

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16th MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Paul Parry, Matthew Wetmore, Edward Flaxman, Beryl Matthews, Camilla Prior, Geoffrey Kiddy

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Alison Cackett, Cllr. Tony Goldson,

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Cllr Annette Dunning, Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 1 Member of the public.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Edward Flaxman declared an interest in planning application DC/23/0634/FUL and took no part in the deliberations on this matter.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th January 2023:

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

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment has been repaired and will be deployed this week. The ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system was used in Wissett in January. The results are vague, so Clerk to ask AD to try and obtain more details.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm. Any decision in not expected until May at the earliest. There are some consultees holding objections currently pertaining to Fire, Noise and Highways issues, as well as Heritage report of some harm to 17 listed buildings. AD offered to speak for Wissett at any planning hearing. FB to make contact with Iain Robertson regarding a meeting.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. The Plough continues to open earlier on Thursdays to provide a warm environment, along with tea, coffee soup, and providing board games. December saw 14 users, January 10 and 20 in February. No other requests for support have been received.
- d) DC/19/4590/FUL - 5 The Street, Wissett. New windows have started to be installed. Clerk was asked to enquire with the Conservation Officer if they felt they were in keeping with the Conservation Area status.
- e) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12 on ref. No. 00381699. Highways have stated they will take no action until it affects the road. Environmental Agency have inspected and stated they have no funds available and would only spend on their assets. FB to make contact with our MP for assistance.
- f) 2023 is an election year, Notices have been emailed to residents, and posted on the Village website as well as on the notice board opposite The Plough. Forms were given to those present for them to use should they wish to be considered for re-election. Timings were discussed and what happens, and potential costs, should it go to a Parish Election if more than 7 nominations submitted.
- g) BM reported on her involvement with the Local Community Partnership. The main focus is on social isolation and physical and mental health wellbeing. There are

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proposals to consider continuing some of the “warm rooms” schemes into “community rooms” schemes to continue to allow people an opportunity to socialise.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/23/0024/LBC Rumburgh Place Farm Chediston Road IP19 0ND Listed Building Consent.

DC/23/0142/FUL 9 The Street, Wissett, IP19 0JG Change of upvc white windows.

DC/23/0331/TCA 20 The Street, Wissett, IP19 0JG 1 x Ash - Fell to ground level.

DC/23/0634/FUL Brook Hall, Grays Lane, Wissett, IP19 0JT Small hut for the purpose of holiday rental.

DC/23/0817/FUL Grove Farmhouse, Mill Road, Wissett, IP19 0R Extensions to form enlarged kitchen, utility and w/c adjacent existing extension.

DC/23/0818/LBC Grove Farmhouse, Mill Road, Wissett, IP19 0RA Listed Building Consent - Extensions to form enlarged kitchen, utility and w/c adjacent existing extension.

DC/23/0848/FUL Halleluia, Red House Lane, Wissett, IP19 0RB Proposed extension to garage.

No objections were raised to any of the above.

RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved to agree with the request from the potential tenant of the land near Rumburgh. This is to add small cattle and sheep to the list of grazing animals, to be able to leave a fence up year to year, unless told that they are not having the land the next year, and paying the rent in 2 instalments over the year.

It was resolved to agree supporting a proposed WW1 Memorial trail. The proposer is to prepare an outline for the scheme, enlist volunteers to collect the information etc. and submit an estimate of printing costs to the Parish Council for final confirmation of a grant.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from East Suffolk Norse of £330 plus VAT to continue to cut and trim the grass between the village car park and The Street, including the ditch sides. This also includes the roadside verge outside the village hall, but this will only be cut from June onwards.

It was resolved to further defer decision on preparing a Neighbourhood plan until May. FB is awaiting a date for a representative to attend a meeting to present to the viability of our proceeding and answer questions. Any Parishioners interested in participating should contact the Clerk.

It was resolved not to proceed any further with a community bus scheme. Only one person has come forward as a potential regular user and therefore the cost to run a once weekly Wissett to Halesworth bus is not financially viable for the Parish.

It was resolved that no further action is currently needed regarding the potholes in the village car park.

It was resolved to order 72 Coronation commemorative mugs at a cost of circa £4.07 plus VAT each. These will be made available at no cost to children of school age living in Wissett, and available to purchase, at a cost to be confirmed, by any other residents. EF also said he has a quantity of wild cherry trees that he will make available free of charge to any Wissett Parishioner. There will also be a Coronation pub quiz in The Plough, and St.

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Andrews Church will have an event over the Coronation weekend. Details on both these are to be confirmed.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2022-2023 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Heart 2 Heart Norfolk	Battery for Defibrillator	£265.00
EON Next	Field electric	£49.22
SES Business Water	Water Charge January	£5.84
SES Business Water	Water Charge February	£4.58
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88
H & R Inns Ltd	Dec & Jan Warmrooms	£472.66
H & R Inns Ltd	Feb Warmrooms	£236.33

All were approved for payments to be made.

Payments against future invoices from H&R Inns Ltd. for the Warmrooms costs were preapproved by the Parish Council to avoid delays. Clerk to pay upon authorisation of the Chair.

INCOME RECEIVED:

Barclays Bank	Interest on deposit account 6/3/23	£16.32
Account balances at 13 th March – Current £2,383.89 - Deposit £10,991.82		

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars previously emailed, and letters received shown, with no action required.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

May will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council and will also be the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Parish audit is due in April. Parish Council happy for Clerk to approach same internal auditor as used last year.

Clerk was asked to remind Parishioners that photo identification is required to vote in this years elections.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to hold a £20 cash float of one-pound coins for use in the meter for heating at meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 18th May 2023

Meeting closed at 9.30pm