

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 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: Cllr Annette Dunning

ALSO, PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), 2 Members of the public.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Matthew Wetmore mentioned he was a neighbour of the planning application submitted for consideration, but there was no pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12th December 2022:

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

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment remains faulty, PP has returned to Brampton Parish Council for possible repair to be arranged. The ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system will be in Wissett 12/1/23
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm. FB has prepared a letter for Planning to highlight some errors in the original pre-planning advice. This will be emailed to the Planning Officer. EF had visit from Heritage, Trees and Planning who walked the proposed site and were surprised at the actual size of the proposal and its potential impact.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. The grant has been received to support the joint cost involved with The Plough opening earlier on Thursdays to provide a warm environment, along with tea, coffee and board games. Very little take-up has been reported so may re-advertise and consider banner when re-opens.
- d) DC/19/4590/FUL - 5 The Street, Wissett. Windows. Is valid until the 16th January 2023. Clerk to remind ESC after 16/1/23 that a planning enforcement notice should be served.
- e) A new timer for the village car park lights has been installed in the kiosk.
- f) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12 on ref. No. 00381699. FB advised that someone from Environmental Agency has now seen the damage and reported to their Asset Performance Team. FB is in 'phone contact with them.
- g) Clerk reminded the Councillors that 2023 is an election year, discussed what happens and potential costs should it go to a Parish Election.
- h) Parish laptop is now over 5 years old and very slow. To consider potential replacement from reserves if becomes unusable.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/21/4863/FUL 02/11/2021 Lilac Lodge, The Street "Renovation of existing 1980's house with two modern extensions. Incorporating existing garage, providing new ground floor study and kitchen dining room. additional ensuite bathroom to master bedroom and ensuite to bedroom 2 and roof terrace."

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The Parish Council objects to this on the grounds that the development is much too large for the site and the development uses inappropriate materials. The size and materials, if built, would result in a significant loss of visual amenity as the building is on a junction and will be visible from Grays Lane, the Street and Lodge Lane and detracts from the Grade 1 listed church opposite and the grade 2 listed building next door to it. They also ask if the conservation Officer has been consulted on this 3rd proposal. Full details are on planning portal.

RESOLUTIONS

It was resolved that, due to the potential tenant withdrawing from the rental of the land near Rumburgh, to ask a previous interested party prior to re advertising.

It was resolved to defer a decision on a proposed WW1 Memorial trail until March to allow a proposer to prepare an outline for the scheme.

It was resolved to further defer decision on preparing a Neighbourhood plan until March. FB has spoken to the Council and awaiting a call back with a view to a representative attending 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 to defer decision on joining the Chediston community bus scheme. A volunteer from the Halesworth Community Bus Scheme advised that joining might not present a viable route for the existing run, and would provide us with a separate estimate of cost to run a once weekly Wissett to Halesworth bus. The financial viability will then be considered after finding out how many parishioners would use it. Alternative is possibly the BACT scheme. Clerk to email asking who might be interested and get BACT details.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2022-2023 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chadd Electrical	Move light timer	£66.00
EON Next	Field electric	£26.68
SES Business Water	Water Charge November	£4.58
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Mr W Simpson	Agreed mileage expenses	£20.88

All were approved for payments to be made.

INCOME RECEIVED:

East Suffolk Council	Grant for warm rooms made 22/11/21	£1,430.00
Barclays Bank	Interest on deposit account 5/12/22	£6.12

Account balances at 6th January – Current £2,724.96 - Deposit £10,978.20

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

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

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

Potholes in the village car park to be looked at by MW & EF and quotes obtained to be considered at March meeting.

Possibly consider Coronation Commemorative mugs at next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 16th March 2023

Meeting closed at 9.00pm