

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th January 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty (Chairman), Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), Andrew Howlett, Julian Harris, Geoffrey Kiddy

APOLOGIES: Paul Parry, Camilla Prior

NOT PRESENT: David Ritchie

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk) and Tony Goldson (County Councillor).
1 Member of the public

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Julian Harris declared an interest in one planning application and the Churchyard grant, and left the meeting when discussed.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th November 2016 and the Planning Meeting held on 12th January 2017:

Minutes of these meetings were signed as true copies.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

A request from the Wissett Village Hall Committee for a contribution to the cost of new windows was read. The Parish Council agreed in principle to match other monies raised to a maximum of £2,500, being half of the anticipated total cost of £5,000 including VAT. This would be subject to receiving the appropriate planning and conservation approvals.

REPORTS:

There was no report received from the Police, although this is now available online.

Clerk confirmed insurance for additional 2 VAS's was in place.

Community Speed Watch scheme forms are with the Police, awaiting training.

The Police Speed Van was in Wissett on 19th January.

The verge and hedge, opposite The Plough to Mill Road has now been cut.

There is still concern over the hedges from the lay by to the gas works. Clerk to chase Highways for dates.

Clerk was asked to obtain a single quote for the car park entrance to establish potential cost.

The Solicitors have confirmed that the Land Registry now has all the information and application forms to register the land near Rumburgh. It may take some time.

Proposed storage facility on the Village field. There had been no further communications on this. Clerk will enquire.

It was confirmed that a timer is to be installed on the Village car park entrance low level light.

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An Asset of Community Value has been applied for on The Wissett Plough public house.

The storm drain at the bottom of Grays Lane is now clear, having had leaves removed by a Parish Councillor.

The hedges bordering the car park and Lodge Lane have been cut by a Parishioner. It was agreed that the planting between the village field and the adjacent land is tidied and the rabbit covers etc removed. It was agreed that up to £100 could be spent on this.

There has been no response to the request made to the owner of the land adjacent to the Village field, asking to use in return for keeping cut.

TO CONSIDER GRANT INCREASE TO CHURCHYARD

It was resolved to increase the annual Churchyard grant to £980.00 from April 2017. This will be funded by stepped increases in the precept from April 2018 for 5 years with the balance made up from Parish reserves. From 2022 it will be 100% funded by precept.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/16/4494/FUL. The Wissett Plough - 3 members of the Parish Council and 8 Parishioners attend the Planning Meeting on 17th January in Lowestoft. Our chairman read a statement to the planning committee, detailing our objections to the application. After deliberation the Committee passed the application. The Parish Council will monitor its progress against conditions set by the Planning Committee.

DCX/16/5137/TCA. Fell 1 x Larch opposite The Old Chapel due to poor quality was agreed.

DC/17/0085/TCA Fell 2 x conifers and 1 x dead tree in The Plough Garden was agreed.

DC/16/5391/FUL Wissett House, The Street. Demolish existing extension and out buildings. New extension in its place was agreed.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The current budget and for the year 2017-2018 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: None

Income received £19.16 for VAS insurance contributions. £3.41 Interest on deposit A/C.
4 more cheques received to be paid in for VAS insurance contributions.

Account balances at 10th January – Current £3,040.54 Deposit £27,344.42

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS: None

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

A Parishioner had asked if the Playground warning traffic signs should be taken down. The Parish Council decided that they may act as a deterrent to some motorists, and there would be a cost to the Parish to remove. It was decided they should remain.

The Blyth Valley Times have asked if we would like to include events. Clerk to ask for info.

It was suggested we ask for priority signs at the bridge near Ash Lane. Clerk to enquire.

A list of email addresses is being compiled of Parishioners for communication of events etc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm