

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Mrs M Pennock

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th December 2009.

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

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. B. Cousins, District Councillor P. Austin and PCSO Jamie Newson.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. There was no report from County Cllr. Leighton.**
- 4. There was no report from District Cllr. Austin.**
- 5. Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. M. Dickson that the minutes of the meeting on the 18th November 2009 be accepted.**

6. Clerk's report.

I have written to Mr & Mrs Block apologising for the incorrect information regarding Planning application C09/1280 in the Minutes of 21st October.

I have e mailed Chattersham & Hintlesham Parish Council giving the Parish Councils support on getting the new electric cables put underground. For those of you with e mail i have forwarded further information regarding a petition being set up. For those of you that do not have an e mail address I will get a copy to you.

The street lights in St Michael's Way. SCC have informed me that the new street lights are more eco friendly and cost effective. Several residents have been asked their opinion of the new lights and all seem to think the lights are much better. SCC is willing if the resident complaining about them gives me their name and address they will place a shade over the offending light near their property.

I have been informed that our telephone box is one of the newer kind and for the time being BT have no intention of removing it.

EEDA have been in contact with me asking for the return due September that the Parish Council under the grant conditions have to fill in. It appears that we are required to monitor the Village Hall for the next two years sending a quarterly return. Something that someone omitted to tell us. I have given the return to the Village Hall.

One of the other grant providers has also been in touch requiring an audit. If I have to complete this I will need the Parish Councils agreement to hand our books over to the village hall accountants. I will put an Agenda item in January if this is required.

Hastoe Housing has informed me that letters have been sent out to the people interested in the development. Apparently some of those contacted have registered that the rents and mortgages for the shared ownership are far too high.

E mail received from the Walga informing the Parish Council that the AGM is to be held on Saturday 9th January in the Church rooms at 10.30a.m.

They have requested that we confirm the rents for the allotments for the coming year.

PCSO Newson has given me the following report:-

Since the last report on the 18th November there have been 3 recorded crimes.

1 theft other on 23/11 undetected.

2 theft of pedal cycle on 30/11 undetected.

3 Burglary other building on 2/12 undetected.

The current priorities for Saxmundham and Framlingham area are as follows:-

1 Tackling alcohol misuse.

2 Promoting road safety on rural roads.

3 Tackling the emerging sex environment at Toby's Walks.

Matters arising from the Clerk's report.

Clerk to get in touch with Hastoe asking for information regarding the cost of the houses, rents etc.

It was felt that going by the information given these houses are not affordable for first time buyers.

Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. R.Ives that the allotment rent stays the same for the coming year. This will give us time to monitor the water use for a whole year.

7. There were no other matters arising from the Minutes.

8. To set the Precept for the year 2010/2011.

A letter received from SCDC Rating dept. was read. This to go into circulation.

To keep the precept as low as possible it was proposed by Cllr.

Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that any new equipment i.e. strimmer to be taken out of reserves.

Proposed by Cllr. Dickson and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the precept be set at £13,000.00 an increase of £500.00

9. There was no interest shown in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village.

10. Cllr. T. Tate read the Village Hall report by Cllr. Gasper

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Grants. Last grant being progressed and processed. EEDA require 1/4ly reports which means more questions to answer.

Electricity buy-back. Things are progressing slowly with Good Energy with technical discussions over meters, and the registration process.

Electrical work. Awaiting Voltex to identify necessary electrical work to be done.

New fees structure. Will be published shortly. Does away with 'event fees'.

The Hall will be offering a 20% discount to Wenhaston residents booking in January – March 2010.

Recent events:-

Circle 67 'Hey for Christmas'. Successful entertainment jointly between Circle 67 and the Village Hall.

Bazaar. Well attended with good reports from affiliated groups.

New Years Eve party. Cancelled due to lack of support.

11. Correspondence.

1. The Boundary Committee for England.
2. Wenhaston W I requested that they erect a seat on Church Common. This letter to be passed to the Commons Group and to ask Cllr. M. Gasper to be the Parish Council representative for this project.
3. Suffolk County Council road closures. To be put on notice board.

12. Correspondence for circulation.

1. Parish Bulletin
2. The Local Councillor. Page 11 Judicial review. LGR in Suffolk.
3. Suffolk View.
4. Precept letter from SCDC.
5. Letter from the Boundary Committee.

13. There was no planning applications or decisions.

14. Finance.

Current account	£1,077.56
Base rate tracker.	£16,306.79
Total	£17,384.35

Cheques drawn:-

101387 Wenhaston Village Hall	£50.00 Donation for Xmas Bazaar.
101388 Steve Tricker	£85.00 Mole control.
101389 SCDC	£1.00 Lease for the allotments.
101390 Royal Br. Legion	£30.00 Wreath Remembrance Day.
101391 Mrs M Pennock	£399.72 Wages and expenses.

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Proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the accounts be accepted.

15. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Phillips reported that a parishioner had expressed concerns about the number of lorries from the gravel pit using Low Road. Clerk to check before next meeting if there is still a problem.

Mrs Phillips solicitor has indicated that all the problems have now been sorted out regarding the "Rights of Way", this will when completed enable the transfer of land for the cricket field to the Village. Clerk to arrange a meeting with SCDC for the New Year.

Cllr. Ives asked if there was any news regarding Pine Lodge. Clerk has not heard anything.

Cllr. Edwards reported that she went to the meeting at Cookley regarding the Community Wind Power Project Launch.

The date of the first meeting of the committee to look at the Village plan has been arranged for 18th January,

Agenda for item for January, in light of the proposed Schools reorganisation in the area what are the plans for the expansion of Wenhaston Primary School.

16. Meeting closed at 8.50. Date of next meeting 20th January 2010.