

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th July 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty (Chairman), Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), Julian Harris.

APOLOGIES: Andrew Howlett, Geoffrey Kiddy, Paul Parry, Camilla Prior.

NOT PRESENT: Tony Goldson, David Ritchie

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th May 2017:
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.

Chair advised that the 4th VAS unit bought by the Halesworth Parish's group has a different battery which may necessitate the group purchasing a replacement. Any costs to be advised at a later date. Spexhall have confirmed that the equipment for the community speed watch is now available for use. Purchase of items such as Hi-Viz jackets will be needed, costs to be confirmed. Further training will take place on the use of the equipment. Clerk to ask for additional volunteers.

The hard finish to the car park entrance remains deferred until September meeting.

There has been no progress regarding having The Village sign replaced with one that is more resilient. The foundry has failed to visit despite being chased. Clerk to ask other Councils for possible solutions via SALC and to see if details of original are in old minutes.

A laptop and software has been bought by the Parish using funds obtained under the transparency code scheme. Scheme also met staff set up and running costs for 1 year.

The land near Rumburgh has been re let to the existing tenant. Agreement was signed. The allotment site has been re let to the existing tenant. Agreement was signed.

No further news regarding the Wissett Plough re opening. Were advised by a member of the public that someone from Planning had been asked to inspect the height of the front patio and railings.

The hedges outside Gothic Lodge are causing concern for road users. Clerk to contact owner.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/17/1253/FUL Valley Farm Vineyard Use as wedding venue, ext of buildings, 2 lodges; Application has been withdrawn.

DC/17/1448/FUL Bramble Barn, Lodge Lane Const of detached outbuilding;

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Has been refused by Waveney District Council.

It was resolved to donate up to £50.00 towards the “Young Dragons” local village children’s initiative.

It was resolved to purchase a safety mirror for the junction of Grays Lane up to £50.00.

It was decided to defer the consideration of long term plans for the land near Rumburgh until the September meeting.

FINANCE:

The 2016/2017 BDO Audit forms were returned with a query which was answered by the Clerk. Awaiting final sign off by BDO.

The Village Asset Register was reviewed. The value of the land near Rumburgh has been reduced to a nominal £1 as per BDO. The value of the laptop and software has been added. The budget for the year 2017-2018 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Mr W Simpson	Reimbursement for cost of laptop & software bought with transparency fund grant.	£638.00
Mr W Simpson	Staffing cost of setup and running website from transparency fund grant	£244.16
Mr W Simpson	Expenses (stamps)	£14.52
EON	Electricity for field paid by direct debit	£25.44

Were all approved and cheques signed.

INCOME RECEIVED:

HM Revenue	VAT refund 2016/2017	£351.72
Ash Farm Ptnrs.	Rent for land near Rumburgh	£100.00
Linnard Russell	Rent for allotments	£160.00

Account balances at 10th July – Current £2,845.16 - Deposit £27,343.42

There is no interest on the deposit account. Clerk to investigate alternative accounts.

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS: None

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

The salt/grit bin in Grays Lane has been badly damaged, possibly by vehicle impact. This is Parish Council property. Clerk to check if covered by insurance, but will need to be replaced before winter. Probable cost circa £150.00

Oak tree has fallen down by gas works. SCC aware and dealing with.

Clerk has enquired as to current planning status of Corner Farm light industrial use.

2 footpaths in the Village have been reported as overgrown. Clerk to take up with Highways.

The proposed storage unit on the Village field may be built as a “Village Project” and it was suggested the Parish Council make a donation to provide tea, coffee, sandwiches etc. for any volunteers involved in the construction.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm