

**WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.**

Clerk Mrs M Pennock

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**Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.**

**Present:- Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, County Cllr. R. Leighton, District Cllr. M. Gower, Parishioner Mr P. Cargill and Clerk Mrs M Pennock.**

- 1. Cllr. L. Spindler Chair, welcomed the Councillors', and Mr Cargill to the meeting.  
Apologies received from PCSO Newson.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. County Cllr. R. Leighton said that the County Council are trying to agree the budget for the next 2 years. 50 million pounds of savings are needed.  
Money will be saved by cutting out bureaucracy. The Police authority is reducing the number of police, mostly Sergeants.  
The main priority of the people who took part in the questionnaire by SCC, revealed that Education, Fire and Rescue Services and Care for the Elderly were top of the list.  
The Middle Schools at Halesworth, and Saxmundham are being looked at to provide Community projects.**
- 4. District Cllr. M. Gower also stated that SCDC were also looking to save money, some of this would be achieved by joint working with Waveney District Council.**
- 5. It was proposed by Cllr. H. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. J. Wright that the Minutes of the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 are accepted. All agreed.**

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**Minutes of the meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. Cllr. R. Dillaway expressed concerns about the Minutes. He asked that the quote from the RT. Hon Nick Clegg be removed.**

**A vote was taken Cllr. R. Dillaway and Cllr. A. Alder in favour, the rest of the Council voted 5 to leave things as the were and 4 abstained. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that the Minutes be accepted.**

**The Chair Cllr. Spindler read a letter from Dr Therese Coffey MP stating that the Minimum Distances from Residential Premises Bill/HL, was unlikely to become law due to lack of time.**

#### **Clerk's report.**

**I have been informed that the Late Mr Kenneth Roberts has left £5,000.00 to the Parish Council.**

**PCSO Newson reported that there have been two recorded crimes this month. Criminal damage, and an assault**

**I wrote to Mr Cox asking for a quote to repair the Village sign. I haven't received an answer yet.**

**I have been informed from the Rights of Way Office that all of the old stiles are being replaced with the new self shutting gates.**

**I have requested that SCC and the Police check that the 30mph signs in the Village are the correct distances apart.**

**Mr Coby informed me that a horse/pony had been tethered in the children's play area, and he had to clear up the droppings in the play area and on the playing field.**

**I have put a new sign "No dogs allowed in the Playing field" up by the entrance of the track to the playing field.**

**Mr Coby advised that his hourly rate has been the same for the last 2 years, but he will have to increase it by a small amount next year.**

**Ann Westover is coming to inspect the silver birch in the Cemetery.**

**I have been going through the old files and have found HM Land Registry for the Playing Field, and copy of the Conveyance for the Village Hall site.**

**I requested the hedge be cut around the War Memorial.**

**No matters arising from this report.**

**6. There were no other matters arising from the Minutes,**

**7. The Parish Clerk vacancy.**

**16 people have shown interest in the position.**

**Job descriptions have been sent out to people requesting more information.**

**SALC have advised that the Parish Council should allow in the Precept additional money for a replacement Clerk when the clerk is on holiday.**

**Letters from applicants to be read at the December meeting, and a**

committee to be formed to interview the candidates.

8. Cllr. D. Corbett stated that the Good Neighbour meeting proved very productive, a Chairman, Treasurer and secretary have been elected. The insurance was original thought to be £150.00, which the Parish Council agreed to pay it, is now £85.00. The committee need to purchase a mobile phone in order that the scheme may be up and running in January.
9. The cost of grass cutting to the Parish Council last year was £1,798.00. This amount was off set by £887.50 fees from the burials in the Cemetery. Mr Coby cuts the children's play area, Well Green and the triangle opposite Myrtles Cottage, and when requested he cuts the brambles and grass along side of the path to the Sports Club. Twice a month he cuts the Cemetery and when needed cuts the hedge, and in general looks after the Cemetery. S.C.C. charge the Parish £319.31 for cutting the playing field.
10. A letter was read from Wenhaston United Football Club asking the Parish Council if they would consider purchasing aggregate to fill in the holes in the drive way. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Wenhaston School asking if they would contribute, as their staff are now using the car park on the playing field.
11. Planning matters.  
C11/2307. Part side garden, West Wimples, Blackheath. Erection of 1.5 storey dwelling with attached garage. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. A. Edwards that the meeting be closed to allow a Parishioner to speak. Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. J. Wright that the meeting be re opened. The Outdoor Playing Space scheme was discussed and the Clerk to Write to SCDC requesting how much money the Parish has in the scheme. Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the Parish Council supports this application. 10 agreed 1 abstained.  
C10/2335. Post Office Cottage. The Street, Wenhaston. Revised scheme.

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Erection of one, one and half storey dwelling, existing vehicle access from highway to be partially share ( existing two storey shed and single storey pool building to be demolished).

Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. R. Dillaway that the Parish Council supports this application. 10 agreed 1abstained.

## **12. Correspondence.**

1. Letter from Wenhaston Village Hall requesting a donation for the Xmas Bazaar. Agenda item December.
2. Letter from the Good Neighbour Scheme requesting a donation of £100.00. Agenda item December.
3. Letter from Mr Corbett regarding the procedures for co option for a casual vacancy.

## **13. Correspondence for Circulation.**

1. Clerks and Councils direct.
2. Suffolk Coast & Heaths.
3. Suffolk Costal Town and Parish Liaison Policing presentation.
4. Halesworth Campus.
5. Audit papers. Risk assessment Agenda item for December.

## **14. Finance.**

Balances as at 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

Current account    £1,537.14

Base rate tracker   £19,822.79

Total                    £21,359.93

£5,000.00 was transferred from the Current account to the Base rate tracker.

£85.00 received from Woolnoughs for burial.

Cheques drawn:

101515 Mr D J Coby                    £209.00 Grass cutting.

101516 Community News                £22.80 Advert. VAT £3.80

101517 Blyth Web Ltd.                 £67.00 Adverts. VAT £11.16

101518 Mrs M Pennock                 £362.27 Wages and expenses.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Dillaway and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson that the Accounts be accepted. All agreed.

## **15. Any other matters that the Chair will allow.**

Cllr. A. Edwards asked that a copy of the letter sent to the Planning Inspectorate be sent to Dr Coffey.

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**Cllr. D. Corbett asked that the Minutes be put lower down on the notice board at Well Green.**

**Cllr.A. Spindler reported a street light out on Coles Hill.**

**Cllr. M. Gasper asked if the Parish Council would allow Jill Daines to come to a meeting to discuss resurrecting the Good Village Guide that the Community Council gave to all new comers. Agenda item January.**

**Cllr. A .Alder informed the Parish Council that a Parents forum meeting is to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**Cllr. R. Dillaway requested an Agenda item next meeting to discuss how to improve the Web site of the Parish Council.**

**16.Date of the next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.**