

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th January 2018.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L Spindler (Vice Chair), Cllr D Stammers, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. K. Canham, Cllr. H Phillips, County Cllr. R. Smith, Richard Day (Clerk) and 7 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting and apologies were read and accepted from District Cllr. Catchpole, Cllr. Musk and Cllr. Gairn. Chair also introduced Nick Amery – co-opted as Parish Councillor following the resignation of Cllr. Hewett – (Declaration of office signed pre meeting)
2. Cllr. Canham declared an interest in correspondence item regarding Bowls Club.
3. None.
4. Minutes for meeting dated 20/12/17 were proposed for acceptance and signature by Cllr. Spindler and seconded by Cllr. Corbett. All voted in agreement.
5. Clerk's Report
 - No real progress with SCC Highways and the flooding problems experienced just prior to New Year. Site meeting has been requested and I am working with residents to ensure this happens as soon as possible.
 - I can obtain a refurbished Lawn Mower for approx. £150 with 12 months guarantee and have checked that this will meet the needs of the job.(ie Cemetery) A new machine will be in excess of £600.00. This will be required for the spring. COUNCILLORS APPROVED EXPENDITURE FOR RE-CONDITIONED MODEL UNANIMOUSLY
 - Request made to Hopkins regarding street lighting switch off time to coincide with the rest of Village.
 - Meeting held with potential suppliers of Sports equipment and a cross section of Councillors and Headmistress village school, who had the opportunity to view presentations and ask questions. Costings and proposals to be discussed under agenda item 9(i)
 - Clerk to make arrangements for APM on 18/4/18 and hold immediately prior to PCM.
6. None
7. A copy of Cllr. Smiths report is available from Clerk upon request.
8. No report
9. (i) A long debate concerning the 3 quotations for supply and fitting of sports equipment took place. Cllr. Canham proposed and Cllr Corbett seconded that Sovereign Ltd should be requested to supply and install part of the equipment.(Goal, Basketball and laminated games frame) and Kompan Ltd to supply and install outdoor gym equipment and table



tennis table as per reference SQ 2310868. All voted in agreement and Clerk will now request revised quotes in order that grant applications can be made (Carry forward to next meeting to approve costs and order.)

(ii) Contact awaited from Police regarding Safer Neighbourhood Scheme (Cllr. Alder dealing)

10. Two applicants were considered for vacancy of Parish Cllr following resignation of Cllr. Watson. It was agreed to invite David Cox to become a member with all Cllrs voting in favour with one abstention. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Cllr. Watson for his past services to the Parish and David Cox will be invited to the next meeting.
11. RFO presented Qtr 3 Expenditure vs Budget figures for review by Cllrs and a draft Expenditure Budget for 2018/19 to reflect anticipated changes in cost base. A precept request has been made for £20,185.00 and an expenditure budget of £21,000.00 agreed. Following proposal from Cllr. Alder, seconded by Cllr. Amery the draft budget was accepted unanimously (Overspend to be covered by partial use of income from Cemetery fees as it relates to grass cutting)
12. Risk Assessment. A formal review was made by Council of the effectiveness of internal controls and risk management. Full financial risk assessment and asset risk assessment, including inspection and checking for insurance valuations has been completed. Effectiveness of these arrangements was proposed as satisfactory by Cllr. Stammers, seconded by Cllr. Canham after explanation by RFO. All voted in agreement to adopt findings summarised in document signed by Chair and RFO 17/01/18.
13. Agenda item Feb. Transport and Village Hall Management Committee representatives to be appointed.
14. RE DC/17/4171/FUL. Wenhaston Quarry – Parish Cllrs re stated their objection to the above and requested Clerk advises SCDC Planning accordingly, particularly in the light of latest adverse report from Environmental Protection SCDC and also because work appears to have commenced on site.
15. No further update on progress of Neighbourhood Plan.
16. Correspondence read at meeting (Cllr Canham left meeting room.)
Letter from Wenhaston Bowls Club seeking grant towards renovation costs of green. CLLR STAMMERS PROPOSED A DONATION OF £500
CLLR SPINDLER SECONDED AND ALL VOTED IN FAVOUR.
17. Correspondence circulated post meeting - none
18. RFO Report
(Cllr Canham re joined meeting) Cheques and direct debits totalling £943.51 are due for authorisation and payment this month. Balances of accounts prior to issue are C/A £18615.90 D/A £18092.20 Total £36708.10. Bank reconciliation has been completed and made available for member audit. CLLR SPINDLER PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE, CLLR CANHAM SECONDED AND ALL VOTED IN FAVOUR.
19. Clerk to report possible incursion onto common land and request investigation.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm. Next Meeting 21st February 2018.

