

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17th September 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM

PRESENT: Hannah Pretty, Matthew Wetmore, Geoffrey Kiddy, Frank Burton, Beryl Matthews, Paul Parry

APOLOGIES: Camilla Prior

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Alison Cackett

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 16th July 2020:

Minutes of the meeting will be signed as true copies.

REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

REPORTS:

- a) VAS is in use September. TG advised new ANPR system in testing.
- b) Village Hall Repairs- Work on doors and windows now complete, including the gothic window. False external kitchen door has been refurbished and painted. Work on outside metal fences is part done and underway. New shed base is down and allowed for installation of new French drain. Work done to improve storage room, including new sliding door. Registered the Village Hall Charitable Trust with HMRC and this will hopefully allow them to enhance funds by about £1,500 by claiming Gift Aid. Now looking at options for refurbishing the Gents WC, the kitchen and redecorating the main hall. Also looking at improving the heating, which is likely to be particularly costly. Recently claimed a grant from the Government, via East Suffolk Council, for a further £10,000 which they expect will allow them to complete most of this work to a reasonable standard
- c) The new Village Sign is now in place. Melita Rouse-Skeet has volunteered to repaint the metal post holder.
- d) Potholes in layby outside Brickhill Cottages should be filled by end of September and may require some road closures / traffic management.
- e) No further news on bus service for Wissett. BACT have advised still operating for medical and hospital journeys only. The community car service will be reviewed after restrictions lifted. TG confirmed restrictions on community bus.
- f) The repainting of the bridge. Decision to be deferred until March 2021.
- g) Footpath 4 has alleged unauthorised works/landfill adjacent to the public footpath near Hill Farm. The Environment Agency have re-inspected and issued further letters. Clerk was asked to see if any further information or update available.
- h) The road that floods outside Valley Vineyards. TG advised that the camera inspection has taken place and he is awaiting the results and planned actions.
- i) Trees on village field. MW and CP Have done some work and will review again. The hedge on the Church side will be inspected and trimmed by MW.
- j) Community Partnership. BM advised last meeting discussed local transport, annual forum and possible small grants for rural Parishes activities. Actions resolved below.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

None received. ESC has approved extension at Sandpit Cottage.

It was resolved to adopt the Village Xmas tree from 2020. Volunteers will be needed to erect and dress the tree. Possible lighting up event dependent on covid 19 regulations.

It was resolved to proceed with the installation of a commemorative bench generously donated by a Parishioner, Melita Rouse-Skeet. Location was agreed as near the new tree planted and facing the village sign. TG has offered to pay the cost of the concrete base.

It was resolved to write to all Parishioners about a potential "buddy scheme" to offer help and assistance during the continuing pandemic. This could be just someone to talk to, as well as practical assistance with shopping etc. Volunteers will also be required. BM, CP, HP and Melita Rouse-Skeet have volunteered to arrange the letter.

It was resolved to approve the revised NALC agreed salary scales for the Clerk.

FINANCE:

The Village Asset Register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2020-2021 was reviewed.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

SES Business Water	Water charges July	£5.45
Mr D T Barber	Painting Village Sign	£980.00
Mr T S Jones	Carving Village Sign	£1,000.00
Business Services at CAS	Parish Council Insurance	£258.72
SES Business Water	Water charges August	£10.90
Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils	Planning webinar	£30.00

All were approved for cheques to be signed.

INCOME RECEIVED:

Brampton Parish Council	VAS insurance contribution	£18.72
Blyford Parish Council	VAS insurance contribution	£18.72
Interest	Community account	£1.66

Account balances at 10th September – Current £4,518.48 - Deposit £11,966.18

CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

FB will attend meeting with Peter Aldous on 7th October via Zoom

BM will attend SALC Planning webinars via Zoom

Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes wish to plant a tree on the village field (already agreed via emails)

FB will register us as an interested party in the Sizewell C DCO by submitting a short "Relevant Representation" in support of SCC's objections regarding traffic issues.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

Hannah Pretty stated she would like to stand down as Chair and asked the Council to consider who would replace her.

FB advised he had been asked about increase in traffic through the Village recently. No one else has received any comments or were personally aware of an increase.

The Wissett plough has a new Landlord and are reopening on Saturday 19th September.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING – Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm