

## WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Jackson, Ives, S Smith, Shepherd, Miller & Carter  
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk.

**1 Opening**–The meeting was declared open at 8pm.

**2 Declarations of Interest** – None

**3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence** Cllr Hayes – holiday

**PUBLIC FORUM:** To include reports from County/District Councillors. None

### **4 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes have been circulated - Cllr Jackson proposed acceptance, with the following amendment 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr S Smith aif. Signed by the Chairman.

Amendment Item 6b Cllr Jackson said that the allotment was an awful disgrace. Cllr Jackson then went on to ask why the Clerk had taken it upon herself to ask the handyman to strim the plot when the tenant should keep it in good order and the PC should not be paying to do it. The Clerk replied that the tenant had given notice on it some months ago and since none of the Councillors want to be in charge of the allotments and he had complained about the weeds last month she thought that was the best course of action Cllr A Smith said that it would be cheaper in the long run to have vacant plots strimmed rather than left to run riot and thought that after the rent renewal date has passed vacant plots should be grassed over, this will be looked at in October. In future she will ask Cllr A Smith before making any decisions regarding the plots.

### **5 Matters arising from the minutes**

Bins for the laybys on the A12. Cllr S Smith has received a quote from Broxap for 4 metal bins with fixings for £1,217.00 + vat. He will get another quote for concrete ones and also quotes from another supplier. Waveney Norse have agreed to empty them.

Money earmarked to contribute to cutting grass round the War Memorial, the Clerk only has records going back to 2005. It would seem that this amount has been absorbed into the general account. Mr G Ives has very kindly volunteered to keep the grass around it tidy.

### **6 Reports**

a Crime Report – 4 crimes reported in May

1 x ASB, Priory Gardens. 1x violence, High Street – investigation complete no suspect identified.

1 x Other crime (this category includes forgery, perjury & other miscellaneous crime) & 1 x other theft both in Church Street and both under investigation.

b Allotments & Garages - The allotment plots are to be resized and numbered in October, when the new garage plots are set down. The Clerk will add an addition to new garage plot agreements which make clear that there shall be no sub-letting and when a plot is no longer required by an existing tenant they should notify the PC who will allocate the plot.

c Emergency Plan – Cllrs Smith will arrange a meeting with Cllrs Ives & Hayes to finish the plan.

d VAS - The sign has been near the Farm Shop for approximately 3 weeks, nearly 5,000 vehicles passed it in this time and 58% were over the speed limit. These figures show that the problem appears to be getting worse again. Cllr Carter attended the Halesworth Parishes meeting last month where he learnt that these VAS signs seem to be losing their impact and the trend is to replace with ANPR signs and speedguns so that motorists may be prosecuted. The PC will think about upgrading in the future and the Clerk will get a price, Cllr Goldson may have some money to put towards one.

e Any other Councillor reports. None

### **7 Finance**

#### **a) Accounts awaiting payment –**

	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			270.16
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
John Lytton Repairs to step area – Playing field	624.00	14.80	748.80
Westcotec Additional bracket sets	100.00	20.00	120.00
Ben Burgess Mower service and repairs	707.17	141.44	848.61
Cllr A Smith Weedkiller			25.99

**Total 6**

**£2,046.50**

**b Accounts already paid - None**

Cllr Shepherd proposed acceptance of these accounts, seconded Cllr A Smith, aif

c Receipts - None

d Bank Statement Figures- 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 C A : £11,753.97- BSA- £14,209.52

e Internet Banking – Clerk to ask for a card for Cllr A Smith again

f Transparency Code Fund. There is £550.00 left from the grant after the Clerk bought a printer/scanner and after some discussion Cllr A Smith proposed that this money be returned as there is no need to get one at the moment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Shepherd aif.

**8 Correspondence – None****9 Planning –****a Applications Rec'd**

DC/17/3030/FUL Mr & Mrs King 23 Church Street. Extension to rear of garage and replace roof. Cllr Jackson proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Shepherd aif

DC/16/4222/OUT Dr & Mrs Campbell Wangford Farm. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the refusal of planning permission, comments by 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Any comments already received by WDC will go to the Inspectorate and therefore there is no need for any action.

**b Decisions Rec'd - None**

A copy of the WDC's 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the Local Plan was on display

**10 Any other business**

Request for a reduction of the speed limit on A145. Cllr Carter reported that Cllr Goldson does not appear to have done anything with the written request set last year. Cllr A Smith proposed that The PC support this request 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Shepherd, with 6 votes for 1 against the proposal was accepted. Cllr Carter is to canvass his neighbours for letters and help to monitor and video traffic to make a case to SCC, when this has been done Cllr A Smith & the Clerk will draft a letter to Mark Kerridge asking that if a reduction is not possible could he help with other speed calming measures.

**11 Close** There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.01 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017