

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Paul Parry, Geoffrey Kiddy, Camilla Prior, Hannah Pretty, Matthew Wetmore, Beryl Matthews

APOLOGIES:

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Alison Cackett, Cllr. Tony Goldson,

ALSO, PRESENT: Cllr Annette Dunning, Peter Aldous MP, Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 60+ Members of the public.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 24th January 2022:

Minutes of the meeting agreed and were signed as true copies.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

A presentation was made to the meeting by representatives of PACE on the proposed solar farm in Grays Lane. They had held an open exhibition in the village hall preceding the meeting. There followed a Q&A session with the Council and the public:

Mr Rob Shaw on behalf of PACE confirmed the intended development was now to be in the region of 25-27 mw over 50 hectares, 80 % of which was grade 3a land. The land owner was confirmed by Mr Alex Ross of PACE to be Mark Hadingham. PACE accepted they have not to date built or run a solar farm. They confirmed their intention to have a battery energy storage system housed in 30 containers.

Some of the concerns raised by Parishioners included:

- 1 the likelihood and practicalities of sheep grazing,
- 2 the increasing need for food security and the loss of best and most versatile land,
- 3 the costs of decommissioning the land particularly if there is no bond in place in the first 15 years,
- 4 the efficiency of solar energy compared to wind power,
- 5 the potential hazards from battery fires,
- 6 the added risk of flooding in Grays Lane
- 7 the detriment to wild life from fencing off the area

REPORTS:

- a) VAS is in use for March. The trial of the ANPR system is due to start in July. They have offered to place an ANPR w/c 21/3/22 for a week, which the Council accepted.
- b) The road that floods outside Valley Vineyards. Letter posted to SCC 31/1/22 with no response since. Clerk was asked to request acknowledgement of receipt.
- c) Trees on the village field. Work has started on this and GK will ask for update.
- d) Community Partnership. BM reported that they were coming to the year end, main projects have been on physical and mental wellbeing and will concentrate on the needs of villages in the next year, The local group has been held as an example of good communication and how these groups should operate.

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- e) SCC have approved the planning application for the fibreglass factory/workshop with conditions to be met.
- f) The Beck supports collapsing. Ownership is still unknown. With the likelihood that no works will take place by authorities, it was decided to remove from the next agenda.
- g) Festival of Suffolk 2022. FB, MW & CP advised that 3 events are now in place, 28/5 Opera Le-Le, 2/6 bonfire beacon and 11/6 village picnic. Volunteers are required for the Opera Le-Le event. Clerk was asked to check on public liability insurance requirements and seek permission for beacon fire from landowner. Flyers for events will be placed in the Wissett Web and also circulated via the village email list. Commemorative mugs have been sourced and will be free to children living in Wissett and available for sale to adult villagers. Clerk was asked to set up PayPal account to facilitate payments for tickets, mugs etc.
- h) Lodge Lane bridge repainting. HP awaiting quotation.
- i) Bridge at Mill Lane still not repaired, is on Highway's list for works. Clerk to chase.
- j) Old salt bin at Wash Lane. CP has arranged its disposal.
- k) Wash Lane verge and grips were reported to SCC for repair and tidy on 20/11/21. Still not done, Clerk to chase.
- l) The W.I. have the Holly tree that is dying in hand.
- m) The Jubilee Oak Tree has been received from ESC. CP to arrange planting on field.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/22/0274/FUL Millcroft Mill Road IP19 0RA Retrospective Application - External semi-submerged 'Endless Swimming Pool', supporting concrete slab and ancillary equipment.

DC/22/0224/FUL Sandpit Cottage IP19 0JE To replace a small, rotting half-glazed timber porch with a more usable and robust half-glazed rendered brick porch with tiled roof on the front side of the cottage.

DC/22/0565/FUL Wissett Hall, Wash Lane, IP19 0RB, Demolition of poultry sheds and erection of new garaging and cart lodges

No objections raised on these applications.

RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved not to sell the land near Rumburgh, but to advertise locally as available to rent. Clerk to ask Wissett Web and Rumburgh to include advert and will mail to Wissett list.

It was resolved to accept the Chairs recommendations on Clerks salary and expenses

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2021-2022, including YE figures, was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SES Business Water	Water charge January.	£4.37
East Suffolk Council	Allotment rent 22/23	£30.00
Eon Next	Field electric	£40.09
SES Business Water	Water charge February	£4.37

All were approved for payments to be made.

INCOME RECEIVED:

Interest on deposit account	£0.27
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Account balances at 10th March – Current £2,154.95 - Deposit £10,967.87

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CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars shown with no action required.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

ESC decided to uphold the original decision to keep the Wissett Plough as an asset of community value for the next 5 years.

The "Save the Rain" scheme would like to meet. Clerk to arrange a site meeting for FB to discuss with them and report to next meeting.

A Parishioner has advised that gas gun bird scarers are going off early in the morning and very loud. They have been advised to report to ESC / SCC.

Hannah Pretty announced that she wished to stand down as Parish Councillor. The meeting thanked her for all her hard work. Clerk to start process to fill vacant place.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm