

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on 20/1/21 at 7.00pm.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair), Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. K Canham, Cllr S Mann, Cllr I McBrearty District Cllr T Goldson and Clerk Richard Day. Cllr D Cox attended but due to technical problems was unable to participate.

1. Chair welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Cackett, Cllrs. Phillips and Musk,
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 15/12/20 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Mc Brearty seconded by Cllr. Canham and agreed unanimously.
5. Clerk report: All matters covered elsewhere within agenda.
6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. No report.
8. District Councillor Goldson updated upon the current position re COVID for area.
9. Items carried forward from previous meeting: No progress with repairs to bus shelter so it was agreed that Clerk would arrange alternative contractor.
- 10 A pro forma document outlining the full scope of current internal control measures had been provided to Councillors prior to the meeting for review and comment. Cllr Wildish proposed that the forthcoming review was conducted in line with the document and this was seconded by Cllr Watson. This will now be undertaken prior to next meeting.
- 11 Clerk advised that relevant Risk Management reviews were being undertaken and would be completed prior to next meeting.
- 12 2021/22 Budget had been agreed at previous meeting and following details of the changes to the tax base a full debate was undertaken on the proposed level of precept. Cllr. Wildish proposed that the precept request remained at current levels and that the Parish Council absorb anticipated cost increases. Cllr Welby seconded and all voted in agreement to the proposed request of £23000 precept for 2021/22.

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- 13 Cllr Musk had provided costings for a banner/sign for the Village to acknowledge the contribution of key workers during the current pandemic. Cllr Wildish proposed purchase and siting at the village hall, cost approx. £135.00 Cllr Welby seconded and all voted in favour. Clerk to advise Cllr Musk to proceed with order.
- 14 Planning Matters. (All documentation relevant to applications had been provided to Councillors prior to date of meeting) (i) DC/20/5254/FUL. Belmoor Blackheath Rd Wenhashton. (Rear extension to property with construction of hip roof.) Unanimously supported. (ii) DC/20/5264/FUL. (Conversion of twin garage at Glen House, Blackheath Rd, Wenhashton to form 1 bedroom holiday bungalow.) Unanimously opposed. Clerk to advise Planning Dept of stated objections.(iii) DC/20/5187/FUL (Retention of constructed annex at Orchard Lea, Hall Rd Wenhashton) Unanimously opposed. Clerk to advise Planning Dept. of stated objections. (iv) DC/21/0083/FUL. (Single storey extension to front of 4 Corn Hill Wenhashton to form garden room) Unanimously supported. (v) DC/21/0033/FUL. (New dwelling on vacant site, Brackenway,Blackheath Rd. Wenhashton.) Unanimously supported following earlier site visit whilst also noting that the application was not in full accord with the Neighbourhood Plan for the Village.
- 15 A copy of Cllr Wildish's update on the Village Hall Management Committee's current activities is available upon request.
- 16 Correspondence(i) Email from Parishioner concerning ongoing flooding problems off Blyford Lane which affects a number of residents. Clerk has contacted County Cllr Smith and Highways Dept.in an attempt to speed a permanent solution to what is an ongoing problem. It is hoped to arrange a site meeting in due course. (ii) Parishioner advises that post supporting letter box on Blyford Lane has rotted and Cllr Canham will report this to relevant agency to resolve. (iii) Parishioner enquired about possible further development of the play/sports area and when a phase three is likely. It was confirmed that this matter had not progressed from the initial idea stage but that it remains a possibility for the future. It was also mentioned that the current facilities suffer from vandalism and inappropriate use. It was agreed to review the possibility of methods to deter this at the next meeting and ensure that the conditions of surfaces were free of glass etc. for users to enjoy. Currently these facilities should not be used (COVID)
- 17 RFO Report. Cheques for authorisation and signature total £4184.19 this month and balances of bank accounts total £49,585.63 prior to issue. Bank statements have been reconciled to ledger and are made available for member audit. RFO Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr Wildish and seconded by Cllr Canham. All voted in agreement.
- 18 Meeting closed 8.25 pm. Date of next meeting 17/2/21 Venue/format to be advised.

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