

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 18th November 2009.

Present:-Cllr. B. Orme Chairman, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. M. Dickson, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, PCSO. J. Newson, Anne Powell Community Watch Liaison Office and clerk Mrs M. Pennock.

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors', PCSO. Newson and Anne Powell to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr. T. Tate, Cllr. B. Cousins and Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter.**
- 2. Cllr. J. Tate declared an interest in Agenda item No. 14 Wyncroft Farm Bungalow. See declaration of Interest book.**
- 3. There was no report from County Cllr. R. Leighton.**
- 4. There was no report from District Cllr. P. Austin.**
- 5. Anne Powell the Community Watch Liaison Officer spoke about the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Village.
Parishioners are able to receive a weekly e newsletter by registering at www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch.
10 crimes have been recorded since the beginning of the year.
If any parishioner is interested in becoming a Neighbourhood watch co ordinator please get in touch with the clerk.
An agenda item for December.
PCSO Newson reported that there were no recorded crimes for the period 21st October to 15th November.**

A meeting has been set up for 2nd December at Framlingham by the SNT team. Toby's walk to be discussed. Would like a member of the Parish Council to attend.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Newson and Anne Powell for attending the meeting.

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6. Cllr. J. Tate asked that the Minutes of the 21st October page 660 item 6 Clerk's report be adjusted to read Blyford Lane not Blyford.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. M. Gasper that the Minutes be accepted.

Proposed by J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that the Minutes

Of the meeting 6th November be accepted.

7. Clerk's report.

Claret Engineering has started work on the drains/sewers at the Drift. The work will take about 16 weeks, at the end of this time Blackheath Road may have to be closed for a short time to allow connection to the main sewers. Any damage to Well Green will be put right.

I have asked SCS to install a doggy bin at the entrance to Vicarage Grove.

I have been informed that the road to Mells has been swept.

I received phone calls and e mails about the article in the East Anglian regarding New Farm development. All of the people expressed concerns that the facts were incorrect.

I received an E Mail informing me that some of the telephone kiosks in this area were to be sold or put up for adoption by Parish Council. Wenhaston was not on the list, but I have requested further information.

NALC have informed me that the S137 rate is now £6.15

Cllr. Phillips looked over the proposed details of the infill of hedgerows at the Blyth River gravel. C08/1745 SCC, and stated that the hedge is acceptable providing that the entrance to the footpaths are kept open. These observations have been passed to SCC.

I have received an e mail from Mr J. Goodyear regarding Star Hill. He states that they are currently looking at possible ways forward, including trying to set up a meeting with County Cllr. Leighton and Guy McGregor as Portfolio Holders..

A date needs to be set for a finance meeting to agree the precept 2010/2011. Matters arising from the report.

Cllr. M. Gasper asked about the lawn mower/stripper. Cllr. Orme replied that this would be discussed at the finance meeting.

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

9. **The Village Action Plan. Cllr. Edwards to form a sub committee to discuss the way forward. Agenda item for January.**
10. **Cllr. Gasper gave the report from the Village Hall meeting 13th November.**
He stated that David Smeaton Small had found an electric company (Good Energy) that would buy back the surplus electricity.
Solar panels to provide hot water for the kitchen/toilets are being looked into. This work is grant funded, and the Village Hall wouldn't have to pay the contractors. They would be paid direct from the Grant aid.
The final work on the boiler has been completed.

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For the time being phase 2 is to be put on hold. Urgent electrical work is needed to be done and the other half of the roof needs seeing too.

It was felt that the Hall needs a coat of paint.

Fund raising is going on.

Mr Smeaton Small is resigning in January.

11. **Proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that the Parish Council donate £50.00 to the Village hall Xmas bazaar to help with the cost of Father Christmas presents.**
12. **Correspondence.**
1. **Letter received from Cookpole Energy Action event. This letter has been passed to Cllr. Edwards.**
 2. **E mail received from Chattisham and Hintlesham Parish Council seeking support for the proposed new pylon route to be put underground and not blight the countryside. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Gasper that the clerk write giving them our support.**
 3. **Letter from Mr & Mrs M Block as follows:-**
We are very upset that you have recorded in the minutes/agenda posted on a public notice board a question concerning the ownership of our plot of land in St. Michael's Way. It is clearly stated in the Design & Access

Statement, accompanying the planning application C09/1280, our Land Registry Title No. relating to this land.

Our honesty and integrity have been challenged by such a statement, implying that we have misappropriated land belonging to the County Council. We would appreciate a correcting statement to be published at the earliest opportunity.

The Clerk to write expressing the Councils' sincere apologies, and acknowledgement that Mr & Mrs Block are the owners of the land.

13. Correspondence to be given at meeting.

1. Clerks and Council direct.
2. Suffolk ACRE update.

14. Planning.

C09/1643. Wyncroft Farm Bungalow, Bramfield Road.

Erection of rear extension, rear porch and cedar clad exterior dormer windows, construct basement, alter door and windows openings. Construct verandah and erect solar heating panels to rear of house.

Proposed by Cllr. Gasper and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson.

15. Finance.

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Balances as at 18th November 2009.

Current Account	£1,643.28
Base rate tracker	£16,306.79
Total	£17,950.07

Cheque received from Woolnoughs £82.50

Cheque Number 101384 payable to Mr A Canham for repairs to the playing field car park £50.00

101385 Mr D J Coby grass cutting £140.00

101386 Mrs M Pennock £386.22

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

16. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.

Cllr. Edwards has been informed that the street lights in St. Michael's Way have been renewed and that they are very bright. Can they be turned down and are any other street lights being changed?. Clerk to find out.

Cllr. Orme has been made aware that our District Councillor Austin is not in favour of a sluice gate being installed at Blythburgh. He feels that the Parish Council should make Cllr. Austin aware that the Parish Council supports this scheme.

17. Meeting closed 9.10p.m. Next meeting 16th December 2009.