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**WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

**Present:- Cllr. B. Orme, Chairman. Cllr. T. Tate, Vice Chairman, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. B. Cousins, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. R. Ives, District Cllr. P. Austin, 1 Parishioner and clerk Mrs M. Pennock.**

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' to the meeting.  
Apologies received from Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter and County Cllr. R. Leighton.  
The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council expressed their sincere condolences to Rae Leighton on the death of Mrs Leighton.**
- 2. Cllr. H. Phillips declared an interest in Agenda item no. 13.**
- 3. There was no report from County Cllr. Leighton.**
- 4. District Cllr. Austin said that the District Council were waiting for the new government to come up with plans regarding the local framework. The Local Government bill would be published in September.**
- 5. Proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the Minutes of the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted.**
- 6. Clerk's report.**

I spoke to Mr Waring at SCS and suggested that the doggy bin for Vicarage Grove could be placed on the Footpath sign leading to Vicarage Grove. He has now obtained permission from the Rights of Way office and the new bin will be installed any time.

I reported the clearance of land at Heath Road/Wash Lane to Anne Westover at SCDC, who passed this onto Peter Smith who informed me that the land in question was not SCDC or SCC. I then spoke to Paul Nolloth and was informed that this was his land and he stated the 3 reasons for clearance:-

  - 1. For better visibility from Wash Lane onto Heath Road.**

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2. To stop fly tipping.
3. For better access to his field.

I then spoke to Peter Ludkin Highways record department who informed me that the sub soil was owned by the landowner (Paul Nolloth) but the Highways owned the surface soil. After a long conversation with Richard Collen, SCC Highways Dept. he accepted the reasons for the clearance, but would have preferred that clearance of this land had been done at the appropriate time not in the nesting season. He would be putting in marker posts for the Highways boundary. He stated that the law is so peculiar and complex with ownership of sub soil and surface soil that they find it difficult to understand let alone explain to anyone else.

The clerk then read an E mail from a parishioner regarding the removal of the habitat at Heath Road.

While I had Mr Collens attention I asked if he could try and speed things up regarding repainting the white lines and the moving of the 30mph signs on Heath Road.

I have obtained the charges for other Cemeteries in our area and I will arrange for the Finance committee to review this matter and then bring its recommendations to the full council.

Any matters relating the report.

Councillors' expressed their views regarding the clearance of the land at Heath Road, and it was proposed by Cllr. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the Parish Council write to Mr Nolloth stating that whilst they appreciate his reasons for clearance they would have preferred that he had waited till after the nesting season was over.

7. There were no other matters arising from the Minutes.
8. Cllr. Gasper gave the report on behalf of the Village hall committee. He stated that he hopes to have a replacement for the micro phone that was stolen from the hall soon. It has come to light that other equipment associated with the micro phone has also gone missing. Cllr. Phillips asked about the finances. The clerk as treasurer of the village hall was asked for an update. As follows:-  
The money received from hire of the hall last month only just covered the cost of wages. £840.00 has been paid for the woodchips, the contract for the service of the boiler is going to be in excess of £500.00. We need more people to hire the hall, as at this moment the finances are not good.
9. To elect an additional Parish Council representative to the Village Hall Committee. The Charity Commission has given permission because the Village Hall can't find a Chairman for another member of the Parish Council to go on the committee. As they pointed out the Parish Council are also trustees of the hall, and if the other organisations didn't object

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this would be a solution to the problem.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that Cllr, B. Orme be appointed with the view that he would become Chairman.

10. Proposed by the Chairman Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that Cllr. Cousins be elected to the Finance committee.

11. The First Responder Group for the village.

Cllr. Phillips reported that the Tractor run has given £1,000.00 towards this scheme. Clerk to find out from Mr Jones if this money is designated for Wenhaston and also the position regarding volunteers. If, in deed, the money is for Wenhaston then the Parish Council would debate about donating monies from their reserves.

Agenda item July.

12. Four Parishioners have expressed an interested in the Casual Vacancy.

Cllr. Cousins suggested that a set of questions be set for the candidates. This was agreed and Cllr. Cousins will bring the proposed questions to the meeting in July.

13. Cllr. Orme read the letter from SCDC regarding the conditions imposed on the Parish Council regarding the transfer of the land in Hall Road. The clerk has been able to get a concession that the "Right of Way" may be used for match days. Clerk to clarify with SCDC the 80 years claw back. A letter to be sent to Dr. Ellis and Mrs Phillips, asking for their approval, before proceeding with the transfer.

14. Cllr. Cousins has obtained a booklet (Parish Wildlife Map Footprint) this is be circulated to all Councillors', in order that the Parish may be able to protect areas of wildlife in the village. Agenda item July.

15. Proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Cousins that the Parish Council give a donation of £500.00 to the Sports Club towards the insurance of the skate board area.

16. Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that £1,000.00 be given to the Village hall towards the insurance.

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17. There were no planning applications or approvals.

18. Correspondence.

A thank you letter from Disability Advice Service for the donation.

19. Correspondence for circulation.

1. The Local Councillor.
2. Guidelines for Speed Management in Suffolk.
3. Suffolk Constabulary Changes to the opening hours of enquiry desks at police stations.
4. Natural England.
5. Latitude. Footpath closures and temporary speed limits.
6. SCC Local flooding survey.
7. SCC Anti social behaviour and confidence.
8. SCDC Interim planning policy.
9. SCDC Proposed supplement planning document sport and play.
10. Parish Wildlife map.

20. Finance.

Balances as at 16.6.10.

Current account	£1,032.86
Base rate tracker	£16,810.52
Total	£17,843.38

£2,000.00 transferred from Base rate tracker to current account.

Cheques drawn:-

101426 Steve Tricker mole control	£85.00
101427 Blyth Web Advert.	£22.00 vat £3.28
101428 Norse Comm Services. Doggy bags	£54.05 vat £8.05
101429 Wenhaston Sports Club. Donation.	£500.00 S19
101430 Wenhaston Village Hall. Donation.	£1,000.00 S133
101422 A W & D Hammond. Petrol lawn mower.	£7.00 vat £1.04
101423 Mrs M Pennock, Wages & expenses.	£389.50

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

The Clerk expressed concern that the auditors had instructed that at every meeting the budgets that had been set at precept were to be analysed and minuted. The Council felt that this was inappropriate, and instructed the Clerk that this would not be necessary. It was proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Phillips that the Council write to the auditors to that effect.

21. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

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**Cllr. Gasper said that there was a new bus timetable out, with various small changes to the services.**

**It was reported that a group of walkers removed the gorse barriers and left their cars on the Heath at Blackheath. If anyone has information to who the group were please get in touch with Cllr. Gasper.**

**Cllr. Edwards asked if the slow sign could be moved to give motorist warning that there was a new entrance on Back Road, also the vegetation around the Slow Sign near the Bramfield Crossroads needs clearing.**

**The sub committee collating the Village plan are still seeking comments from Parishioners. Cllr. T. Tate said that there was grant money available from Suffolk ACRE for Village plans.**

**Cllr. Wilkinson reported that he attended the Town & Parish Planning Forum, but felt it was more PR for the planning dept.**

**Cllr. T. Tate said a Parishioner has informed him that the noise, bullying, and wanton damage from some of the village children has become a nightmare.**

**Cllr. J. Tate asked about the hedge in St Michaels Way. The clerk said this hedge would be cut when the nesting season was over.**

**22. The meeting closed at 8.45. The next meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010.  
The clerk will on holiday from 22<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**