

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on a remote basis on 16th December 2020 at 7pm.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. C Way (Vice chair), Cllr. K Canham, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. Ian McBrearty, Cllr. C Watson, County Cllr. R Smith. District Cllr. T Goldson and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting.
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from District Cllr. Cackett, Cllrs. Phillips, Musk, Stammers and Mann.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 18/11/20 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Canham, seconded by Cllr. Welby and unanimously approved.
5. Clerk Report. Co- ordinates of all dog bins requiring replacement and also the site for the new bin have been provided by Cllr. Welby and order will now be placed with NORSE. It was noted that repairs to the bus shelter are still outstanding and Chair will chase the matter and update at next meeting.
6. A Parishioner has requested to attend a future meeting to lobby in favour of supporting the County quiet lanes initiative. An open invitation was extended to the request although the PC have already debated the matter and felt that the proposals and cost were not appropriate to the village.
7. A copy of Cllr. Smith's report is available from Clerk
8. A copy of Cllr Goldson's report is available from Clerk.
9. (i) No progress with succession plan for Chair. Further action deferred until meetings return to Village Hall.
10. Cllr Welby proposed purchase of litter picking equipment for permanent retention and future use by PC. Cllr Way seconded and an estimate of cost (£120) was provided at the meeting by Cllr Wildish. All voted in favour and a provisional agreement for a litter pick in May was made.

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11. Appointment of additional trustees to Pepyn and Lessey Trust was deferred to a future meeting at which Cllr Phillips would be present.
12. After debate Cllr Wildish proposed acceptance of the draft budget for 2021/22 which had been provided pre meeting to Cllrs. by Clerk, Cllr. Canham seconded and all voted in agreement to set expenditure budget at £23450 an increase of 1.86%vs current year. It is hoped to absorb the increase from reserves and not request an increase to Parish Precept but PC awaits confirmation of actual level of precept awarded for 2021/22. REVIEW AT NEXT MEETING OBJECTIVE TO LEAVE AT £23000 precept request for 2021/22.
13. Planning. DC/20/4454/PN3. Decision to support ratified by Cllrs following earlier circulation of application to Cllrs. This was unanimously supported.
14. Cllr Wildish provided an update on the COVID challenges and priorities for repair work on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.
15. None.
16. RFO REPORT. £50807.17 currently held in accounts prior to approval and issue of cheques totalling £4451.71 at this meeting. Bank statements were made available for member audit following reconciliation by Clerk. The report was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Wildish and seconded by Cllr Canham. All voted in agreement.
17. Meeting closed at 8.15pm and date of next meeting is 20/1/20. Venue to be confirmed.

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