

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th April 2009.

Present: Cllr. B. Orme Chairman, Cllr. T. Tate Vice Chairman, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. B. Cousins, Cllr. M. Dickson, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. S. Hayward-Rutter, 26 parishioners and clerk Mrs M. Pennock.

1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' and Parishioners to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr. M. Gasper and County Cllr. R. Leighton.
2. To receive members' declaration of interest. Cllr. R. Ives agenda item no. 14 (below).

14. Planning matters.

C08/2216. New Farm, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston. Erection of 20 holiday log cabins, shop and toilets/facilities block. Provision on site for 20 visiting caravans.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the meeting be closed to allow parishioners to have a say. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that the meeting be re opened.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held on 29th April, 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.00p.m. for further consultation regarding the proposed development.

The plans to be available in the Village Hall on the evening of the APM

22nd April 2009.

3. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. A. Edwards that the minutes of the meeting of 18th March 2009 be accepted.

4. Clerk's report.

I phoned SCDC about Pine Lodge Caravan Site and was informed that as no planning permission had been obtained an enforcement notice had been issued.

No planning permission was needed for Dell Cottage as the original foundations were being used.

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I have received an email from John Davies informing me that he has been in discussions with County and Highways and that they are happy to proceed with Star Hill Footpath on the basis that a written agreement between the Parish, District and County Council covering the maintenance be signed. They are also considering how to deal with the final section on Adnams land.

I have been informed that the first act of vandalism has occurred on the allotments.

I asked Luke Barber about the possibility that some of the grass verge be used to extend the width of the road between Brook and Hall Farms.

He will look into this matter but funding is a problem. He will see if he can come up with something else perhaps new road signs.

I have passed the information received from County about a tree being planted on Blyford Lane to the Stammers family.

I have asked Blythweb for a quote for a postcard size information sheet to go into the Wenhaston Word. I have been informed that this will be costly.

A parishioner has phoned to complain about a large tractor that has damaged some of the verge along Low Road, Blyford Lane and Bartholomews Lane. I have passed this on to Highways.

I asked for the reasons why the TPO at Oakhurst was refused. I have put the reply received in the circulation folder. I have since been informed that the planning officer is in correspondence with Mr Alder in order that an agreement may be reached.

The seat is to be collected from Blundeston Prison. Thanks go to Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter.

Cllr. Gasper has asked that I give you a report from the Bus Shelter, this report I will put into the circulation folder.

No matters arising from this report.

5. No other matters arising from the Minutes.

6. The Blyth Estuary. Emails have been sent between Mr Oldham SCC and Richard Steward regarding the possibility of installing a “flap gate” sluice at Blythburgh, instead of raising the A12.
- a. This would protect properties at Blythburgh and upstream of the A12 from a 53 style storm surge.
 - b. Very little disruption to A12 traffic.
 - c. Future proof. Easily and cheaply raised to meet 100 years of predicted sea level rise.
 - d. All land to the west of the A12 would become a secure freshwater marsh – much loved by Natural England.
 - e. All paths to the west reinstated and one new one created.
 - f. All grazing marches to the west protected.

Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. B. Cousins that the Parish Council to write supported this scheme.

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7. A letter has been received from Mr Paul Nolloth of Wash Lane, informing the Council that horse riding down Wash Lane is causing problems with manure left on the road and getting on to the tyres of the cars he is repairing.

Wash Lane is a footpath not a bridleway, and horse and riders are only allowed to proceed with the land owners consent.

A note to be put in the Wenhaston Word.

8. Suffolk Coastal Services have inspected the play area and agreed with Rospa that repairs are needed in the play area. Cost of the repairs is about £1,340.00. Clerk to see what can be claimed from the Outdoor Playing Space scheme.
Proposed by Cllr. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that the repairs are carried out.

9. The Village sign. Clerk to find out the cost of having a cosmetic make over for the sign.

10. Request from the Village Hall Committee for a donation towards the Insurance. £1,000.00 was proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. M. Dickson.

11. To set S137 for the year 2009/2010. £2,500.00 the same as last year was proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter.
12. The Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman read the report that he will be giving at the APM meeting.
13. An agreement has been received from Suffolk Coastal District Council for a 5 year lease of the land for the allotments. It was felt that a longer lease would have been preferred, but the Clerk was unable to get any longer. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the lease be signed. The lease was duly signed by the Chairman Cllr. B. Orme and Cllr. H. Phillips.
14. C09/0394.Land to the rear of Cove Hythe and Hethersett, St Michaels Way. Construction of a single storey dwelling.
The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 8th April 2009 in the Village Hall were read. Proposed by Cllr. H. Phillips and seconded by by Cllr. A Edwards that the minutes be signed.

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Planning decisions.

C08/2203. Green Blades, The Street, Wenhaston.

Conversion of existing double garage to provide quiet room, has been given planning permission.

15. Correspondence.
 1. Parish Bulletin – given to every Councillor.
 2. Suffolk Acre – Vitalising Rural Communities for the 21st Century.
Conference 13th May 2009 at Blackbourne Community Centre Elmswell.
 3. Latitude – Footpath closures 2 weeks from 7th July 2009.
 4. SALC – Power of Well Being Sessions.

16. Correspondence for Circulation.

1. Letter from Disability Advice Service, requesting a donation.
2. Letters from Mid Suffolk, SCC, and the Boundary Committee, regarding Local Government Review.
3. Letter from Norfolk County Services.
4. SCDC S.198 TPO Mr J. Alder.
5. News from the Bus Stop.

17. Finance.

The Clerk gave the Councillors a copy of the Accounts for the year 2008/2009. Agenda item for May to give Councillors a chance to read them.

Balances at bank.

Current Account

Parish Council	£307.00
Village Hall	£2,695.70
Total	£3,002.70

Tracker Account	£10,303.43
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Total	£13,306.13
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101341 Wenhaston Archive Group Donation	£50.00	S137
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101342 Mr Coby – Grass cutting.	£174.00	
101343 SCDC – Rates Pavilion	£189.14	
101344 SALC – Subscription.	£264.00	
101345 Mrs M Pennock Wages Expenses	£410.83	
101346 Wenhaston Sports Club Donation	£500.00	S19
101347 Wenhaston Village Hall Donation.	£1,000.00	S133
101348 Blythweb Ltd., Advert & Fee	£84.40	
101349 Wenhaston Village Hall - Hire & Photo copies	£99.25	

Proposed by Cllr. B. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. T. Tate that the accounts be accepted.

Cllr. T. Tate informed the Council that NALC has increased the hourly rates and motor expenses of clerks back dated to 1st April 2008.

Agenda item for May.

18. Any other business that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Edwards asked for an Agenda item for May requesting that the Sports Club erect a shed 3x3metres by the tennis courts.

Cllr. M. Dickson attended a meeting at Halesworth Library by SCC and Mid Suffolk District to discuss the Boundary Committee review. He stated that a lot of negotiation is still to be done.

Cllr. B. Orme reported that the moles were back on Well Green.

Clerk has informed Mr Tricker.

Cllr. T. Tate reported that the roof has been completed on the Village Hall, the windows have been replaced and the boiler should be fired up next week.

Cllr. D. Wilkinson asked if the doggy bags had been successful. The clerk has not had any complains about dog mess on the Common.

Bags and gloves have been received from Suffolk Coastal Services for our next litter pick. Agenda item for May.

19. Meeting closed at 9.35p.m. Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April, 7.00 Village Hall and next Parish meeting 20th May 2009, at 7.30pm.