

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Annette Dunning, Cllr Beth Keys-Holloway

NOT PRESENT:

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

Camilla Prior duly signed the acceptance of office declaration and witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023:

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

## REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

## REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment is in use now. The ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system will be deployed 28/8 to 4/9.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. FB is still chasing the planners for a process timetable, and Highways regarding the vehicle passing places. The steering group have had several meetings and are preparing briefing notes which will be published on their own website. GW reported he had been invited by PACE to attend a site meeting which he is waiting a response to. He will only go if accompanied by one of the planners to ensure propriety.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. No requests for support have been received, but the £500 budgeted for 23/24 will remain in place. Clerk to enquire regarding refund of unspent grant received towards the Warm Rooms scheme.
- d) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. There is still no response from either Highways or the Environmental Agency. FB still in contact with the EA and will continue to chase.
- e) Geoffrey Wakeling supplied a District Councillors report and added that he was now a member of the Planning Committee.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/23/1870/FUL Willow Grange, Grays Lane, Wissett, IP19 0JR Installation of PVCU conservatory to rear of property was permitted by ESC 22/6/23, no objections from WPC.

DC/23/2394/VOC Wissett House The Street Wissett IP19 0JH Variation of Condition 2 of DC/16/5391/FUL - Demolition of existing extensions & outbuildings with replacement extensions & associated remodelling works. - Replace approved drawings with RL/44.33/42.05 A and RL/44.33/42-06 A. No objections from WPC

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DC/23/2399/LBC Halcyon Barn Mill Road Wissett IP19 0JF Listed Building Consent - Convert Outbuilding to Holiday Cottage

DC/23/2398/FUL Halcyon Barn Mill Road Wissett IP19 0JF Convert Outbuilding to Holiday Cottage

WPC oppose both these applications for reasons already detailed in the original application DC/22/4628/FUL which was withdrawn by the applicant. These objections include the lack of a proper heritage statement and, whilst the application refers to a conversion of outbuilding, the plans are for a barn and cart lodge. WPC opinion is that this is over-development and commercialisation of the property

DC/23/2635/FUL Bulhams Covert, Grays Lane, Wissett IP19 0JS Conversion of redundant barn to single dwelling. WPC have no objections to this application and are in support of its approval as it contributes towards the supply of relatively low cost housing in the area assisting ESC to meet its targets in this respect

### RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved to further delay a decision on proceeding with a Neighbourhood Plan until the September meeting. EF to prepare a "10-point plan" to outline the possible benefits and work involved, and to see if enough support can be raised in the Village.

It was resolved in principle to support the proposal to create a local biodiversity plan for the Village. EF will prepare an outline plan and proposal for further consideration at the September meeting. It was further resolved to commit circa £100 towards the purchase of daffodil bulbs to be planted this year on the verge on The Street, outside the Village Hall.

### FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SES Business Water	Water Charge May	£2.88
Mr W Simpson	Printer ink	£39.98
SES Business Water	Water Charge June	£2.88
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88
East Suffolk Council	Uncontested election costs	£78.54

All were approved for payments to be made.

### INCOME RECEIVED:

Interest on deposit account £22.92

Account balances at 10<sup>th</sup> July – Current £3,416.10 - Deposit £11,014.74

### CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

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

An email from the Hedgehog Highway was considered. It was felt that there was no need to purchase "fence hedgehog doors" as they are able to generally roam free in our village environment. All local wildlife will be considered in the proposed biodiversity plan.

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

There are a few remaining Coronation commemorative mugs available for sale at £6 each. 15 have been given at no cost to children of school age living in Wissett. For anyone wishing to purchase, there are 6 in the Church with an honesty box, or contact the Parish Clerk.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Meeting closed at 9.00pm