

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM

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

APOLOGIES: Hannah Pretty, Cllr. Alison Cackett

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Tony Goldson, 3 Members of the public

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

GK mentioned he was involved in the Church, relating to item 10

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020:

Minutes of the meeting will be signed as true copies.

### REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

### REPORTS:

- a) VAS will be in use in December
- b) Village Hall Repairs- New gents toilets installed, plaster repairs taking place, new radiators being installed. Donation from TG received.
- c) Potholes in layby outside Brickhill Cottages have now been completed. A drop-down kerb was included and gives easy access to the path.
- d) No further news on bus service for Wissett. Rural transport is being considered by the Community Partnership forum.
- e) Footpath 4 alleged unauthorised works/landfill adjacent to the public footpath near Hill Farm has now been cleared.
- f) The road that floods outside Valley Vineyards. TG advised that works are scheduled.
- g) Trees on village field. No further reports, to be reviewed in March.
- h) Community Partnership and buddy scheme. BM reported on the last community partnership meeting, and will continue to attend. Reported that response from the Wissett buddy scheme had returned far more volunteers than those who might need help. Due to regulation restraints, those offering to volunteer have been asked to contact the Halesworth volunteer group. Those who said they might possibly need some help have all been contacted directly.
- i) FB reported on the Zoom meeting held by Peter Aldous. He advised useful and would continue to attend future meetings.
- j) Village Xmas Tree. This should be delivered by mid-December and volunteers will be required to erect and dress etc. Any potential activity around the lighting of the tree would be subject to Covid restrictions in place. It was agreed the Clerk should formally thank the supplier on behalf of the Parish Council and Parishioners.
- k) Sizewell DCO submission. A member of the public expressed concern over the project and its possible repercussions to Wissett. TG reported "the County Council have serious reservations about the proposal as it stands and have responded to that effect to the commissioner. Any further updates, I will pass on to you as and when we receive them." Wissett Parish Council are supporting the views of SCC.

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- l) 5 The Street. Planning are aware that works to correct the windows have not yet been done. They are treating the door as a separate issue. Clerk was asked to pursue for updates.
- m) Hannah wishing to stand down. The Parish Councillors voiced that she is held in high regard by all members of the Council, as well as the Parishioners. No one felt they currently held the experience to take up this role, and have requested that she reconsider for the time being.
- n) Commemorative Bench. There is approximately an 8 week lead time on delivery, and the base will need to be laid first. Clerk is to arrange for the purchase of the bench by the Parish Council and for the base to be laid. Melita Rouse-Skeet is donating the money for the bench and TG is paying for the base.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/20/3913/FUL Ash Tree Farm Demolition of 2 no. dilapidated outbuildings and replacement with new 2-bedroom annexe – No objections.

It was resolved to ask if the Village Hall Committee would consider placing the old village sign in the Village Hall. Clerk to ask and advise.

It was resolved to defer the setting of the 2021/2022 precept until January as requested by East Suffolk Council. They will formally request our precept when they notify us of the confirmed tax base in early January.

It was resolved not to offer the Parochial Church Council any further financial contributions towards the upkeep of the churchyard at this time. It was felt the existing contributions are a major part of the precept. The PC asked the PCC to consider other potential contractors and funding sources, and reviewing the time between cuts in order to reduce costs.

### FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2020-2021 was reviewed.

### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Suffolk Assn of Local Councils	BM Planning webinar x 3	£90.00
Simon Bonnett	New village hall shed	£780.00
SES Business Water	Water charges Sept Bill No. 20	£5.45
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Mr W Simpson	Salary and expenses	£640.05
Community Action Suffolk	Website hosting	£60.00
IRD & PM Harris	Grass cutting playing field	£288.00

All were approved for cheques to be signed.

### INCOME RECEIVED:

East Suffolk Council	Donation from TG towards Village Hall works	£1,500.00
East Suffolk Council	Second half of annual precept	£1,989.00
Account balances at 16 <sup>th</sup> November – Current £4,725.86 - Deposit £11,966.18		

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### CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

A parishioner had written asking the PC to consider the "Quite Lanes" scheme for Mill Road. Various members of the PC have looked at this and could not see any benefits that this might bring to the village, and would have a cost to the Parish. FB will speak to the person who sent the request to discuss.

EON have written regarding continuing as the electricity supplier to the village field. This was agreed to be extended.

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

It was reported that some increase in traffic through the village might be down to unknown factory/workshop activities. Clerk was asked to speak to Planning for any information.

GK advised that St Andrew's Church now has a Facebook page "St Andrew's Church Wissett". Subject to Covid 19 restrictions and rules, there may be some limited Christmas activities but will be by booking spaces only. More details will be on the Facebook page.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING –Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm