

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26/10/21 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish, Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips. Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. S Mann, Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. D Cox, Cllr. A Musk, Cllr. C Watson, County Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Goldson, Clerk Richard Day and one Parishioner.

1. Cllr Wildish welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Welby.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 30/9/21 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Canham seconded by Cllr. Mann and agreed unanimously.
5. Clerk Report:
Risk assessment and guidelines for volunteers refilling salt/grit bins have been produced and I will provide a copy to all registered volunteers.

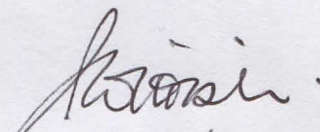
Arrangements in place for wreath on behalf of Parish Council for Remembrance Sunday. Chair will attend. Cllr Mann was thanked for his work in tidying up the area. A proposal for donation of £100 to Royal British Legion was made by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Canham and unanimously supported.

Further contact advising start date for work awaited from UK Power Network in order that the disabling of supply to the telephone box can be undertaken. The Box will remain in place until completed.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. Copy of County Cllr. Smith's report is available upon request.
8. A copy of District Councillor Goldson's report is available upon request.
9. Items carried forward from previous meetings. (i) It was agreed that the Chair would arrange for a representative from CAS to present at a future meeting in order to assist Parish Council to engage with young persons

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- within the village. As soon as a date can be agreed additional invitations will be sent to Headmaster C. Stone and Rev. A. Alder. (ii) Cllrs. Musk and Cox updated the meeting on progress with Jubilee Celebrations/Commemoration for the village including feedback from the recent meeting with VHMC, arranged to avoid duplication of effort. (iii) Costings have been obtained for an additional defibrillator at Sports Ground and it was agreed to proceed at a total cost of £1999.00 which includes installation, warranty and storage cabinet. This was proposed by Cllr. Canham, seconded by Cllr Musk and unanimously supported subject only to obtaining agreement from a volunteer to regularly inspect and check the equipment in accordance with warranty terms. A separate proposal from Cllr. Stammers for the Parish Council to cover annual maintenance and replacement costs of batteries etc for the new equipment and the existing equipment at the Village Hall, this will be approx. £250 p/a in total. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Musk and all voted in favour. Training for equipment operation will be the subject of further enquiry and it is hoped that a specific event can be arranged at the Village Hall to maximise attendance. (iv) Cllr. Wildish has kindly volunteered to assume responsibility for the periodic inspections at Sports and play area and therefore a rota is no longer required.
10. Following proposal from Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Cox, Cllr. Phillips was proposed as Parish Council representative with Pepyn and Lessey Trust. This was unanimously supported.
 11. Cllrs provided details of areas of concern within village where regular highway flooding occurs. The list will continue to be compiled pending a request from SCC to provide details so that a priority for action can be established.
 12. Expenditure vs Budget figures were provided for current year to end of Qtr. 2 together with explanation of significant variances. (No action is required.) 2022/23 Draft budget will be provided at next meeting which will be based upon known increases on current year's position and future planned expenditure. Members will review and agree on action to be taken.
 13. Councillors unanimously ratified the decision to support the planning application ref DC/21/4412 for Barn Conversion to residential dwelling at New Chapel Farm, Holton Rd. Wenhaston. This had been circulated and reviewed earlier.
 14. Cllr. Wildish provided a summary of the recent VHMC meeting and confirmed that Cllr. Canham would attend future meetings as PC representative.


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15. CORRESPONDENCE:

Parking for the school has generated complaint suggesting that it is dangerous and on occasions blocks entry to resident's driveways. Chair has responded with suggested actions to mitigate. (The matter was raised with County Councillor Smith during meeting who confirmed that the appropriate response had been made by Chairman's response to Parishioner)

Request from SARS for donation provided to Cllrs prior to meeting together with a summary of the work undertaken by the service. Cllr Wildish proposed a donation of £150 was made on behalf of the Parish, Cllr Stammers seconded and all voted in agreement.

16. RFO REPORT: Balances at Bank total £59124.44 prior to approval and issue of cheques totalling £1783.89 this month. Reconciliation of records is made available for monthly member audit, Cllr. Wildish proposed acceptance of the report, Cllr Musk seconded and all voted in agreement.

17. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Next meeting 17/11/21

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