

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th July 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty, Matthew Wetmore, Geoffrey Kiddy, Paul Parry, Camilla Prior, Frank Burton, Beryl Matthews

APOLOGIES: Tony Goldson

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Alison Cackett

ALSO, PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 3 Members of the public

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16th May 2019:

Minutes of the meeting were signed as true copies.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

The VAS equipment was in use during June.

Village Hall Repairs- Work on the roof is due to commence on Monday 29th July and expected to take 2-3 weeks. Repair to the floor will be after, but could be at same time. Fund raising is progressing well but with an estimated shortfall currently of £7,000.00.

Village Sign. The old sign has been collected and taken to the wood carver as a reference for the new one. Increased budget approved at this meeting

The Community Council have advised that the proposed storage facility on the village field will be deferred until all works on the Village Hall have been completed in order not to compete for funds. They will advise when this project recommences.

Water supply to the Village field. SES Business Water have now confirmed account and sent first bill for payment.

Defibrillator. An official commissioning event inviting those that donated and the local press etc. is still in planning.

Paths at Brickhill Cottages. Still trying to see if any funding might be available to improve access and install disabled access. Highways have confirmed the "lay-by" which constantly floods is not their property, ESC are investigating to determine ownership in order to effect repairs.

Bus service to Halesworth is under threat due to budget cuts. District Councillors and local MP are aware and it was decided the Parish Council should add a letter of support to retain the service for the village.

Clerk advised still no response for update of possible planning breach within the conservation area.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/19/2361/FUL Peacehaven, Grays Lane - Convert part of garages to self-contained annex

DC/19/2523/FUL Halleluia, Red House Lane - Erection of cart lodge style garage for barn conversion.

Were both approved

It was resolved to consider costs of the possible repainting of the bridge railings over The Beck at Lodge Lane after quotations for the work had been obtained.

It was resolved to increase the budget for the new Village Sign to £2,500.00

It was resolved to adopt the “Wissett Treacle Fair” in order to enable the Parish Council to arrange insurance etc. for the event. The event will be organised by volunteers, including the Chair of the Parish Council. Clerk to chase for response to using the land adjacent to ours for the event.

FINANCE:

The Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2018/19 Part 2 was sent to the external auditors and a confirmation receipt email received. All details posted on the Village website.

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2019-2020 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Business Service at CAS	Village Hall insurance	£443.25
EON (Direct Debit)	Field electricity	£28.27
Mr W Simpson	Safety mirror for Buntings Lane	£21.99
SES Business Water	Feb 18 to June 19 standing charge	£60.66
Mr D Barber	Works to Village Sign	£200.00

All were approved and cheques signed.

INCOME RECIEVED:

Russell Linard	Allotment rent 19/20	£160.00
Interest	On premium account	£13.42

Account balances at 11th July – Current £796.53 - Deposit £26,929.68

Forms to arrange for Andrew Howlett to be removed form the bank mandate and for Camilla Prior to be added are with the bank for process

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Various circulars were shown with no actions required.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

Clerk reminded all Parish Councillors to complete their election expense forms, even if nothing spent, and to complete their Register of Interest details with East Suffolk Council. Clerk has registered each of them on the system and all should have had an email to link to the system.

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A possible breach of the planning consent on the caravans behind The Plough was reported by a Parishioner. The Parish Council advised the Parishioner to report it directly to East Suffolk Council and that the Parish Council would also bring to their attention and seek clarification on the clause in question.

Alan Witherby is the local Tree Warden for The Woodland Trust and has secured 50 trees at no cost to be planted in Wissett. The Parish Council agreed some planting on Parish land, and any Parishioners interested in having a tree should contact Alan to determine suitability of location.

Camilla Prior and Beryl Matthews both advised they would be unable to attend the next meeting.

Clerk was asked to try and find a Parish Map.

Clerk was asked to reconfirm Mobile Library times to Parishioners.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm