

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Julian Harris Andrew Howlett, Geoffrey Kiddy, Paul Parry, Camilla Prior

**APOLOGIES:** Hannah Pretty (Chairman), Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), Tony Goldson, David Ritchie

**NOT PRESENT:**

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

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the attending Councillors elected Andrew Howlett as the Chair for this meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Julian Harris declared a potential interest in the planning application for Valley Farm. However, this has already been passed by WDC

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> September 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.

The faulty “speed gun” has now been repaired and returned to Spexhall Parish Council and available for re-training of the Community Speed Watch volunteers. As the water mains road works are severely restricting traffic thorough the village, this re-training is still to be arranged. Hannah Pretty and Tony Goldson were attending a district parishes meeting tonight where other aspects of monitoring traffic are on the agenda and will be reported on after. Clerk was asked to enquire if the Police would use other locations in the Village for the speed van.

The repair by members of the Parish Council of the car park entrance should be completed by the end of the year. The car park sign has been repaired by members of the Parish Council.

Update of the refurbishment / replacement of the Village Sign was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Matthew Wetmore. It was noted that this may be costly.

The safety mirror has been installed at the junction at Grays Lane.

A replacement salt/grit bin for Lodge Lane is to be sourced and purchased in 2018 by the Clerk. Attempt to get WDC to supply was refused.

The bank mandate signature for one of the Parish Councillors needs updating.

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No further news regarding the Wissett Plough re opening.

The hedges outside Gothic Lodge have been cut back by the owner.

The company responsible for the replacement water mains have agreed to provide a water supply to the Village field at no or little cost to the Parish in recognition of the disruption to the Parishioners. There will be a standing charge payable for the metered supply, costs yet unknown.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/17/4449/FUL Halleluia, Red House Lane. Change of use of redundant barn to residential was approved by the Parish Council.

DC/17/3533/FUL Valley Farm Vineyard Extensions and PV Solar panels was approved by the Parish Council, and already passed by WDC.

DC/17/3815/TCA Land North of The Street, Felling 2 x Fir trees, (1 dead), remove 6 x Leylandii has been approved by WDC.

It was resolved to ask the owner of Corner Farm to apply for a certificate of lawful use. The planning permission expired on 31/8/2006

It was resolved to renew the contract with EON for the electricity supply to the village field.

It was resolved to support the 2018 "Wissett Dragons" children's initiative with £50.00

It was resolved to accept the £3,646.00 precept budget for the year 2018/2019

### FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2017-2018 was reviewed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Norse Commercial Services	Cut grass and ditch	£384.32
Community Action Suffolk	Web hosting	£60.00
IRD & PM Harris	Cut grass field	£468.00
Mr W Simpson	Salary 6 months	£532.38
Mrs H Pretty	Wissett Dragons cash given	£15.00
EON (Paid by Direct Debit)	Field electricity	£35.13

Were all approved and cheques signed.

### INCOME RECIEVED:

Second half of annual Precept from WDC on 29/9/17	£1,740.00
Brampton & Stoven PC for VAS Insurance (not paid in yet)	£15.60
Halesworth Town Council for VAS Insurance (not paid in yet)	£15.60

Account balances at 10<sup>th</sup> October – Current £3,487.01 - Deposit £27,343.42

There is no interest on the deposit account.

### CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

WDC have asked how we would like to be informed of their budget reviews, and the meeting agreed this should be supplied to the Clerk via email.

An email has been received from Flood & Water Management Resource Management; *“trailing a project called ‘Our Water’ and would like to undertake it in Wissett. The project aims to collect data about local watercourses and other significant water related features, through simply drawing the location on a map and recording issues associated with flooding which affect the community. This will enable the capture of local knowledge which is often vital in understanding flood risk. This will help communities and Suffolk County Council understand local flood risk better and enable problems with water to be solved effectively and in line with communities’ priorities.*

*Project volunteers will be supported throughout the duration of the project with material and training provided by Suffolk County Council. We also want to encourage local communities to take action in reducing their flood risk. If throughout the project a scheme to reduce flood risk is highlighted, you will be further supported to implement the project.”* The Parish Council expressed their interest in this, and asked the Clerk to respond.

**MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;**

Clerk advised that he had attended a Data Protection Briefing at SALC on 9<sup>th</sup> November and will forward the details received from SALC to the Parish Councillors for study. This new law is already in place and becomes enforceable from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. We will have to have a Data Protection Officer (DPO) appointed and it cannot be a Councillor and is unlikely that the Clerk can take the role. There are still discussions taking place between Government, NALC and SALC to determine the implications and if any transitional support payments might be made available. There will be a cost to the Parish and a sum of £350.00 has been included in the budget for 2018/2019.

Julian Harris advised we have been given a cost of £120 per annum for the cutting of the planting separating the Village field from the adjacent field. £150.00 is in 18/19 budget.

Clerk was asked to enquire with WDC regarding the condition of the oak tree at the gas works.

It was decided to temporarily allow overnight parking in the Village car park for residents that may be affected for the duration of the water works in the Village.

2 cases of fly tipping were reported, one in Lodge Lane already reported to the Police, other in Buntings lane reported to WDC by Clerk. These can be reported online; <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/how-to-report-fly-tipping/>

A member of the public raised a question regarding The Wissett Plough. Clerk was asked to enquire with WDC.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7:30pm.**  
Meeting closed at 9.15pm