

# WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th April 2017.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler (Deputy), Cllr. H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Musk, Cllr. C. Watson, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Hewett, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr. K. Canham, County Cllr. M. Gower, District Cllr. R. Catchpole, Richard Day Clerk and 14 Parishioners.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received from Cllr. Stammers and Gairn.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 14/04/16 were circulated pre meeting and approved.
3. The Chair thanks Councillors for their work during the previous twelve months, especially Cllrs. Musk and Stammers and provided a full summary of activities undertaken and challenges met during the previous twelve months (A copy of the report is available from the Clerk)
4. Alan Miller provided a comprehensive report on behalf of Suffolk Wildlife Trust in respect of their management of Blackheath Common (A copy is available from the Clerk.)
5. County Cllr. Gower provided a full report and a copy is available from the Clerk. He is standing down in forthcoming elections and those present thanked him for his past service to the Village.
6. A copy of District Cllr. Catchpole's report is available from the Clerk.
7. Parish Council Financial Report was provided by Richard Day. Funds currently held total £25,261 and this follows significant planned expenditure on children's play area and speed monitoring equipment during the previous year. (A full report is available from the Clerk)
8. (i) Trevor Tate outlined the history, current financial position and activities of Pepyn and Lessey Trust (A copy of the report is available from the Clerk)  
(ii) Cllr. Spindler reported that Relief in Need charity had an income of £300 during the year and expenditure of £289 (A copy of the report is available from the Clerk.)
9. The Parish Council will facilitate further development of sports and play amenities within the Village but require volunteers from the Village to identify requirements and preferences and then to help manage the projects. A committee will be formed if there is sufficient support and a first meeting date will be advised to attract volunteers.
10. Phil Corbett provided a summary of the current position. Matters are now with SCDC Planning and responses are awaited. The sub committee were thanked on behalf of the Village for the hard work in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan which will benefit the Village in

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**future years.**

**11. Comments were expressed on a number of subjects and guidance was provided in referring to the appropriate agency for action.**

**Meeting closed at 8:30pm.**