

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th July 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty, Julian Harris, Geoffrey Kiddy, Camilla Prior, Matthew Wetmore

APOLOGIES: Paul Parry, Andrew Howlett

NOT PRESENT: Tony Goldson, David Ritchie

ALSO, PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 2 Members of the public

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th May 2018:

Minutes of this meeting were signed as a true copy.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received.

REPORTS:

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

The VAS equipment was in use during June.

The re-training of the Community Speed Watch volunteers to be arranged.

Clerk confirmed that a Data Protection Officer is now not required having been amended by Parliament and the House of Lords.

Clerk has reviewed the General Data Protection Audit. As most of the personal data we hold is restricted to name, email, phone and address details, no further action required at this stage.

Clerk advised that only 7 Parishioners on the mailing list did not “opt in” to received information. They have been removed from the mailing list and their details deleted from the Parish laptop. Reminders to be sent to Parish Councillors.

Julian Harris has inspected the Village Sign and advised that there is some evidence of rotting and deterioration. A member of the public advised they had past experience of refurbishing and supplied contact details of 2 people. This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to make contact before any further decision on action is taken.

Clerk advised that “Village Gateways” start in price from £324 each, excluding the signage. It was discussed and decided that this would not be considered at this stage.

The “Our Water” survey has not progressed any further with only 4 volunteers in place. Organisers have now said we can keep the pack and try to complete some more.

A replacement salt/grit bin for Lodge Lane has not yet been purchased pending decision on a second one for Wash Lane.

Clerk has still not heard from the water company re the standing charges etc. for the water supply to the Village Field. Clerk to chase again. Julian Harris advised that consideration should be given to insulating and isolating the tap prior to winter which should cost no more than £100.00.

Clerk has received and read out a report from the meeting of the Community Council regarding the “Battles Over” event in November. Clerk to contact Parish Insurers re insurance requirements and risk assessment.

Clerk advised that the contribution for the defibrillator had been received for Peter Aldous and that the contribution from Tony Goldson was still in progress. It was decided to proceed now with the purchase as a group with other local Parishes in order to try and get a bulk order price.

The owners of The Plough and the tenants have already agreed we can site the defibrillator outside the pub. Clerk awaiting information on electricity running costs.

All remedial work to the verges and car park post water works have been completed.

The agenda item re the use of the Village car park for the beer festival was included in error and had already been discussed at the May meeting.

All available “Wissett Webs” are now on the Village website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/18/2190/LBC Noahs Ark, Valley Farm LBC - Construction of new sun room and ass works

DC/18/2715/DRC Bulhams Covert Grays Lane Discharge of Condition No.2 of DC/16/3325/PN3 - Conversion of disused animal feed mill into single dwelling - Contaminated land details.

Were both approved.

It was resolved to defer the consideration of the refurbishment or renewal of the Village Sign pending response to Clerks enquires to contacts supplied at the meeting.

It was resolved to donate a maximum of £500 towards the Battles Over event in November being organised by the Community Council. This would be to meet the costs of the wooden figures being made and the food supplied after. It was suggested that a donation bucket should be in place to collect monies for charity.

It was resolved to donate £50 towards cost of the proposed Village litter pick.

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It was resolved to purchase a replacement salt/grit bin for Wash Lane. Clerk would now arrange purchase of 2 to include Lodge Lane, already agreed.

FINANCE:

The audit for 2017/2018 was sent to the external auditors after the May meeting and no response yet received. Clerk to chase for response.

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2018-2019 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

J S Harris	Work and tap for village field	£142.58
David Andrews	Village Hall Insurance	£433.77
EON	Electricity for field (Direct Debit)	£21.24

Were all approved and cheques signed.

INCOME RECIEVED:

Peter Aldous	Defibrillator donation	£500.00
HMRC	VAT refund 17/18	£331.49
Ash Farm Partners	Rent land near Rumburgh	£100.00
Deposit Account	Interest	£13.64

Account balances at 14th July – Current £3,465.99 - Deposit £27,375.49

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Various circulars were shown with no actions required.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

Julian Harris announced his resignation from the Parish Council. Clerk to check on procedures for this and possible co-option to replace.

The Village Hall Committee may seek some contribution to refurbishment cost of the Hall from the Community Benefit monies. Parish Council will need to receive a formal application request along with supporting quotations etc.

Concern was raised over the upkeep of The Beck. Clerk was asked minute the following and to see if the Wissett Web would publish;

“The Beck is regarded as a main river and, as such, comes under the Environment Agency for flood risk only. They will continue to clear The Beck once a year, normally in December. The banks are the responsibility of the land owner(s) and it is down to them to maintain the banks etc. Where there are different owners each side, and the river forms a boundary, then the owner on each side is responsible on their half to the middle. If the Beck is blocked, or in danger of becoming blocked, then the Environment Agency should be informed and, if necessary, they can enforce action on the landowner should remedial action not be taken. In the event of a flood, the land owner may be held responsible if the cause is found to be their failure to maintain.”

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm