

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
17th September 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES:

**NOT PRESENT: Representative from the Police, David Ritchie (District
Councillor)**

**ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), Tony Goldson (County
Councillor) and 4 members of the public.**

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16th July and 12 August 2015:
Minutes of these meetings were signed as true copies.**

WISSETT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN:

**Keith Fawkner-Simpson and Peter Langford presented the benefits of
producing a plan and left various handouts for information and study by the
Council**

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received.

REPORTS:

There was no report received from the Police.

There is still one vacancy on the Council.

Lighting for the Village field car park is now complete and operational.

**VAS signs are due back to Wissett about 18th September for approx 2 weeks.
Council agreed we should purchase a set of permanent fixing brackets for the
posts at a cost of £100 + VAT in order to ensure swift and safe installation.
Tony Goldson is trying to secure funds from the Police Commissioner for
additional VAS's for the District.**

**Dog waste bin now installed in Mill Road and is being both used and emptied
regularly.**

Banks of the Beck by the Church and car park have been strimmed.

**Clerk has chased for a response to the questions raised over the Allotment
site. To advise when received.**

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Tony Goldson reconfirmed that the hedges in The Street will be cut by Suffolk County Council this autumn. They have received a quotation from Andrew Howlett to do this on their behalf, but not yet responded.

Tony Goldson advised that any rumours regarding the joining of Norfolk and Suffolk Councils were untrue, and that this is in discussion only for promoting economic growth projects.

Clerk advised we have now found the deeds relating to the land near Rumburgh. Council agreed we should approach Solicitors to register the land formally at The Land Registry.

It was reported that the tenant of the land near Rumburgh has now moved. Clerk to contact to see if will release agreement, should a serious alternative tenant come forward by applying in writing. Failing this, we will allow the agreement to expire when due.

The list of Village responsibilities, to establish who does what, when and if any cost involved, was discussed. All to further consider any additions to the list to enable us to complete for action.

Clerk advised that the Planning Officer will be contacting the resident of the property involved, regarding their off road parking of vehicles.

The Street has now been resurfaced, however, there seems to be more water pooling in the road. Clerk to make Highways aware.

SALC THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR PUBLICATION: None received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/15/3154/FUL – Construction of front extension – Domus, Mill Road. Was agreed by the Council.

DC/15/3264/VOC – Variation on conditions 2 & 10 of DC/12/1119/FUL – Solar Farm, Bonners Farm, Mill Rd. Was agreed by the Council, but asked for height of CCTV pole.

DC/15/2973/FUL – Replacement windows – Rose Cottage, Lodge Lane. Was agreed by the Council.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was discussed. Now have details re the purchase of the Field, Register to be updated for next meeting.

The Precept and Budget was discussed. An initial budget for 2016/17 was presented for consideration and comment at November meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Norse Commercial Services LTD	Dog waste bin	£100.80
Norse Commercial Services LTD	Strimming the Beck	£87.85
Townsend Electrical	Wiring field light	£210.00
EON	DD for field electricity	£24.73

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Income was noted as;

Rental of land near Rumburgh	£100.00
Interest on Savings Account	£0.91

Clerk advised that the VAT reclaim for £576.62 submitted in May has not been responded to, and has been chased via online form.

Account balances at 10th September – Current £3,642.54, Deposit £7,333.58

TO CONSIDER ACTIONS TO KEEP THE BECK CLEAR

Paul Parry reported to the Council that he had contacted the Environment Agency and they have advised they will be working on the Beck in 4 to 6 weeks time, and that going forward, they will now only clear once per year. To remain on agenda for discussion at November meeting.

TO FURTHER CONSIDER ACTIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK.

A Council member will make contact with the owner of the land where the access is, to discuss possible solutions i.e. filling the pot holes. This is not Parish Council property, so cost should be borne by the landowner. To remain on agenda for discussion at November meeting.

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM WISSETT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR A STORAGE FACILITY TO BE ERECTED ON THE VILLAGE FIELD:

It was resolved to invite the Community Council to present a proposal at the November meeting. This will be to outline plan, size, location, costs, and impact to the Village, fund raising and time scale.

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Were looked at with no comments arising.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

2 volunteers have come forward to be trained in the Community Speedwatch program. This training will allow them to use the “speed-guns”. There should be no cost to the Parish Council for this.

We need to establish and confirm locations of the winter grit/salt bins and who is responsible for the use of each of them. There was also a request to see if we could also arrange for a further bin in the Plough entrance. Clerk to make enquiries and advise.

The sign for the car park located on the footbridge to the Village Hall is not visible to drivers. Council gave agreement that this could be moved to a more suitable location.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 19th November 2015 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm