

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st
September 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES: Camilla Prior.

NOT PRESENT: Tony Goldson, David Ritchie

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk). 5 Members of the public

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th July 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 VAS equipment is in use in Wissett for September. The Community Speed Watch now has 8 volunteers approved by the Police. 1st training on the use of the equipment took place on 29/8/17 but the new equipment was found to be faulty. This will be returned and further training will be arranged. The Police speeding van continues to have occasional presence in the Village. The proposed ANPR system is still under review with the Police.

The proposed hard finish to the car park entrance has been discounted in favour of a repair by members of the Parish Council, and will be monitored going forward. It was also reported that the car park sign has been damaged, but members of the Parish Council will try to repair. The planting around the car park and field is in need of further trimming, and the Clerk was asked to add to the annual budget to cover potential costs.

There were several responses via SALC for information on refurbishing the Village Sign. These will be followed up and reported on for the next meeting.

A safety mirror has been purchased for the junction at Grays Lane and will be installed by members of the Parish Council.

A replacement salt/grit bin for Lodge Lane is to be sourced and purchased by the Clerk. It was also reported that the one in Mill Lane is damaged but does not yet need replacing.

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

No further news regarding the Wissett Plough re opening.

The overgrown hedges outside Gothic Lodge. Clerk has visited the property to discuss, but the owner was not in. Clerk to write to WDC to confirm ownership of the verge area and then to the owner, and report responses to the Parish Council.

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The footpaths by St. Peters Farm House and from The Street to Mill Lane have now been cut. WDC had advised that the path by St. Peters is not owned by anyone and that as it is a public footpath they are only responsible for cutting anything impeding its use as a footpath, and not the height of any trees.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/17/3815/TCA Land North of The Street, Felling 2 x Fir trees, (1 dead), remove 6 x Leylandii was approved by the Parish Council.

DC/17/1768/LBC Millcroft Retrospective Approval Has been granted by WDC with exceptions.

DC/17/1859/FUL The Old Stables, The Street. Construction of storage for horse feed and stables has been approved by WDC.

There was no resolution on the old planning status of Corner Farm. It was reported that the planning permission expired on 31/8/2006. Clerk was asked to take up with WDC for clarity.

It was resolved not to make any response or comments on the Waveney Local Plan. 5 sites proposed in Wissett were not considered suitable for allocation as part of the Local Plan by WDC. The report on Wissett states; " *Much of the land to the south of the village is at risk from flooding and there are limited other possibilities for growth which would not result in ribbon development along The Street. However, there may be scope for some infill development within the village throughout the lifetime of the Local Plan*" The plan covers the period 2014-2036.

It was resolved not to make a response as a Parish Council to the Lake Lothing Third Crossing Consultation as it has little or no impact on the Village. Individual interested parishioners can view and make their own comments direct using www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing

It was resolved to continue offering the land near Rumburgh for annual rental until such time that it may be considered for sale

FINANCE:

The 2016/2017 BDO Audit forms have now been approved.

The Village Asset Register was reviewed. The value of the safety mirror has been added.

The budget for the year 2017-2018 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Business Services at CAS Ltd	Village Hall Insurance	£424.55
Mr W Simpson	Safety mirror for Grays Lane	£21.99
Business Services at CAS Ltd	Parish insurance 2017/18	£258.92
BDO	Audit fees 16/17	£156.00

Were all approved and cheques signed.

INCOME RECIEVED: Nil

Account balances at 8th September – Current £2,161.93 - Deposit £27,343.42

There is no interest on the deposit account.

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Copies of The Local Councillor magazine were shown as available.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

The “Wissett Dragon” gave a report on 2 successful activities by local children, both of whom made a profit from their endeavours. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support next year, where there will be more forward planning and participants.

The proposed storage facility on the Village field could now be situated on The Beck side due to the proposed re-running of the water mains along The Street. It was also suggested that we ask Essex and Suffolk Water if, whilst doing the work, they could provide a water supply to the Village field.

Essex and Suffolk Water have advised they will be replacing the water mains through Wissett. These improvement works include 2.8km of new water main, which will be installed in two phases.

The first phase will take place from 9 October to 15 December 2017, and the second phase will take place from 2 January to 6 February 2018.

A road closure will be in place throughout the first phase of the scheme, on The Street from its junction with Lodge Lane, and Grays Lane will also be closed where it meets The Street. In addition, a closure will also be in place on a section of Rumburgh Road, and on Chediston Road where it meets Rumburgh Road.

Diversion routes will be in place using The Street, Grub Lane, A144, Chediston Green, Lodge Lane and Red House Lane.

A member of the public asked about the proposed EEC plans regarding community transport schemes. Clerk has already forwarded to the resident’s email list for their opportunity to respond, and the Clerk was asked to write to our MP.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7:30pm.
Meeting closed at 9.30pm