCOME RECEIVED:

Barclays Bank	O Mayhew (direct credit)	£100.00
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Account balances at 8<sup>th</sup> November – Current £1,966.77 - Deposit £11,268.46

### CORRESPONDENCE & CIRCULARS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Christmas Tree Light-up date – It was agreed the date for putting the tree up will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Light-up date will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm. Refreshments will be provided with hopefully some carol singing.
- b) Grit bins – Cllr Parry said that these have been checked and are now refilled.

### MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

- a) Date of the Christmas Carol Service – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Wissett Village Hall  
Meeting closed at 8.35pm