

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Richard Day

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20/4/22 at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Present; Cllr. P Wildish (Chair) Cllr. C Way, Cllr. J Townsend, Cllr. H Phillips. Cllr. D Stammers, Cllr. M Welby, Cllr. C Watson, Cllr. A Musk, 3 Parishioners and Clerk Richard Day.

1. Cllr. Wildish welcomed all to meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Goldson, and Cllr. Canham.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. There were no requests for dispensation to vote.
4. Minutes to the meeting held on 16/3/22 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Musk seconded by Cllr. Way and agreed unanimously.

5. Clerk Report:

The new defibrillator has been installed at the sports area and is in the process of being registered with the ambulance service. A volunteer caretaker has been forthcoming and Chair has agreed to contact Glenis Leech/Village hall regarding a training event for those interested.

Request from opponents of Sizewell C to add Parish Council to a complaint being made to Secretary of State regarding alleged prejudicial and inconsistent comments made and implied community consent. This had been circulated pre meeting. Cllrs decided to take no further action as the PC's view had been clearly stated on several occasions.

I have been advised of a headstone which has fallen over at the Cemetery and I will attempt to contact relatives to advise them. If this is not possible then the stone will need setting aside. (Cllrs Musk and Stammers have agreed to attempt to reinstate)

Request that attention was given to street light on Narrow Way which was in dangerous condition and also not working. This has been reported as an urgent matter and repair is underway.

Suggested meeting dates July / August. No meeting July. August meeting 17/8 agreed. Clerk to confirm with VH booking clerk.

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6. Matters arising from previous minutes. None.
7. No report from County Cllr. Smith.
8. No report from District Cllr. Goldson.
9. Items carried forward from previous meetings. (i) Jubilee Celebrations planning. Cllr Musk confirmed that all matters were in hand and was thanked for his efforts so far. (ii) Cllr. Musk was thanked for planting the commemorative oak at Well Green. The planting site had been fully discussed and alternatives considered during three previous meetings. A discussion took place as to how best to encourage use of the site and green in future and this will be carried forward to the next meeting. Rationale for selection of the site was given pre meeting to those parishioners seeking clarification.
10. PLANNING. No correspondence.
11. The internal audit had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting following satisfactory sign off by auditors. The governance procedures of the Parish Council had been reviewed fully at an earlier meeting and Cllr. Wildish proposed signature of the annual governance statement. Cllr Way seconded and all voted in favour.
12. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return had been presented to Councillors prior to the meeting for review and approval. Cllr. Welby proposed signature, Cllr. Musk seconded and all voted in agreement.
13. The findings of the recent traffic speed survey and associated recommendations from Suffolk County Council, Highways Dept. revealed few instances of speeding and therefore mitigation measures were unnecessary. It was agreed that the situation would continue to be monitored and the matter would be revisited if necessary.
14. Cllr. Wildish has organised a village litter pick on 24/4 (Weather permitting) There are currently 10 volunteers.
15. Following proposal from Cllr. Wildish Glenis Leech was co opted as a Parish Councillor, Cllr. Welby seconded and this was unanimously supported. Thanks were extended to David Cox, who has recently resigned as a Parish Councillor, for his service to the village during his term of office.
16. Julie Woolnough was appointed as a trustee for Relief in Need charity following proposal by Cllr. Phillips, seconded by Cllr. Musk and unanimously supported.
17. No reports from Parish Councillors various committees
18. Correspondence. See Clerk report.

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19. RFO REPORT:

Balance at bank is £54189.01 prior to authorisation of payments totalling £2232.22 this month. Accounts have been prepared to year end and will be published on website in draft format pending completion of external audit.

The internal audit report has been circulated to Councillors following satisfactory conclusion and signing off from auditors. A review of specific and general reserves will be undertaken at a future meeting. Draft accounts will be forwarded to all Councillors tomorrow.

Report proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Welby, seconded by Cllr. Wildish. All voted in agreement.

20. Date of next meeting Thursday 26th May. (Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 5th May 7pm.) Items for next agenda Cemetery Bench repair/replacement. Well Green, possible installation of bench.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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