

## WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Hannah Pretty, Matthew Wetmore, Geoffrey Kiddy, Paul Parry, Andrew Howlett, Frank Burton

**APOLOGIES:** David Ritchie, Camilla Prior

**NOT PRESENT:**

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

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018:**

Minutes of these meetings were signed as true copies.

#### **CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY:**

Frank Burton QC was co-opted to the Parish Council by unanimous agreement and duly signed the acceptance of office.

#### **REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

Halesworth Lights Switch on donation was rejected due to available funds.

#### **REPORTS:**

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

Tony Goldson advised that there were budget constraints and discussed the boundary changes. The area has an aging population and is now very much a retirement area. There is a high level of children in care. Loneliness is considered an issue now, and there may be limited funds available to groups in support of activities to alleviate his, i.e. tea/coffee mornings.

The VAS equipment will be use during December.

Tony Goldson advised that the trial of the ANPR system in Spexhall has completed and the Police are looking to reject it. There will be a Halesworth District Parishes meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss and respond. Wissett Parish Councillors have been invited to attend.

The Village Litter pick took place on 14<sup>th</sup> October and was deemed a success. Plans to arrange a further pick in Spring 2019.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> potential restorer for the Village Sign has inspected it and submitted an initial estimate of £1,100. This may increase depending on the condition of the wood found during works. Parish Council decided this restorer, with 55 years' experience, would be the preferred person to carry out the restoration.

The "Our Water" survey is still in progress, delayed with only 4 volunteers in place.

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The replacement salt/grit bins for Lodge Lane and Wash Lane have now been delivered by Andrew Howlett to the required locations. Clerk to register locations for filling.

Clerk has still not heard from the water company re the standing charges etc. and will continue to chase. Tap has now had isolator and lagging fitted.

The "Battles Over" event was deemed a great success and the Parish Council thanked everyone involved for their efforts and hard work in making it a fitting tribute to those lost in the war.

The defibrillator has now been delivered and awaiting installation. Alex Chadd of Chadd Electrical has offered to install at no cost to the Parish. The Parish Council have offered to meet any materials costs that might arise. Final position within the grounds of The Wissett Plough to be confirmed after the Clerk speaks to H&S. Once installed, it was suggested we arrange an official commissioning event inviting those that donated and the local press etc.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/18/3893/FUL The Barn, Whitehouse Farm - Alt of curtilage and new access drive, bridge was approved subject to Highways approval of access drive.

DC/18/4320/TPO Bulhams Covert, Grays Lane - Fell, pollard and reshape trees was approved.

It was resolved to support with £15,000 from reserves The Village Hall Committees request for financial assistance in carrying out urgent restoration of the Village Hall. Clerk to confirm with SALC that this is within Parish Council powers.

It was resolved to accept the proposed budget for 2019/2020 with a precept of £3,812.00. There will be an overspend against precept, mainly Village Hall and Village sign restoration costs, which will be met from reserves.

### FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2018-2019 was reviewed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Business Services at CAS	Addition of defib to insurance	£11.39
East of England Ambulance	Defibrillator	£1,732.20
Mr W Simpson	6 months' salary	£560.46
IRD & PM Harris	Field grass cutting	£396.00
EON	Electric for field	£19.58
Norse Commercial Services	Grass and ditch cutting	£329.42
John H Howlett	2x salt and grit bins	£291.60
J S Harris	Drain off and insulation field tap	£44.62
Mrs Louise Harris	Battles Over event costs	£445.91
Mrs Hannah Pretty	Battles Over event costs	£52.50

All were approved and cheques signed.

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### **INCOME RECIEVED:**

Halesworth Town Council	VAS insurance payment	£18.72
Spexhall Parish Council	VAS insurance payment	£18.72
Tony Goldson(via Spexhall PC)	Defibrillator donation	£500.00

Account balances at 15<sup>th</sup> November – Current £4,042.64 - Deposit £27,389.14

### **CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:**

Various circulars were shown with no actions required.

Electricity supply to Village Field to be continued with EON.

A letter from a Parishioner in support of the Parish Council assisting in the refurbishment of the Village Hall was read and discussed,

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

The tall light on the Village Field is not working, possibly a timer issue. Matthew Wetmore will try and see if so, and if not, Clerk to arrange electrician inspection.

Access to the footpath in front of Brickhill Cottages to be inspected as Tony Goldson advised there may possibly be some Highways budget available for disabled access. It was confirmed that the layby outside Brickhill Cottages is not an official Highways layby and therefore not eligible for any contribution to works.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm.**

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**