

DRAFT WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 10th April 2018

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Jackson, Hayes, Farrands, Ives, S Smith, Miller, Shepherd & Carter
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk, D Cllr Cackett & Mr L Pallett from Henham Quarry

1 Open

2 Declarations of Interest – None

3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence C Cllr Goldson, other meeting

PUBLIC FORUM: To include reports from County/District Councillors.

Mr Pallett gave the following brief talk on the Quarry: He took over the quarry from Grunden Sand & Gravel in May 2015 and has worked with planners and Mr H Rouse regarding how the land will be left when excavation finishes in 10 – 15 years, they intend to fill in with inert materials and grass over returning it to parkland. The current operations include excavation and recycling secondary aggregate, which is brought in by lorry. Mr Pallett is keen to be a good neighbour and endeavours to keep the surrounding lanes clear of mud and has erected signs at the entrance and exits to the quarry to prohibit lorries accessing the quarry from the A145. He did say that other hauliers use these lanes and that is out of his control. He is happy for the PC to contact him with any problems. Cllr Carter asked why approximately half of the verge alongside one of the lanes has been removed as this seems to have clogged the gullies, Mr Pallett replied that his men dug it out to restore the road to it's original width. Cllr Shepherd said that he had seen 3 lorries parked one behind the other along 1 lane and wondered why, Mr Pallett said there was no reason as his yard has enough parking for drivers to take a tacho break and toilet facilities.

The PC thanked Mr Pallett for attending the meeting.

D Cllr Cackett: Apologised that WPCs meetings often clash with WDC's. It has been a busy time for WDC with looking at Ward boundary changes that will come with the merger, there are plans for bigger wards, there is to be a consultation period. There will be no head office just 2 bases 1 at Lowestoft and 1 at Melton with meetings being held at alternate offices. The merger will be difficult at first, but will certainly mean that the area will be better off financially. WDC's reserves are very healthy at the moment to cope with further deeper cuts from Central Government, they are looking at becoming self-sufficient in the future. SCC's Colin Noble's bid to make the CC a unitary Authority is being opposed. **C Cllr Goldson & D Cllr Cackett hold a Surgery every 3rd Saturday 10.00-11.00 upstairs in Halesworth Library** for anybody with concerns they may be able to help with. D Cllr Cackett finished by offering anyone who wants to attend a WDC meeting a lift.

4 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018

The minutes have been circulated Cllr S Smith proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Shepherd, with 8 votes for and 1 abstention they were signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the Minutes

Bins for the A12 - Still waiting for quote for bases

Gate for play area – Still waiting for quotes

Content of website – Cllrs Shepherd said the Clerk had made a good start on the site which now includes all the documents needed to comply with the Transparency Code. Cllr S Smith would like to put some photos of the Village on the site and the Clerk would like to have a page for Clubs and Societies with contact details and asked if anyone has any more ideas for content to get in touch.

Refurbishment of Notice Board – Still waiting for a quote

From Annual Parish Meeting – As the past 2 years only 1 member of the public have attended the Parish Meetings wasting money hiring the hall for an extra meeting Cllr S Smith proposed that the Parish Meeting takes place immediately before the April Meeting in future, 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif.

Cllr A Smith proposed accepting the minutes at the next PC meeting instead of the next year, 2nd Cllr Hayes aif.

Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance of the APM Minutes from 2018, 2nd Cllr Carter aif.

Following the closure of the Angel the suggestion of having it listed as an Asset of Community Value was raised, this would give a 6 month moratorium to give the village time to buy in the event of it being put up for sale. The Star , Wenhaston was a very successful example of a Community Pub and Cllr Ives has been in touch with reps from Franston near Saxmundham who have just done this. Cllr A Smith will do some research.

Data Protection – In hand.

6 Reports On :-

a Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary's Website. 2 crimes were reported in February

1 x violence, Millfields - Under investigation. 1 x ASB, Elms Lane.

b VAS – has been near the Farm Shop for 3 weeks, in that time approximately 21,000 vehicles passed the sign 12,000 of which were at 30mph or below, 9,000 odd up to 35mph, a few up to 40mph, 95 at 50mph one at 60mph and 2 at 65mph. Cllr A Smith will look at the data in depth to determine if these excessive speeds have occurred at similar times will report it to the police in the hope of their attendance with their speed gun. Purchasing an ANPR will be discussed at next month's meeting. Cllrs Carter and Hayes will be attending the Parishes Meeting tomorrow and will bring this matter up.

c Works to allotments & garages – Works held up due to the weather and will hopefully be completed soon.

d Any other Councillor reports

.Cllr Jackson has looked over WDC's Local Plan final draft and reported that only the preferred site North of Elms Lane is allocated for 16 homes remains in their plan for Wangford.

7. Finance**a. Accounts for Payment**

	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			251.38
Landplanter Construction emergency repairs to shed	345.44	69.08	414.52
One Suffolk – website host 1 year	50.00	10.00	60.00
SALC – Subs			250.47
J Spurdens – Rodent control			<u>50.00</u>
Total 5			£1026.37

Cllr A Smith felt the repairs to the shed were urgent to prevent more damage and so only got one quote.

Cllr Jackson proposed acceptance of these accounts. 2nd Cllr Carter aif

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts - Interest £7.09

d Bank Statement Figures- 26th March 2018 CA :£ 9,166.83 BSA £14,212.01 Inc £5,436.20 Latitude ticket money

e Internet Banking – The Clerk is still unable to make payments and will write to Barclays again.

f Presentation of draft accounts for approval – circulated. Cllr Hayes proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr S Smith aif

g Presentation of Bank Reconciliation – circulated

h Presentation of Budget to Actual – circulated

I Presentation of Asset Register – circulated

Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance to Items g,h & I, 2nd Cllr Hayes aif

j Reserves – any future projects to be financed by reserves. Over the next few years the PC will need approx. £30,000 for the following projects, new mower £12,000, maintenance to MUGA £4,000, maintenance to children's play area £4,000, new signs and maintenance to fencing £1,500, works to garages and allotments £9,000 & asbestos removal £1,200.

8 Correspondence – None**9 Planning –**

a. Applications rec'd - None

b. Decisions Rec'd - None

10 Any other business duly specified – Following Cllr Carter's question if the container near Valley Farm needs planning permission, WDC Planning Dept said it does but the Clerk has heard nothing since and will contact them again.

11 Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 8th May 2018

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