

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT: Matthew Wetmore (Vice Chairman), Andrew Howlett, Julian Harris,  
Paul Parry, Geoffrey Kiddy**

**APOLOGIES: Hannah Pretty (Chairman), David Ritchie (District Councillor)**

**NOT PRESENT: Representative from the Police,**

**ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), Tony Goldson (County  
Councillor) and 1 member of the public.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**None**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17th September 2015:**

**Minutes of this meeting were signed as a true copy.**

**REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

**One was discussed and decided to dismiss.**

**REPORTS:**

**There was no report received from the Police.**

**There is still one vacancy on the Council. One person is considering.**

**Tony Goldson reported there were likely to be further budget cuts.**

**A solution to the proposed withdrawal of the free 1 hour parking in Halesworth  
may have been agreed, but may require them to ask for contributions from  
local Parishes.**

**VAS signs were up from 2/11 to 13/11, reports given to Councillors.**

**Permanent fixing brackets for the posts have been ordered.**

**Tony Goldson advised funds from the Police Commissioner for additional  
VAS's for the District are now likely.**

**Details of 4 volunteers for the Community Speedwatch program are to be  
passed on by the Clerk. They will be trained to use the "speed-guns".**

**Hedges on the Street should be cut by SCC within the next 2 weeks.**

**Advised of latest response on the possible purchase of allotment land from  
WDC. It was decided not to proceed with this as cost would exceed the agreed  
amount and restrictions required not acceptable. Clerk to advise WDC.**

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Solicitors have advised that the papers found relating to the land near Rumburgh are not the title deeds, but all agreed we need to continue with formal registration. Clerk to investigate further.

The current tenant has advised they wish to keep the agreement until April.

Council have decided not to proceed with a Community Emergency Plan.

The list of Village responsibilities is to be retained. Clerk to forward to Councillors for additions.

There was no further communication from the Planning Officer regarding the off road parking of vehicles.

The Community Council have deferred discussions with the Parish Council for the possible building of a storage facility on the field until March 2016.

The potholes on the access to the car park not on our land have now been filled, so the Parish Council have decided to defer a decision on any actions.

The grit and salt bin locations have been confirmed by SCC and requested we supply names of volunteers to spread. This ensures they are covered by WDC third party volunteer insurance. Clerk to ask for volunteers. Also to see if we can get an additional bin for the car park.

**SALC THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR PUBLICATION:** None received.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:**

DC/15/4000/FUL – Retrospective application for the construction of a single story side extension at Peartree Farm, Grays Lane was agreed by the Parish Council as built before the current owners purchased.

Prior Notification Application for the construction of an agricultural hay and straw store at Hall Farm, Wash Lane was discussed and agreed, although no planning permission is required.

DC/15/3264/VOC – Variation on conditions 2 & 10 of DC/12/1119/FUL – Solar Farm, Bonners Farm, Mill Rd. was confirmed by WDC.

DC/15/2973/FUL – Replacement windows – Rose Cottage, Lodge Lane, Was confirmed by WDC

### **FINANCE:**

The Village Asset Register was reviewed. No changes since September.

The Precept and Budget was presented and accepted by the Parish Council.

The precept will remain unchanged for 2015-2016 at £3,480.00

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Business Service at CAS	Parish Council Insurance	£198.99
BDO LLP	Audit fees TE 31/3/15	£36.00
IRD & PM Harris	Grass cutting playing field	£336.00
Mr W Simpson	Clerks salary	£516.60
Mr W Simpson	Expenses	£17.94
Norse Commercial Services	Grass cutting picnic & verges	£270.00

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Income was noted as;

Waveney District Council	Precept	£1,740.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund 1/4/12 – 31/3/15	£576.62
3 Parish Councils	Contribution to VAS insurance	£36.93

Account balances at 10<sup>th</sup> November – Current £5,401.59, Deposit £7,333.58

### **TO CONSIDER ACTIONS TO KEEP THE BECK CLEAR**

Paul Parry reported to the Council that the Environment Agency have advised they were due to work on the Beck on 16<sup>th</sup> November, but have now put back to December. They also confirmed they will only clear once per year.

To remain on agenda for discussion at January meeting.

### **TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH EON:**

It was resolved to renew this contract for the supply of electricity to the Village Field for a further year.

### **TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATION FROM LIGHTSOURCE:**

A letter from Light Source regarding the solar farm was discussed. Clerk to consult with SALC and advise Parish Councillors via email of their comments prior to further discussion at next meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:**

Were looked at with no comments arising other than;

Join East Suffolk Lines Community Rail Partnership.

Request for planned celebrations of The Queen's Birthday to be passed on to Wissett Community Council, who are planning events.

It was agreed to renew the grass cutting contract with Waveney Norse.

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

There was a request to consider allowing a Petanque / Boules pitch to be put on the field. This was agreed in principle, subject to confirmation.

There was a request to add a low level light to the Village Car Park. Julian Harris will look at options and costs.

Andrew Howlett will make enquiries as to if the current landowner would consider selling the land adjacent to the Village Field and car park to the Parish Council.

It was reported that there was a lot of mud on Greys Lane at the Rumburgh end. It was mentioned this was as a result of sugar beet lorries. Matthew Wetmore to inspect and to ask the Clerk to inform Highways.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 7:30pm**

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**