

**WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL.****Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

**Present:-** Cllr. B. Orme Chairman, Cllr. T. Tate Vice Chairman, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. M. Dickson, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. B. Cousins, County Cllr. R. Leighton, PCSO J. Newson and clerk Mrs M Pennock.

**Apologies.** Cllr. M. Gasper and Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillors, County Cllr. R. Leighton, Mr John Goodyear of S.C.C, and Mr John Davies of SCDC who had requested a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss Star Hill Footpath.

The Parish Council were informed that as the footpath would be on Common land, highways would be able to construct the foot path, but the Parish Council would have to take on the responsibility of maintenance and insurance for the footpath the whole time that the footpath was in existence.

A legal document would have to be drawn up and signed by the Parish Council, SCDC and SCC.

Discussion took place as to the placing of the footpath, the surface and where the footpath would end.

It was decided that the Parish Council would have a meeting at Star Hill, and that the Clerk clarify the insurance position of the Council.

If agreement could be reached with SCC and SCDC then the footpath would be constructed in the current financial year.

The Chairman thanked Mr Goodyear and Mr Davies for attending the meeting.

The Parish Council then proceeded with the Agenda.

1. The Chairman welcomed PCSO Newson to the meeting and invited him to give his report.

There were two recorded crimes for the month of April 2009, one common assault and one burglary of building.

Speed monitoring was carried out by the school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

UV pens are available to mark personal property, they cost £1.00.

Cllr. Cousins suggested that before 9.00a.m would be a good time to monitor speeding traffic through the village.

2. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Election of Chairman.

Cllr. Bernard Orme was proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips. Cllr. Orme accepted the office and duly signed the acceptance form.

4. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr. T. Tate was proposed by Cllr. H. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. B. Cousins.

5. The acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 was proposed by Cllr. R. Ives and seconded by Cllr. D. Wilkinson.

The acceptance of the plans meeting minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 was proposed by Cllr. M. Dickson and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips.

Cllr. B. Cousins asked that the minutes be amended to read "Cllr. Cousins thanked Mr Wright for coming to her home to discuss the plans".

6. Clerks report.

- I have received a letter back from Mr Oldham SCC about the possibility of a sluice at Blythburgh on the A12. I have put this into the circulation folder.
- I have asked Suffolk Coastal Services to repair the matting in the Children's play area. I have sent for and received the form to claim from the SCDC outdoor playing space funding scheme.
- I have been able to get an extra year for the lease on the allotments. Making it 7 years from 2008 when the original letter was signed and accepted.

- Hastoe Housing has been in touch informing that the dig has been discontinued and that the contractors will be starting soon.
- I would like with the Parish Council permission to change the auditors to SALC who are now offering this service.
- The seat for the cemetery has been installed. I have paid £15.00 for the petrol to the parishioners who collected the seat. This I have included in my expenses.
- I have put a note in the Word about the forth coming elections for the County Council and the European Parliament. The village hall will used as a polling station.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes.arising from the Minutes.  
County Cllr. Leighton reported that no candidate for the District Council had come forward and it would only be County Council and European Parliament elections. There were no other matters
8. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. T. Tate that Cllr. Gasper be appointed as Transport Liaison Officer.
9. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. Cousins that Cllr. Orme be the representative to SALC.
10. Proposed by Cllr. Phillips and seconded by Cllr. Edwards that Cllr. T. Tate be one of the representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee. Agenda item for June when Cllr. Gasper is present.
11. Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson that Cllr. Cousins be appointed to the Finance Committee.  
Proposed by Cllr. J. Tate and seconded by Cllr. Dickson that Cllr. T. Tate, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. Orme and the Clerk be re elected to the Finance Committee.
12. Cllr. Gasper has indicated that he no longer wished to represent the Parish Council on SCDC's Greenprint Forum. It was felt that the Energy Support Group might be interested. This was passed to the Chair of the Energy Support Group Cllr. Edwards.
13. NALC has sent the new pay scales for Parish Clerks, this to be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

The Clerk has declined the pay increase.

The increase to be discussed in October when the precept for 2010/2011 is set.

14. A letter has been received from Wenhaston Sports Club requesting that a hut 3x3 metre be erected by the tennis courts. There were no objections.  
Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. Dickson.
15. At the Annual Parish Meeting concerns were expressed about the developments at Hazel Lane. The Parish Council to write to SCDC stating that they strongly object to both developments.
16. The request from Mr Nolloth that a stile be erected on Wash Lane was discussed. As this is out of the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, it was suggested that Mr Nolloth contact the footpath officer at SCC. The Parish Council are sympathetic to the situation and will support him.
17. The litter pick to be completed by the middle of June. A note to be put in the Wenhaston Word asking Parishioners to participate.
18. Halesworth Volunteer Centre has requested an donation. £50.00 was proposed by Cllr. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson.
19. **Correspondence.**  
A letter has been received from Sue Gow about the planning meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009.  
The Parish Council have noted her comments.  
The part of the minutes of that meeting that related to the voting etc. to be put in Wenhaston Word to clarify any misunderstanding that has arisen.
20. Correspondence for circulation.
  1. Suffolk View
  2. The Local Councillor.
  3. EEAPTIC.
  4. SCDC and SALC information regarding the Local Government Review.

5. SCDC Sustainable Communities Act 2007.
6. Letter from SCC in reply to my letter regarding the possibility of a sluice or floodgate on the River Blyth at the A12.

21. Planning C09/0501. Construction of boiler room, and provision of Bio-Mass Boiler, at Wenhaston Grange. Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. Ives that the Parish Council support this application.

**22. Planning Decisions.**

C09/0029' Halesworth Golf Club. Refused permission to remove restriction on the period any one occupier can use the holiday accommodation.

C09/0394. Land to the rear of Cove Hythe and Hethersett, St. Michaels Way. Permission has been refused.

C09/0222. Blackheath Farm, Blackheath. Application has been withdrawn for the erection of a single storey cart lodge.  
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**22. Finance.**

Proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Cousins that the Accounts for the year 2008/2009 be accepted.

Balances.

Village Hall Account	£2,695.70
Parish Council Current A/C	£2,635.84
Base rate tracker	£13,303.43

Total	£18,634.97
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Precept received	£6,250.00
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Cheques drawn :-

101350 Steve Tricker – Moles control.	£85.00
101351 Blythweb – Advert.	£11.00
101352 Mrs M Pennock Wages & Expenses	£394.16

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. Phillips that £15.00 be paid for the petrol used to collect the seat for the cemetery. Clerk to give cash to parishioner.

101353 Halesworth Volunteer – S137donation	£50.00
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101354 Mr Coby – grass cutting	£266.00
101355 Mr A Canham - repairs to drive way to playing field and fixing seat in the cemetery.	£115.00

Proposed by Cllr. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. Phillips that the accounts be accepted.

23. Any Other Matters that the Chairman will allow.  
Cllr. Phillips informed the Council that she and Mr Ellis have reached an agreement with SCDC about the “right of way” at Hall Road, and hopefully soon the transfer of land for the cricket ground may take place.
24. Date of next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.