

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd September 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES:

NOT PRESENT: David Ritchie

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk) and Tony Goldson (County Councillor). 2 Members of the public

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 21st July 2016:
Minutes of this meeting were signed as a true copy.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

A request from Halesworth Town Council for a contribution to the free parking was discussed. It was agreed to offer £250 for the first year. Future requests would be subject to available funds and measured as a % of precept.

A request from the Village Hall Committee outlining works required to repair and maintain the building was read. The Parish Council agreed in principle to a donation, but requires detailed costs and contribution request.

REPORTS:

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

Tony Goldson updated on the plans for devolution and Patrick Stead Hospital.

VAS equipment is in use this month, facing into the Village to measure exit speeds. Clerk has forms for the Community Speedwatch scheme volunteers to complete for the police.

The verge and hedge, opposite The Plough to Mill Road, will be cut by the owner before the end of this year.

We are still waiting for Suffolk Highways to provide quote for hard entrance to car park. Clerk to chase for response.

Clerk has sworn and signed a statement for the Solicitors to send to the Land Registry regarding the land near Rumburgh.

The meeting was shown some images and potential locations for the proposed storage facility on the Village field. Community Council has submitted a pre application to SCC for comment.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/16/3325/PN3 for conversion of animal feed mill into a single dwelling at Bulhams Farm, Grays Lane was agreed.

DC/16/3039/FUL for a storage barn for farm equipment at Lake Lodge, The Street was not agreed, and requested that SCC call in for further investigation.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT MONIES;

It was decided that only requests detailing purpose and contribution amounts would be considered.

It was agreed in principle to allow the Wissett Plough to site a bottle bank in their car park, and to their converting the old shop into toilets and showers, with the possible inclusion of a space for mobile hairdresser etc.

In both cases, this is subject to all proper approvals being sought, including conservation area considerations.

It was agreed to make annual payment to CAS for hosting the Village website subsequent to SCC transferring the OneSuffolk domain to them.

The rental agreement and payment for the land near Rumburgh have not yet been returned by the tenant, Clerk to chase.

It was agreed to raise the Clerks hourly rate in line with NALC's agreement.

FINANCE:

Clerk advised that BDO had passed the audit for 2015-2016 with no issues. The Village Asset Register was reviewed with note to the increases due to updating the value of land owned by the Parish Council.

The current budget and for the year 2017-2018 was reviewed and accepted by the Parish Council. There will be no change in precept for year 2017-2018.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Wissett Village Hall	Annual Insurance	£406.61
Business Services at CAS	Parish Council Insurance	£209.04

Were approved for payment and cheques signed.

Income of £237.07 received from HMRC for VAT refund 2015-2016

Account balances at 9th September – Current £3,715.48 Deposit £27,337.60

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

A communication from Men's Shed was shown and discussed

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

JH was asked to investigate if a timer could be installed on the Village car park lights.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Changed due to holidays.

Confirmed for Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9.30pm