

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st
September 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 Beth Keys-Holloway Cllr Geoffrey Wakeling

NOT PRESENT:

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 20th July 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 was deployed 28/8 to 4/9 and photographed just 22 vehicles. The numbers are low because it was sited near the road closure due to major road works. Clerk to make them aware.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. Parish Council sent further objections to the revised plans on 31/8/23. Spexhall & Rumburgh have also objected. FB is still chasing the planners for a process timetable, and has spoken to Highways regarding the vehicle passing places with a view to have a site visit.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. No requests for support have been received and the £500 budgeted for 23/24 will remain in place. Clerk to arrange refund of £484.68 to ESC being 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) The short light in the car park had been damaged beyond repair. A new one has been bought and fitted.
- f) 240 bulbs have been planted beside The Beck by members of the Parish Council and family.
- g) There are still a few Coronation mugs left, which will be made available for sale at the McMillan coffee morning in the Village Hall on 23/9/23

AD presented her report and made available via email to the Parish Councillors.

BK-H & GW sent in their report, which was emailed to Parish Councillors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/23/2827/FUL Hill House, The Street, IP19 0JH Replacement Conservatory to rear elevation

DC/23/2828/LBC Hill House, The Street, IP19 0JH Listed Building Consent Replacement Conservatory to rear elevation

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DC/23/2784/LBC The Swan 24 The Street IP19 0JG Listed Building Consent - To comply with the recommended minimum distance between the top of the chimney stack and the ridge line of the thatched roof, we need to add a chimney pot. Will also remove the TV aerial and the cables that run from it on top of the thatch and into the front of the house. No objections were raised to the above 3.

DC/23/2635/FUL Bulhams Covert, Grays Lane IP19 0JS Conversion of redundant barn to single dwelling Was supported by the Parish Council in July, but has been refused by Planning.

RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved to proceed with asking Parishioners if they would support a Neighbourhood Plan being made, and if anyone is interested in volunteering to be a part of the committee. EF has prepared a brief plan outlining the possible benefits and the work involved. It was further resolved to budget £250 towards the cost of printing a leaflet, which will be hand delivered to Parishioners, and a possible village meeting.

It was resolved to support the proposal to create a local biodiversity plan for the Village. EF has prepared an outline plan and proposal which will be advertised in the Wissett Web and via email, and to arrange a meeting in the village hall. Will also consider joining the "Quiet Lanes" scheme. Some funding may be available via the local "self-help" scheme from SCC.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed. Clerk included an outline budget for 24/25 for the Parish Council to consider prior to the November meeting, where it needs to be approved by resolution.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

East Suffolk Council	Refund warm rooms grant	£484.68
SES Business Water	Water Charge July	£2.88
Zurich Town & Parish Insurer	Parish Council insurance 23/23	£214.00
EON Next	Elec 1/5 to 31/7 2023	£54.09
Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88
UK Electrical Supplies LLP	Replacement car park light	£139.30
SES Business Water	Water Charge August	£2.88

All were approved for payments to be made.

INCOME RECEIVED:

Interest on deposit account	£29.57
Sale of Coronation Mugs	£60.00

Account balances at 8th September – Current £3,150.87 - Deposit £11,104.31

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

General circulars previously emailed, and letters received shown, with no action required. Barclays Bank have requested that all information is updated with them. Clerk has completed the forms and post back on 15th September.

The Parish Council Insurance has been renewed for 23/24

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MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

The hedges between the Village car park and Lodge Lane, and the village field and Joels land, all need some attention and will be on November's agenda for discussion and resolution.

A decision needs to be considered for the future of the allotments currently rented out and will be on November's agenda for discussion and resolution.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 16th November 2023

Meeting closed at 9.25pm