

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH AND WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18th May 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty (Chairman), Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), Andrew Howlett, Julian Harris, Geoffrey Kiddy, Paul Parry, Camilla Prior.

APOLOGIES: Tony Goldson, David Ritchie

NOT PRESENT:

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Hannah Pretty read out the Chairman's report for the past year, copy attached. There were no questions arising.

A representative from Chediston Parish Council asked for our interest in a pilot scheme for village children proposed over the summer holidays. All agreed. Further details will follow. A representative from the Village Hall Committee asked about assistance in the cost of refurbishing the hall, especially cost of replacement windows and roof repairs. The Parish Council have already agreed a contribution, but cost likely to be high due to conservation area issues. Clerk will make enquiry's to see if any other funding opportunities exist.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Hannah Pretty was elected Chairman and duly signed the acceptance of office. Mathew Wetmore was elected as Vice Chairman and duly signed the acceptance of office.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 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.

Clerk advised 4th VAS unit for the local group has now arrived. Revised calendar now gives us use 4 times per year.

Site confirmed for community speed watch now verified by the Police is opposite the Village Hall on The Street. Speed gun should be available soon when further training will take place in its use.

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

The timer has now been installed on the Village car park entrance low level light.

MW is in contact with a foundry regarding having The Village sign replaced with one that is more resilient, possibly aluminium or resin.

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It was agreed to readopt the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, and to accept summons to attend meetings via email.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/17/1253/FUL Valley Farm Vinyard Use as wedding venue, ext of buildings, 2 lodges; Was agreed with observations regarding vehicle access and traffic, noise, possible fireworks at weddings, occupation conditions and durations on the lodges, onsite out of hours management, plumbing and power supplies.

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

DC/17/1768/LBC Millcroft Retrospective approval;

Was agreed subject to Conservation Officer approvals.

DC/17/1859/FUL The Old Stables, The Street. Const of storage for horse feed and stables; Was agreed

FINANCE:

The 2016/2017 BDO Audit forms were agreed by the Council and signed off by the Chair. The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SALC	Subscription 2017/18	£131.56
Mr W Simpson	6 months' salary	£526.14
Townsend Electrical	S&F time clock on post light	£112.56
Wissett Parochial Church Council	Churchyard Grant	£980.00
Wissett Web	Grant	£100.00

Were all approved and cheques signed.

INCOME RECIEVED:

VAS	Insurance contributions	£14.68
Waveney DC	Precept	£1740.00
NALC	Transparency Fund Grant	£819.20

Account balances at 10th May – Current £4,646.14 - Deposit £27,344.42

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS: None

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

Clerk was authorised to purchase laptop etc. in line with the Transparency Fund grant.

The land at Rumburgh is to be reoffered to the existing tenant, and to be on the agenda for next meeting to discuss longer term plans.

The allotments are to be reoffered to the existing tenant.

The owner of The Plough has advised that an offer to purchase has been made. Clerk will advise if a notice is received from WDC under the Asset of Community Value order.

Concern was raised over the hedges outside Gothic Lodge.

Concern was raised over hedges on corner of Grays Lane. A mirror was suggested for visabilty of traffic coming. Clerk to enquire.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7:30pm. Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Annual Parish Meeting 18th May 2017

Chairman's Report 2016/2017

Finance:

I can report that the Council's finances remain good with yearend closing balance of £2,072.26 in the current account and £27,344.42 in the saver account.

The Council's expenditure was £4,722.61 with income of £24,083.09. The income includes a £20,000 Community Benefit payment obtained by the Parish Council from LightSource, owners of the solar farm.

We also successfully reclaimed 2015-2016 VAT at £237.07.

The precept for 2017/2018 remains at £3,480.00 and is unchanged from previous year.

Developments over the year:

We have agreed to use some of the LightSource community benefit monies to make a contribution towards new windows in the Village Hall, and to increase contribution to the upkeep of the Churchyard.

An additional low level lighting post has been installed at the car park entrance. We are still investigating having a hard entrance laid.

Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs continue to be used in the village. We have invested more monies into this scheme to increase frequency, as well as into the Speed-Watch Scheme. Volunteers have been recruited and will be trained to use the "speed guns" as soon as the Police approve the sites that can be used. We are also involved in a trial of a potential new ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system. Police speed vans have also attended the village.

The approximate 2 acres of land owned by Wissett at the Rumburgh end of the village has now formally been registered with the Land Registry.

The village website continues to be a source of Parish Council information.

Grants:

The Parish Council made grants of £150.00 for churchyard maintenance, £100.00 for the Wissett Web, and £406.31 for the Village Hall Committee to pay for the annual insurance.

Chairman's thanks:

I should like to thank all members of the Council and the Clerk for their help, support and time over the last year.

I would also like to thank County Councillor Tony Goldson and District Councillor David Ritchie for their continued support for the village over the last year.