

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.

Clerk Mrs M Pennock

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Chairman Cllr. Orme welcomed the three members of The Southwold Railway Trust to the meeting, who then gave a presentation outlining their plans to re-instate a section of track on land belonging to the Leech family and Mr Freeman.

If any Parishioner would like more details of this project please go and see Mr Tim Heaps at Blythweb.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th February, 2010.

Present:- Cllr. Orme Chairman, Cllr. T. Tate Vice Chairman, Cllr. J. Tate. Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. M. Dickson, Cllr. R. Ives, PCSO Newson, and District Cllr. Austin.

1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors', District Councillor Austin, and PCSO Newson to the meeting.
Apologies received from Cllr. Cousins and Cllr. Hayward Rutter, and County Councillor Leighton.
2. There was no declaration of interest.
3. There was no report from County Councillor Leighton.
4. District Councillor Austin stated that The Boundary Committee report to the Secretary of State on unitary local government in Suffolk has been referred back to Suffolk County Council for further consultation. The joint liaison committee of Waveney District and Suffolk Coastal are looking at ways of saving money with joint ventures. District Cllr. Austin was asked to see whether Waveney D.C and Suffolk Coastal could get together on green waste disposal.
5. Proposed by Cllr. M. Dickson and seconded by Cllr. R. Ives that the Minutes of the 20th January, 2010 are accepted.

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6. Clerk's report.

I have received 2 grit/salt bins that I ordered, and am waiting for someone from SCC to come and see if the sites are suitable where we would like the bins to go.

I have spoken to Luke Barber about having "cats eyes" on the turning from the A 12 into Wenhaston from Blythburgh. He said that this would not be possible but he would look into the prospect of having white bollards at the road entrance.

I reported to Highways a large hole outside Wenhaston Lodge (this has been filled in) and also asked them to look at the surface of St. Michaels Way that has been damaged due to the snow.

I requested that the sign for Hog Lane be placed on the other side of Hog Lane, and then a few days later I had to report that the sign for Hog Lane had disappeared.

I have ordered 2 new signs "No dogs allowed on the Playing field" and 1 sign for the Cemetery requesting visitors to leave their cars by the gates. Mr Coby has informed me that damage is being done to the grass by vehicles driving on to the Cemetery.

Hastoe Housing has informed me that the houses should be ready by the 19th March.

The swings have been repaired by Suffolk Coastal Services.

I have reminded SCS about having a doggy bin at Vicarage Grove.

I have had a request for a salt/grit bin on Back Road.

A parishioner has informed me that residents are having problems with cars being parked over their drive ways when children are being taken to and collected from school, also vehicles are parking at the top of the hill which means motorists are having difficulty getting round the cars plus the ground is being broken up leaving mud on the road. I have passed this on to PCSO Newson who will be coming to Wenhaston to see for himself the problems.

There were no matters arising from this report.

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

8. Cllr. Gasper gave the following report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

Mr D Smeaton Small has resigned and no one from the Committee has come forward as the new Chairman.

A section of hedge outside the hall has been completely taken down as during the snow it had fallen onto the pavement. The rest of the hedge which is being held together by the ivy will probably also be taken down and replaced by posts and wire.

Electrical work has been done in the hall and the forms completed to allow the surplus electricity to be sold to Good Energy.

A fund raising quiz night was held at the Star, everyone enjoyed the evening, also Mr Alan Middleton Stewart has offered his garden again to hold a summer fete on 24th July.

9. Star Hill footpath.

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The clerk has explained to Mr John Goodyear of SCC the situation regarding the Star and asked if he would wait until the summer before any decisions are made.

10.The Village Plan.

At the APM meeting residents to be asked to voice their concerns about Wenhaston, the information given will be used to update the Parish Plan.

Cllr. T. Tate stated that the Parish Plan should be done by a separate group not the Parish Council.

11.Cllr. Gasper has received the new time table for the local bus service. The 601 service is to be cut from 12 to 8 per day.

The letter dated November 2009 from SCC Passenger Transport was not received by the Clerk or Cllr. Gasper.

Proposed by Cllr. Gasper and seconded by Cllr. T. Tate that the clerk write to SCC expressing dismay at the loss of these services especially for people getting to work.

12.SCC Minerals and Waste Policy Team draft report has been circulated to Parish Councillors. Cllr. Austin said that a move to have waste incinerated when finances permitted would mean that only the residue from the incinerator would be put into land fill sites.

It was felt to leave any concerns or comments till the Parish Council receive official planning notification.

13.Letter received from Mrs Hilary Slater head of Legal & Democratic Services offering to come to the Parish Council and give training on the Code of Conduct was read. It was felt that if other Parish Councils in the area would like to have training then the Parish Council would take part. This was proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. T. Tate.

14.The APM to be held on Wednesday 21st April 2010 and the Parish Council meeting be on 28th April 2010. Agenda item March.

15. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Philips that the Parish accept Suffolk Coastal Services fees for Play Ground inspection £69.50 plus VAT, Rospa report £67.00 plus VAT and to provide grass

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cutting to the triangle adjacent to the tennis courts £34.00 plus VAT.

16. Correspondence.

1. Letter received from Halesworth Volunteer Centre asking for a donation. Agenda item March.
2. E mail received from Wenhaston Allotment Assoc. informing the Parish Council that they would like to erect a shed and poly tunnel.
The Parish Council gives it their support, but would like see where the shed and poly tunnel would be erected.

17. Correspondence for Circulation.

1. The Local Councillor.
2. Letter from SCDC Environmental Health Officer.
3. Suffolk County Council. Save Money.
4. SALC. Buckingham Palace Garden Party. NALC Legal topic notes.
5. Planning permission for New Farm.

18. Planning.

C10/0228. Brick Kiln Cottage, Mells. Erection of front and rear extensions. Supported by the Parish Council.

C10/0237. Wenhaston Lodge. Refurbishment of domestic outbuildings including insertion of roof lights, and structural stabilisation works. Supported by the Parish Council.

Letter received from Abbotts informing the Parish Council that application for consent to construct works on Common land (C139 Bicker's Heath) has been made to the Secretary of State. This relates to the erection of one dwelling at Gorse Cottage. The clerk to write to Abbotts, informing them that the Parish Council hasn't any objections.

19. Finance.

Balances as at 17th February 2010.

Current Account	£1,358.54
Base rate tracker	£14,308.55
Total	£15,667.09

Cheques drawn.

101385. Norse Commercial	£392.00 Grass cutting.
101386. Glasdon	£393.92 2 Grit /salt bins.
101387. Wenhaston Village Hall	£36.50 Hall Hire
101388. EPS Transfer	£56.40 Signs
101389. Mrs M Pennock	£392.02 Wages & Expenses.

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£265.00 received from Wenhaston Village Hall being the difference on Audit fee 2008/2009, due to grant money paid into the Parish Council Account.

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

20. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Edwards reported a large pot hole on the junction Back Road/ Bramfield Road. Clerk to inform Highways.

Cllr. Phillips said that a Parishioner was concerned about a tree in St. Michaels Way. As this tree is in a private garden the Parish Council can't get involved.

Cllr. Orme suggested that The Southwold Railway Trust be invited to give a presentation at the APM.

21. The meeting closed at 8.50. Date of the next meeting 17th March 2010.