

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 19th October, 2011.

Present:- Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Spindler, Cllr. M Gasper, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. J. Wright Cllr. R. Dillaway, Cllr. A. Alder, Mr Gus Jones, 1 Parishioner and Clerk Mrs M Pennock.

- 1. Cllr. D. Corbett Vice Chair, welcomed the Councillors', Mr Jones and Parishioner to the meeting.
Apologies received from Cllr. L. Spindler. District Cllr. M. Gower, PCSO Newson.**
- 2. There was no declaration of Interest.**
- 3. Mr Gus Jones of the Blyth Valley/Wenhaston CFR gave the Parish Council a demonstration of the equipment that the Parish assisted in purchasing.
The equipment cost £1,400.00 and so far this service has been called out 8 times for our Village and 30 times for the other three villages in the Blyth Valley.
Cllr. D. Corbett thanked Mr Jones for the demonstration.**
- 4. There was no report from County Cllr. R. Leighton.**
- 5. There was no report from District Cllr. M. Gower.**
- 6. To Sign the Minutes of the meeting 21st September, 2011.
Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. M. Gasper that the Minutes be accepted. All agreed.**
- 7. Clerk's report.
PCSO Newson reported 1 crime which was a theft of 2 chain saws from a motor**

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Vehicle

I have asked SCC to fill the salt bins ready for the winter.

I have asked Anne Westover from SCDC to come and inspect the silver birch in the Cemetery. She last came 2 years ago, so I think they need inspecting again.

I have been back to Barclays Bank and asked them to check all their record for the missing Deeds. After a through search they have informed me that the deeds are not with them.

It was suggested that I might try the Black Box. Agenda item 14.

I wrote to Mr Cox thanking him for his information on solar panels.

I wrote to SCDC giving the Parish Councils views on the Local Development Framework.

I am waiting for a reply.

SCDC Planning dept. informed me that planning permission was not required at "Valentines".

I wrote to Mr Pickles about the Government Auditors and all the paper work they required and was sent The Guide for Local Councils Clerks. The Governance and Accountability for Local Councils. It seems that former auditors have not done the job correctly and that we are obliged to follow certain procedures.

The wreath has been ordered for Remembrance Sunday 13th November.

A Parishioner has requested that when a spilt vote takes place the names of the Councillors' should be noted on how they have voted.

As I do not want myself or the Chair to be accused of not acting correctly I will ask if

The Parish Council wants me to read an e mail and inform you of conversations

I have had with Parishioners regarding the Casual Vacancy now, or after the new Councillor has been co opted.

The Councils decided to hear the comments now.

Cllr. Corbett read an e mail stating this Parishioner felt that the Parish will get what The Parish Council decides and not what the electorate of Wenhaston wanted.

Other comments were why did the Parish Council advertise the Casual Vacancy?

Do the votes of the electorate mean nothing?

And one Parishioner said she thought the role of a Parish Councillor was to carry out the wishes of the Parishioners not their own views.

Any matters arising from the report.

It was suggested that the theft of the chain saw be put into Wenhaston Word. Also that a meeting will be held in the village Hall on 9th November at 7.30 regarding the response to the Good Neighbourhood Questionnaire.

8. Any other matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. M. Gasper asked that the emails relating to the Platittude Festival be circulated.

Cllr. A. Spindler asked for clarification regarding the 1/2 years accounts.

9. To Co Opt a Parish Councillor.

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Cllr. D. Corbett read letters received from Mr Tucker and Mr Wilkinson.

Cllr. H. Phillips proposed and Cllr. J. Tate seconded that David Wilkinson be co opted.

Cllr. A. Spindler proposed and Cllr. D. Corbett seconded that Mr Tucker be co opted.

The vote was as follows:- Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Wright, Cllr. A. Alder and Cllr. M.Gasper voted in favour of Mr Wilkinson.

Cllr. D. Corbett, Cllr. A Spindler and Cllr. R. Dillaway voted for Mr Tucker.

Mr David Wilkinson was co opted on to the Parish Council.

- 10. It was agreed that the advertisement for a new Clerk be put in the Wenhaston Word and Community News, as well as the notice boards. Details of the Job description to be given to Councillors'.**
- 11.Cllr. A. Spindler volunteered to be a Parish Council representative to the Village Hall Committee.
Proposed by Cllr. A. Spindler and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that Cllr. R. Dillaway be the second representative. All agreed.**
- 12. Cllr. A. Alder gave the feedback from the discussions at the Youth Consultation.
She stated that 13 young people attended and various issues were discussed. Perhaps some of the requests could be linked with the Good Neighbourhood, scheme especially regarding transport.
The Parish Council thanked Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. R. Dillaway and the volunteers who presided at the meeting.**
- 13.Cllr. M. Gasper said that transport needs of the Village need to be addressed. He asked the Parish Council if they would fund a questionnaire in the Wenhaston Word for public transport in this area.
This is one of the subjects raised in the Parish Plan, a meeting of the group to be held soon.
Proposed by Cllr. A. Alder and seconded by Cllr. A. Edwards**

Barclays Bank informed me that in future all transactions must be made by a Parish Councillor not Clerks.

19. **Proposed by Cllr. A. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the Parish Council accepted the audit and its recommendations. All agreed. Clerk to circulate report.**

20. **Any other matters that the Chair will allow.**

Cllr. H. Phillips asked if the Clerk had any information regarding stiles on Mr Flaxman's land. The Clerk replied that she was still waiting for an answer.

Cllr. A. Alder asked if the Report on the Family Forum could be an Agenda item for December.

Cllr J. Tate informed the Council that the post around the Village Sign needs looking out. Mr. Ives inspected it last year as the wood at the bottom of the post was rotten. Clerk to ask Mr D. Cox to have a look at the post.

Also, Cllr. Tate reported that the seat at Blackheath needs replacing the cost being about £300.00. She will report this to the W.I. and see how they feel about it.

Cllr. M Gasper asked if the Clerk would ask Mr Mark Woolnough when he is going to dig the path to join up to Star Hill Lane.

Cllr. A. Spindler asked that grass cutting be an Agenda item for November. Also the 30pmh signs are not correct distance apart. Clerk to speak to Highways. He also inquired about the Web site for the Parish Council. The clerk informed him that Blyth Web was responsible for the site.

Cllr. A. Edwards asked Cllr. Wright when the shop would be opened. Cllr. Wright replied before Christmas.

21. **Meeting closed at 9.10.**

The date of the next meeting is 16th November, 2011.