

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 8.00pm Tuesday 8th December 2020

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S Smith, Ives, Carter, Miller, Farrands & Pepper.
In attendance Clerk J Brown, Cllr Goldson & 2 members of the public

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
2. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** – Cllr Crossley, family bereavement.
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th November 2020**
 Cllr Pepper proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr S Smith, 6 in favour 1 abstention.

PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Goldson: There is not much to report from County. A site has been identified for a new bus stop in Norfolk Road – heading towards Southwold just past no 41 there is a brick layby which can be widened to enable buses to pull in, he has spoken to the residents of no 41 & 41a who are happy with this. The Skills Centre's apprentices would be happy to make a bus shelter for the costs of materials only. There were no questions and Cllr Goldson left the meeting at 8.15.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

2 applications for Councillor Vacancies. The Clerk circulated applications from E Utting and R Waters, who were placed in the 'waiting room' while Cllrs decided that both would be assets to the PC, Cllr Pepper proposed that both be co opted onto the PC, 2nd Cllr Ives, aif. Both were brought back into the meeting and welcomed to the Council.

Councillor Training. Training courses are being held on line by SALC but are booked up until March, The Clerk will book Cllrs Utting, Waters, Ives & Pepper onto the next available courses.

Bus stop in Wangford Road. The stop will be moved further from the bend nearer to the Farm Shop and another will be made near to the junction of Hill Rd, Church St & Wangford Rd. Cllrs all agreed that given the parking problems in Church St, the Old Post Office and the pub have been hit by buses a couple of times, it would be more sensible for buses to run along Norfolk Rd. Cllrs A & S Smith met on site with Cllr Goldson and as well as the new stop mentioned in Cllr Goldson's report they are looking at sites in Norfolk Rd one near the Vets and one near the Memorial. There had been some complaints that moving the stops would make for a longer walk to reach the shop, pub and doctor's, but Cllrs felt it would not make much difference.

Wildflower area and memorial bench. Cllr Pepper: Beds where the hedges will go and the central bed were rotavated and composted in a day, he thanked Barry Dewing. Helen Rolfe, with volunteers, will plant the bulbs shortly. Trees have been delivered Cllrs A & S Smith will plant these over the weekend with help from volunteers, Cllr Pepper will get the watering pipe on site.

Discuss need for rugby goal extension. Cllrs A & S Smith are dealing with this.

Repairs to play equipment. Clerk to check the tape and sign is still in place this weekend.

Prevention of vehicular access to playing field. In hand.

5. **REPORTS**

Clerk's report to include Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary's Website. There 2 crimes reported in October: 1 x violence High St - under investigation.

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All rents due for garages and allotments have been collected.

There is no news from ESC re disused garage block, Millfields. ESC told the Clerk that they are thinking of demolishing the block and will bear in mind the PC's request, Clerk to remind Cllr Goldson.

6. FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			290.47
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
HMRC, PAYE			1.40
G Pepper – Plants for Wildflower area & grass marker paint			54.90
Total 3			£382.14

Cllr Miller proposed acceptance of these accounts, 2nd Cllr Pepper, aif.

b Accounts already paid – Imon Site (Compost) £240.00, Homestead Nurseries (Plants) £302.32

c Receipts – Allotments/garages £146.50.

d Bank Statement Figures- 30th November 2020 C Acc: £2,250.44 B Acc: £5,547.01 (No change from last month's) Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £15,733.61. (No change from last month's) C Acc Statement circulated. Includes £1,129.73 CIL to be spent by October 2025

e Presentation of Draft Precept Budget – After a short discussion Cllr A Smith proposed the precept demand remain the same as last year at £6,500.00, 2nd Cllr Farrands, aif.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – None**8. PLANNING –**

a Applications rec'd: None

b Decisions rec'd: None

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Miller reported that some trees from Henham Estate had fallen into the River Wang, Clerk to contact Hektor Rous in the first instance.

There being no other business the Chair thanked everyone for their work over the past year and wished all a Merry Christmas, he was sorry that we missed out on the sherry and mince pies this year and expressed the hope that after the vaccine we may be able to meet in person sometime in the New Year.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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Next meeting 12th January 2021