

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty (Chairman), Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), David Ball, Andrew Howlett, Julian Harris, Anne Andrews.

APOLOGIES: Wayne Taylor

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), Tony Goldson,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

It was agreed that these should be collated and presented to the Parish Council at September meetings to be considered prior to setting the precept. The Council will consider ongoing and special requests as usual.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th January 2015:
Minutes of the meeting were signed as a true copy.

REPORTS:

It was agreed to invite Keith Fawkner-Simpson to the next meeting to present the outline of formulating a Village Emergency Plan.

The village field electricity is now all connected and ready for use. The Council will meet at the field on 26th March to finalise lighting choice. Annual standing charge from EON will be circa £98.55

VAS signs are now ordered and should be delivered in 6-8 weeks. Post to be installed and we should have use of them shortly after.

The temporary waste bin on the field has now been emptied. Clerk is still chasing permanent replacement.

Clerk advised cost of supply and installation of dog waste bin would be £280.00 plus VAT from Waveney Norse. Location to be finalised. The Council resolved to proceed in line with the majority vote of the Village Meeting on 20th November 2014.

www.wissett.onesuffolk.net website is now in place.

The verge outside the Village Hall is still waiting repair. Clerk has constantly chased and been advised Essex & Suffolk have raised a notice to remedy.

Hedges at Sugar Nunn Hill have now been cut back.

Tony Goldson is to confirm who owns the hedges on The Street, which need cutting. It was also reported that a tree near the gas works had fallen and needed attention. TG also to progress this as believed to be on WDC land.

The allotment land can be let to a single person under a NALC legal topic note LTN52 document which allows its use under certain restriction.

It was agreed that any cost for the forthcoming 3 way May election that exceed the £750 budgeted figure would come from reserves.

SALC THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR PUBLICATION

There was no recent copy to discuss

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

There were no new applications.

FINANCE

The budget was reviewed with no comment.

Income of £0.84 has been received on the deposit account.

Account balances – Current £4855.84, Deposit £7,331.69

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

List was agreed and cheques signed.

Query over invoice from Townsend Electrical to be taken up by Clerk.

Query over payment to Community Action Suffolk to be resolved by Clerk, although the cheque was signed in readiness.

STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT:

It was resolved to accept these as supplied from SALC and NALC. Clerk to keep and make copies available upon request.

SUMMONS TO ATTEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

It was resolved that all Parish Councillors would accept Summons to Attend by email as per LAIS1375.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT RUMBURGH END OF WISSETT.

It was resolved to proceed with the sale of this land.

Matthew Wetmore will investigate and ensure this is registered to us at the Land Registry.

Clerk to speak to SALC to confirm procedure and to ask about valuation from the District Valuer.

PURCHASE OF THE ALLOTMENT SITE FROM WDC:

It was resolved to proceed with the purchase at a cost of £500 from WDC, with WDC offering to pay up to a maximum of £200 towards WPC costs.

Matthew Wetmore will ask solicitor for potential cost before proceeding.

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Repair of Bridge on Mill Lane.

One of the “caps” has come off, and is in Hannah Pretty’s possession. Clerk to take up the refitting this with the Highways Agency.

TENDER FOR GRASS CUTTING:

Existing contractor will no longer be doing this. Clerk to write job description and invite tenders.

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

None presented.

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH:

Resolved to hold on Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7:30pm, immediately prior to the next Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to publish notices.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCILL;

Clerk advised that nomination papers for the Parish Council Election had now been received. These were offered to the attending Councillors. Notices would go up on the notice boards and website on Monday 23rd March.

All nomination papers must be delivered to the Town Hall in Lowestoft no later than 4pm on Thursday 9th April.

David Ball and Anne Andrews announced that they are retiring from the Parish Council did not intend to stand for re-election. They were thanked for their service.

The access to the car park opposite the Church gate was discussed. Clerk to ascertain who owns the land. As there should be no vehicular access through here, the possibility of a gate with pedestrian access being installed is to be put on the agenda for May.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21st May 2015 following the Meeting of the Parish at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 10.00pm