

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th April 2016.

Present; Cllr. D. Corbett (Chair), Cllr. L. Spindler, Cllr. A. Alder, Cllr H. Phillips, Cllr. A. Musk, Cllr. D. Stammers, Cllr. J Gairn, Cllr. C. Watson, Cllr. A. Edwards, Cllr. J. Hewett, County Cllr. M. Gower, Richard Day (Clerk) and 22 Parishioners.

- 1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies received from District Cllr. Catchpole and 4 Parishioners.**
- 2. The minutes to the meeting held on 12th May 2015 were approved copies having been circulated prior and made available on the night.**
- 3. The Chair thanked councillors for the work during the previous 12 months and provided a summary of the activities and challenges the Parish Council had undertaken. A copy of the report is available from the Clerk.**
- 4. Alan Miller provided a full report on behalf of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. A copy is available from the Clerk.**
- 5. County Councillor Gower's report is available from the Clerk.**
- 6. District Councillor Catchpole's report was distributed at the meeting. Further copies are available from the Clerk.**
- 7. The Parish Council's financial position was outlined by Clerk. Expenditure has increased significantly although this was partially offset by grants. Further increase is expected during the current year with major capital costs involving Play area replacement and installation of speed monitoring equipment.**

Current funds total £35,478.00. Budgeted expenditure in addition to this figure.

8. Charity Reports

- (i) Chair provided a report on behalf of the Pepyn & Lessey Trustees. A copy is available from the Clerk.**
- (ii) Cllr. Spindler provided a report on behalf of the Trustees for Relief in Need. A copy is available from Clerk. (Current annual distributions and income is approx. £250 – income slightly higher this year as a result of donation)**

9. Open Forum

- (i) It was asked whether the Parish Council were still pursuing full ownership of all of the Wenhaston Commons. In response and after explaining the current position, it was agreed the matter will be an Agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- (ii) The position regarding the current (temporary) closure of the Skate Park was raised. It was explained that a full review of usage, remaining expected working life and maintenance and repair costs was being undertaken. It is an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- (iii) A question was raised concerning quota/allocation of new houses expected to be built within the village. County Cllr. Gower summarized the current position.**
- (iv) An update was requested and provided in respect of progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Meeting closed 8:15pm