

**Draft Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre
at 8.00pm Tuesday 14th December 2021**

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S Smith, Pepper, Ives, Waters, Miller, Carter & D Cllr Brooks.
Attending Clerk J Brown & Helen Rolfe.

1 Declarations of Interest - None

2 Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllr Farrands, family commitment, Cllr Utting, unwell.

Public forum – to include County & District Councillor’s reports.

Cllr Brooks – Nothing to report from our area. ESC are busy preparing budgets for next year and hope to gain Gov. funding for regeneration projects in Lowestoft. The 3rd crossing is going very well, on time and budget, there will be road closures around the site for some time to come. There will be no changes to bin collections over the Christmas period.

Parking enforcement is going well so far and there is a possibility of more traffic enforcements being delegated to District Councils. There are more 4 hour maximum stay car parks in town centres now to encourage shoppers.

Helen Rolfe gave a presentation of the draft interpretation board which she has worked on with Cllr Pepper, this will be sent to Shelly Signs who will make any number of changes at no extra cost. The board and legs will be made from recycled plastic. Helen and Cllr Pepper wished to thank the expanding group of volunteers that have met every month since June to help with planting, digging etc to bring this lovely project to fruition.

3 Acceptance of minutes of meeting held 9th November 2021. Cllr Waters proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr S Smith, 6 for, 1 abstention.

4 Matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings

Bus stops – No progress, the PC are waiting to hear back from C Cllr Dunning on costs.
New signs - Dogs & Garages. Awaiting delivery.

5 Reports

Clerk’s report to include Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary’s Website. September 1 x Other theft near to the junction with A12 – Investigation complete no suspect identified. October - no crimes reported.

Closure of Potters Bridge -Cllr A Smith has written to C Cllr Dunning, the Clerk has written to T Coffey MP, C Cllr Dunning, the local police and Highways outlining the problems this is causing for the village and the accidents at the junction. The polices’ response was as expected – will try to keep an eye out when they have time as there is no longer a traffic division in Halesworth. Highways replied to say that the EA has cleared the outfalls and Highways will begin repairs once the water has cleared, but there is no timescale as yet, Highways were very quick to place the requested slow signs in Norfolk Road which seem to be helping. There has been no reply from either C Cllr Dunning nor the MP. Southwold and Reydon Society are organising a meeting with the MP early in January. Mr John Huggins has started a petition with approx. 400 signatures. Cllr A Smith has put the SID up in Norfolk Road and recorded traffic 22,805 in 10 days is double the amount in December 2019, but the speeds are similar.

6. Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

| | COST | VAT | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------|
| J Brown, Clerk’s Pay & expenses | 293.41 | 2.97 | 296.38 |
| S Smith, New battery for bank card reader | 3.33 | 0.67 | 4.00 |
| Wangford Community Council, Water | | | 16.59 |
| Eon, Electricity | 12.52 | 0.63 | 13.15 |
| Total 4 | | | £330.12 |

Cllr Miller proposed payment of the accounts, 2nd Cllr Pepper, 6 for 1 abstention.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – Allotments £117.00

d Bank Statement Figures- 26th November 2021 C Acc: £3,965.16 B Acc: 9,247.53
Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £19,128.47 **Includes £976.89 CIL** – Clerk to find out which
development this came from.

e Presentation of Precept budget for discussion. After some discussion Cllr A Smith
proposed to keep the demand at £6,500.00 for 2022/2023, 2nd Cllr S Smith, aif.

7. **Correspondence** – None

8. **Planning** –

a Applications rec'd: DC/21/5358/FUL 6 Church Close. Non Material Amendment of
DC/20/1654/FUL removal of dormer window and replace with double. Cllrs felt there was
not enough information to comment, Clerk to email planning dept.
DC/21/5198/FUL White Lion House, High Street. Conversion to specialist exotics vets
Facility with nurses accommodation on first floor. Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance but to
voice concerns in the consultee comments at the inadequate parking shown on the plans
recommending more off street parking is made in the large back garden of the property.

b Decisions rec'd: None

9. **Any other business**

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – tree planting. The PC's interest in the free oak tree scheme
has been registered.

Closure of Potters Bridge – see item 5 reports.

Cllr A Smith thanked vryone for their support over the last year and wished everyone a Merry
Christmas, the meeting closed at 8.53pm

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Date of Next Meeting: 11th January 2022