

**WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

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

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and Parishioner to the meeting.  
Apologies received from Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. M. Dickson and Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. County Councillor Leighton stated that as Portfolio holder for Public Protection for Suffolk County Council he was responsible for Fire and Rescue, Energy Planning, Standard Trading, Domestic Violence etc. He was also a Member of the Police Authority and if any Parishioner or Parish Councillor had any worries regarding these issues to get in touch with him.  
One and half million pounds has been set aside in the Budget for the repair of the roads due to the bad weather this winter.**
- 4. District Councillor Austin said that £15.70 million was needed to fund services in SCDC. £7.4 million to be raised by Council Tax, £8.3 million from Government, this was an increase of 2.8% from last year's figures. There has been a briefing by EDF on the proposed Sizewell C. 5000 workers would be needed for the project.  
The Local Development Framework would be put before the full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 to discuss the core strategy.**
- 5. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson that the Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> February be accepted.**

## 6. Clerk's report.

Parishioner has requested to have the 30mph signs by the houses on Heath Road moved nearer the bottom of the hill to enable motorists to slow down before they reach the houses. I have passed this request to Highways.

I have also asked if the SLOW signs could be re painted.

I have received a letter from SCC regarding the local bus service acknowledging our complaint, and at the same time received the new bus time table.

I have spoken to Mrs Hilary Slater and suggested that if she and SALC would like to arrange a seminar for all the local Parish Councils in this area at Wenhaston Village Hall, the Parish Council would be interested in training on the Code of Conduct.

I have received a letter from Abbots informing the Parish Council that they are applying to the Secretary of State for consent to construction works on Bickers Common. Re Gorse Cottage.

The pot hole on the junction of Back Road/Bramfield Road has been reported to Highways. A meeting has been arranged with Hastoe Housing for the Parish Council to view the new houses on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00p.m..

Mr Jonathan Gleeson Hastoes Area Housing Manager has asked what the Parish Council feels about a family from Dunwich being offered one of the shared ownership houses. He hasn't had any interest from Wenhaston people.

I meet Mrs Carol Edworthy SCDC Assets Manager about the transfer of the Right of Way in Hall Road. She requested that I write to Mrs Phillips and Mr Ellis explaining the situation regarding the Right of Way, when this has been agreed then SCC will meet the Chairman to negotiate the transfer to the Parish Council.

I have asked SCS to remove the plastic/bags on Back Road.

I have received an e mail from Mr John Clark thanking the Parish Council for the grit bin.

I have received from SCC the Wenhaston Playingfield grounds maintenance bill for 2010/2011. The cost is £271.75 last year it was £244.65.

Matters arising from the report.

The Parish Council agreed that one of the Hastoe houses could be offered to a family from Dunwich.

There were no other matters arising from the report.

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

## 8. Cllr Gasper on behalf of the Wenhaston village hall gave the following report.

Mr David Smeaton Small has resigned and Mike Gasper being Vice chairman has taken over the chairmanship till a new chairman is found.

A new brochure has been printed.

As well as the fish and chip van on Wednesdays a wet fish van will be visiting the village.

There is also the possibility of a mobile shop coming to the village.

The quiz night at the Star raised about £100.

The committee has appointed a handy man to set the boiler and do any other jobs that need doing.

Good Energy will be fitting the meter next week so that the excess electricity may be sold.

The work on the other side of the roof may be paid for out of the Garfield Weston grant.

On 24<sup>th</sup> July Mr and Mrs Middleton Stewart are holding the annual fund raising event for the Village hall at the Garden House, Blackheath.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00.

9. The new date for the Annual Parish meeting is to be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

10. Agenda items have been agreed. Tea and Coffee to be served. It was agreed that all Parishioners attending the meeting would be given a raffle ticket. Raffle prizes to be donated by the Parish Councillors.

11. Risk assessment was adopted by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr. B. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. T. Tate.

12. Mr & Mrs Harrison have had their garden flooded 3 times in the past 8 years due to water running off the Common land, across the road and into their property. Clerk to speak to Highways.

13. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that the Parish Council donate £50.00 to the Halesworth Volunteer Centre.

#### 14. Correspondence.

1. Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd. Litter Action. Spring Clean.
2. SCDC 15<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Town and Parish Planning Forum.
3. Disability advice service. Agenda item April.

#### 15. Correspondence for Circulation.

1. Waveney Local Development Framework.
2. Clerks and Councils Direct.
3. Suffolk ACRE Update.
4. Suffolk County Council Draft Fire action 2010/2011.
5. Suffolk Coastal District Council. Village of the Year competition 2010.
6. Coastline.
7. SALC and NALC. (Level of Burial Fees).
8. Parsons Brinkerhoff Waste recycling group – proposed development at Thorington.

#### 16. Planning.

**C10/0433. Old Chapel Farm, Holton Road, Wenhaston.**

**Extension of existing concrete barn. Approved by the Parish Council.**

#### 17. Finance.

Current account	£1,402.37
Base rate tracker	£14,308.55
Total	£15,710.92

#### Cheques drawn.

101400. Wenhaston Village Hall.	£30.00	Affiliated fee and storage space.686
101401. Steve Tricker.	£85.00	Mole control.

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101402. Mrs M Pennock.

£353.40 Wages and expenses.

Received £256.28 VAT rebate and £210.00 rent for the allotments.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. B. Cousins that the accounts be accepted.

**18. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.**

**Cllr. Cousins said that the deadline for representation to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Red House Farm Units was 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Parish Council have written to SCDC giving their objections.**

**Cllr. Edwards has received a complaint about a flock of white doves at St Vulcans which are causing mess on properties near by. Clerk to have a word with environmental health.**

**Cllr. J. Tate has received a complaint about the hedge in St. Michaels way that is protruding over the path. Clerk to speak to the resident.**

**Cllr. Orme informed the Parish Council that due to illness Cllr. M. Dickson would be resigning at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr. Dickson is at present in hospital. Clerk to send card.**

**Cllr. Orme also informed the Parish Council that on April 24th the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir would be performing in the Village hall.**

**19. Meeting closed at 9.15p.m. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010.**