

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Mrs M Pennock

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Due to a power failure in the Village on Wednesday 21st October 2009, the Parish Council was unable to meet in the Village Hall. It was agreed by the Councillors' present that an emergency meeting would be held in a private area of the Star.

Minutes of the Parish Council 21st October 2009.

Present:- Cllr. B. Orme Chairman, Cllr. T. Tate Vice Chairman, Cllr. J. Tate, Cllr. M. Gasper, Cllr. R. Ives, Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. D. Wilkinson, Cllr. B. Cousins,
Cllr. M. Dickson, 1 Parishioner and the Clerk Mrs M. Pennock.

1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors' and Parishioner to the meeting.
Apologies received from District Cllr. P. Austin, County Cllr. R. Leighton and Cllr. A. Edwards.
2. There was no report from Cllr. Leighton.
3. There was no report from Cllr. Austin.
4. No declaration of interest was received.

12. A report was read by Cllr. M. Gasper the Parish Council representative to the Village Hall Committee.
This report was written by Mr David Smeaton Small the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
The full report will be on Blythweb site as well as on the notice boards at the Hall and Well Green. It will be also given to each Parish Councillor.
A limited report will be in the Wenhaston Word.
The Chairman said he would allow Mr David Smeaton Small to answer any questions.
Cllr. T Tate asked if the electrical work had been completed.

Mr Smeaton Small answered that more work was needed to bring the hall up to date, as well as the spot lights on the stage to be looked at.

Cllr. Orme asked about the financial situation. Mr Smeaton Small informed the Council that a meeting had been arranged with the Hall Treasurer, and himself to get figures out for the cost of the refurbishment.

The Chairman thanked Mr David Smeaton Small for all his hard work and time that he has spent on the Village Hall.

Mr Smeaton Small left the meeting.

5. Proposed by Cllr. S. Hayward Rutter and seconded by Cllr. M. Dickson that the Minutes be accepted.

6. Clerk's report.

I have informed the East Anglian Daily Times that the Minutes of the Parish Council are displayed on Blythweb web site.

Letters were sent to Mr & Mrs Gower regarding planning application C09/1078, and to the Marie Currie Cancer Care informing them that the Parish Council had only budgeted for limited donations, but would see what the financial situation was like at the end of the year.

SCDC haven't any objections for a seat to be placed on Blackheath Common by the family of the Late Malcolm Smith.

After sending a letter, e mail and 2 phone calls I have had an answer from SCC that the tree the Stammers family would like to be planted in Blyford Lane is acceptable.

I have arranged with PCSO Newson that he and a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator come to the November meeting.

Mr Coby has informed me that the strimmer that he inherited 20 years ago has given up the ghost.

Isobel Wright from Hastoe has informed me that the houses are on schedule to be completed in the New Year.

I have requested that Highways sweep the Back Road to Mellis as there is a build up of sand over the road.

I have ordered a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

There were no matters arising from the report.

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

8. As Cllr. Edwards is not present the Village Action Plan will be an Agenda item November.

9. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. H. Phillips that the Parish Council accepts and approves the Annual return.

A request has been made that the Parish Council installs a Doggy Bin on the Bramfield Road near the entrance to Vicarage Grove, as some people are putting the filled doggy bags in the ditch. The cost for a bin is about £185.00. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Cousins and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the Clerk order one. An article to be put in the Word

10. Cllr. B. Orme gave the Parish Council a report on the meeting with Mr John Goodyear of SCC regarding the proposed Star Hill footpath. Cllr. Orme stated that due to the 2006 Commons Act, Common ground with no known owner can't be transferred to Highways. Legal difference between SCC and SCDC are complicating matters and until these questions are sorted out no decision can be taken. Mr Goodyear to inform the Clerk when he has a decision by the legal teams. It seems every time the Parish Council thinks they are getting somewhere with the path more obstacles are put in the way.

Cllr. M Gasper has started to clear the path down to Star Lane and made improvement to the visibility at the top of Star Hill. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Gasper for what he has done.

13. Correspondence.

1. SALC Annual General Meeting 9th November 2009 at Haughley Park Barn.

2. Wenhaston Village Hall – Xmas Bazaar. Agenda item for November.

Parish Council usually gives a donation towards the father Xmas present.

3. E Mail from Wenhaston Allotment Assoc. requesting that they install a water pipe to reach the far end of the allotments.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Tate and seconded by Cllr. B. Cousins that the pipe be installed.

4. Letter received from SCC giving details of the proposed planting of trees/hedges at Mells quarry. This letter was passed on to Cllr. Phillips.

14. Correspondence for circulation.

1. Letter from Commission for Rural Communities.
2. SALC Annual return.
3. Suffolk Coast & Heaths.
4. NALC Legal Topic notes.
5. SCC Suffolk Coastal Consultation on the Local Development Framework.
6. ESTA Members Bulletin.
7. SALC various events.
8. Letter from the East of England Regional Assembly.
9. SCDC- You can help us become even more efficient questionnaire.
Please make your comments known on the form provided.

15. Planning.

C09/1503. Part side garden, Gorse Cottage, Back Road, Wenhaston.

Use of land for the erection of one detached two storey dwelling.

Together with construction of new vehicle access (off Chapel Lane)

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr. J. Tate that the Parish Council supports this application. Clerk to stress as per the previous application that any vehicles used for the construction of this dwelling to access the site via Back Road not Coles Hill.

Planning permission has been granted to C09/1078 Former Granary, Old Hall Farm and C09/1150 The Dower House, Blackheath Road.

Planning permission has been refused on C09/1280 Land to the rear of Cove Hythe and Heathersett, St. Michaels Way.

16. Finance.

Balances of accounts.

Current Account	£2,139.00
Base rate tracker.	£16,306.79
Total	£18,445.79

The Precept of £6,250.00 has been received.

Cheques drawn.

101377 Norse Comm. Services-Doggy Bags.	£50.60
101378 Woolnoughs – Aggregate	£184.00
101379 BDO STOY Hayward Accountants.	£460.00
101380 Village Hall Hire	£75.00
101381 Mr Coby Grass cutting	£52.00
101382 Mrs Pennock Wages Expenses	£359.80
101383 Mr Smeaton Small Repairs Bus Shelter	£69.88

£35.20 was received from Anglian Memorials for the Head stone for Bridget Walpole.

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

- 17. Any other matters that the Chairman will allow.
Cllr. Phillips stated that progress has been made with solicitors involved in the Right of Way at Hall Road.
Cllr. Cousins reported that a retrospective planning application has now been applied for at the Hazel Lane Caravan site.**

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Cllr. T. Tate informed the Council that 24 Parishes had formed a Sizewell Parish Liaison Group. Unfortunately Wenhaston is outside of the area but he will keep us informed of every development.

Cllr. Gasper asked that now the Parish has been supplied with recycling bins, would Parishioners please still use the bins outside the Village hall which helps to generate much needed funds.

- 18. Meetings closed at 9.20. Next meeting 18th November 2009.**