

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: Camilla Prior

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO, PRESENT: Cllr Annette Dunning, Cllr Beth Keys-Holloway, Cllr Geoffrey Wakeling. Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 4 Members of the public. Melanie Seabrook and Ruth Bishop from East Suffolk Council.

The Parish Council Meeting was preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish, where the Chair read out his annual statement. A copy is included in these minutes for reference.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Frank Burton was elected Chair and Matthew Wetmore as Deputy Chair unanimously. All duly signed the acceptance of office declarations and were witnessed by the Parish Clerk. Camilla Prior to sign no later than the next meeting.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023:

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

### REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

The Parish Council resolved to readopt the Standing orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct, and to continue to accept Summons to attend meetings and Communications via email

### REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment is in use every 2 months now. AD is still trying to obtain more details on the vague report from the January deployment of the ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. There are still holding objections from various consultees. Unknow when will go to planning committee, but will not be until after new local Government cabinet appointed and trained. FB is arranging a meeting with the Planners.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. The Plough closed at the end of April so there is no longer a "warm \ room" environment in Wissett. No other requests for support have been received, but the £500 budgeted for 23/24 will remain in place.
- d) DC/19/4590/FUL - 5 The Street, Wissett. The Conservation Officer has confirmed they are in accordance with approved plans.
- e) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. There is still no indication that either Highways or the Environmental Agency will carry out any works to repair. FB still in contact with the EA.
- f) The land near Rumburgh owned by the Parish now has a new tenant.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/23/1210/LBC Hill House The Street Wissett IP19 0JH Listed Building Consent - Demolition of the existing lean-to conservatory and rebuild on the same footprint.

DC/23/1331/FUL Hill House The Street Wissett IP19 0JH Demolition of the existing lean-to conservatory and rebuild on the same footprint.

No objections were raised the above.

DC/23/1724/LBC Whitehouse Farm, Mill Road, Wissett, IP19 0JF Listed Building Consent - Conversion of redundant barn to holiday letting accommodation

DC/23/1723/FUL Whitehouse Farm, Mill Road, Wissett, IP19 0JF Conversion of redundant barn to holiday letting accommodation.

No objections raised on the above and The Parish Council agreed to allow the final decision to be made against responses from the Design and Conservation Officer, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Suffolk Fire and Rescue, and Highways.

## RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved to approve and sign off the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/2023 Form 2 and Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/2023 Form 2. These were duly signed by the Chair and Clerk ready submission and publication.

Melanie Seabrook and Ruth Bishop from East Suffolk Council presented the outline of the process for developing a Neighbourhood Plan and the assistance and grants available. It was resolved to further defer a final decision if to proceed until the next meeting, during which time the Parish Councillors would canvass opinions of Parishioners and ask for volunteers to become involved in the process. A neighbourhood plan based on Wissett would allow parishioners to have a greater say in how land in the parish is developed. It is an opportunity for the village to indicate what its priorities are in developing and maintaining all the land in our area not just the Conservation area. Villagers are asked to contact the Parish Clerk indicating what their priorities are for future development and whether they would be willing to assist in the formulation of the plan in conjunction with the Parish Council and East Suffolk planning specialists

## FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SALC	Membership 23/24	£158.06
SES Business Water	Water charge March 2023	£4.58
The Hotline Group	72 Coronation mugs	£364.80
The Hotline Group	CREDIT FOR 60 MUGS	-£303.84
Mr W Simpson	Cash float for heating	£20.00
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88
H & R Inns Ltd	March Warmrooms	£236.33
SES Business Water	Water Charge April	£2.88
EON Next	Elec 1/2 to 30/4 2023	£52.33
Mr W Simpson	Salary 6 months	£790.80
The Hotline Group	36 Coronation mugs	£250.80
Wissett Web	Grant	£100.00
Wissett Parochial Church Council	Churchyard Grant	£980.00

All were approved for payments to be made.

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### INCOME RECEIVED:

HMRC	VAT reclaim 22/23	£315.22
Oscar Mayhew	6 months field rent	£100.00
East Suffolk Council	precept 23/24	£4,369.71
Russell Linard	12 months allotment rent	£160.00
The Hotline Group Ltd	Credit for non-delivered mugs	£303.84

Account balances at 10<sup>th</sup> May – Current £6,292.50 - Deposit £10,991.82

### CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars previously emailed, and letters received shown, with no action required. Email received asking the PC to relook at providing a bus service for the village, the Parish Council and Annette Dunning reiterated their previous responses that it was not economically viable for the Parish to fund.

### MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

FB gave a brief overview of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA) and explained they had 12 permanent members and were looking for affiliate members, and that there were no obligations. It was decided to ask them to add the Clerk to the mailing list who would resend to the Parish Councillors.

AD handed out some copies of the new 522 - Beccles - Aldeburgh bus timetable.

The manufacturer of the 72 Coronation commemorative mugs ordered made an error in only supplying 12 and have since credited us with the cost of 60. The 12 delivered have already been given at no cost to children of school age living in Wissett. A new order of 36 has been placed and paid for and, once received, will be given to any children having not yet received one and the balance made available to purchase, at a cost to be confirmed, by any other residents.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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## Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Chairman's Report 2022/2023

#### **Finance:**

I can report that the Council's finances remain good with a yearend closing balance of £1,289.22 in the current account and £10,991.82 in the saver account.

The Council's expenditure was £8,069 with income of £7,257. The difference was mainly due to costs for the Jubilee events and new battery and pads for the defibrillator. This is in line with the budget plans.

The precept for 2023/2024 changes from £4,254.32 to £4,369.71. This represents no increase to Parishioner's, as the increased income is due to more residents in the village contributing.

#### **Developments over the year:**

We continue to hold the community benefit monies in the saver account to consider contributions towards various Village projects and maintain a reserve for potential future needs. No money was taken from this account during 22/23 with all costs being met from the normal account.

Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs continue to be used in the village every 3 months at present and are expecting the occasional use of ANPR equipment, which was first deployed in January 2023.

The Parish Council continues to work with Spexhall Parish Council and Rumburgh Parish Council in opposing the proposed solar development in Grays Lane, Wissett and wishes to thank all those 209 villagers who registered objection letters to East Suffolk Council.

The village website continues to be a source of Parish Council information, as well as the Parish Email list comprising of residents who have signed up under the GDPR rules.

#### **Grants:**

The Parish Council made grants of were made of £980.00 for churchyard maintenance, £100.00 for the Wissett Web, and £482.24 to the Village Hall Committee to pay for the annual insurance.

#### **Queens Platinum Jubilee:**

Several successful events took place and were underwritten financially by the Parish Council and a grant of £500 from the ESC locality fund, which met some of the costs.

#### **Chairman's thanks:**

I should like to thank all members of the Council and the Clerk for their help, support and time over the last year.

I would also like to thank County Councillor Annette Dunning and District Councillors Tony Goldson and Alison Cackett for their continued support for the village over the last year.

The Wissett Parish Council also sends its best wishes to Tony Goldson for a long and happy retirement after his deciding not to stand in the 2023 elections.

We look forward to working with the newly elected District Councillors, Beth Charis Keys-Holloway & Geoffrey Ian David Wakeling.