

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19th March 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Beryl Matthews, Paul Parry

APOLOGIES: Hannah Pretty, Matthew Wetmore, Geoffrey Kiddy, Camilla Prior, Cllr. Alison Cackett

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Tony Goldson, 0 Members of the public

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Frank Burton was duly elected as Chair for this meeting.

As only 3 Parish Councillors were available for this meeting it was decided to defer some items.

Coronavirus – Covid-19 Situation:

Tony Goldson advised there will be a strategic coordination of our local community in response to this. They have established a strategic resilience group to coordinate across Halesworth and the Parish Councils in Tony's area. Therefore, they are creating a Halesworth and Area Covid-19 Co-ordination Group made up of community groups, the Churches, charities, local businesses, the GP's Surgery and all Parish Councils. This group exists to create effective communication, identify practical ways we can provide support and ensure that isolated and isolating people can stay in touch with their community. Further details will follow shortly, and the first action will be to deliver information cards to all homes in Wissett.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16th January 2020:

Minutes of the meeting were signed as true copies.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

The VAS equipment was in use during March

Village Hall Repairs- A lot of the necessary work is now complete, but further work is required. Fund raising is progressing well and a copy of the Village Hall Chairman's report was sent to all Parish Councillors.

Village Sign. Carving is still in progress. Once complete, painting can start. Still a question as to if the existing post can be used or if a new one should be arranged.

Paths at Brickhill Cottages. The Housing department at SCC has issued an order for the works to be done. Clerk to progress for date.

Bus service to Halesworth finished 25/9/19. District Councillors and local MP are still trying to arrange meeting to discuss possible solutions.

Repainting the bridge railings at Lodge Lane. Decided to defer until next meeting

Update from CP on attendance of The French Nuclear Trap screening deferred as CP not at meeting

Beryl Matthews and Bill Simpson updated the meeting with information from the joint Parishes meeting held on 27th February. Main topics were buses, Halesworth car parks and self-help scheme.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS: None

It was decided to defer decision on the estimated cost of repainting the bridge railings at Lodge Lane until the next meeting.

It was resolved to defer the final acceptance of a donation from a Parishioner of a commemorative bench for the Village Field. Both Parish Councillors who met with the donor to discuss position were unable to attend this meeting.

It was resolved to accept the quotation from East Suffolk Norse of £325 plus VAT for grass cutting.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2019-2020 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SES Business Water	Water charges Jan 2020	£5.41
SES Business Water	Water charges Feb 2020	£5.41
East Suffolk Council	Allotment rent	£30.00

All were approved for cheques to be signed.

INCOME RECIEVED:

Interest on premium account		£4.77
Halesworth Town Council	VAS insurance contribution	£18.72

Account balances at 10th March – Current £675.82 - Deposit £11,961.31

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Various circulars were shown with no actions required.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL;

Flooding road near the Vineyards. Cllr. Tony Goldson advised unable to unblock and has allocated funds to pay for further works to resolve.

Village footpath No.6 on The Street (from opposite Bonds Farm entrance to around Ash Tree Farm). 7 emails and a similar number of verbal requests that the matter is pursued. Clerk to take up further with SCC.

Works Supervisor Course to enable the self-help scheme. Tony Goldson is trying to arrange a district training session. Thus far, only 3 from Wissett and Tony have put names down for this.

Village Hall Committee AGM took place on 16th March. Clerk to forward minutes when received. They are £1,000 py short on running budget and are looking for a single Wissett fund raising group, with the 1st £1,000 going to the Village Hall.

Discussion on if to adopt the Village Xmas tree to be considered at next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Planned for Thursday 21st May 2020 at 7:30pm. Current situation might require cancelling or postponing.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm