

## WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Miller, Hayes, Farrands, Ives, Jackson & Carter  
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk and C Cllr Goldson

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

**2 Declarations of Interest** –

**3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence**, Cllr S Smith – family commitment, Cllr Shepherd – holiday, D Cllr Cackett – other meeting.

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

C Cllr Goldson – SCC's budget has gone through. Councillors finish on 23<sup>rd</sup> March due to the upcoming elections. SCC has kept their promise not to raise Council Tax, but have added a 3% precept to be ring fenced for Adult Social Care, central Government has given permission for a 6% precept over 3 years. With the coming merger of WDC & Suffolk Coastal there are plans to bring Waveney back into Suffolk regarding healthcare, Waveney is presently served by Gt Yarmouth & Waveney CCG and the cross over between Norfolk & Suffolk creates some problems both financially and with differences in services. The only local minor injury departments now are run by doctor's surgeries in surgery hours meaning that patients will need to go to A&E for treatment out of hours. The posts for the willow fencing along the A12 at Blythburgh are due to be removed. The ANPR cameras in Spexhall will become operational on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**4 Minutes** –

- a The minutes of the Council meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 had been circulated Cllr Hayes proposed acceptance, with the following amendment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Farrands aif. Signed by the Chairman.  
Amendment: Item 4 Should read Cllr Miller proposed acceptance of the minutes and not Cllr Jackson

**5 Matters arising from the minutes** - Cllr Jackson questioned the impression given by D Cllr Cackett that anyone could speak for 3 minutes at a WDC Planning Committee meeting, both he and Cllr Hayes thought that only 1 or 2 representatives from the interested PC's and the applicant could speak. The Clerk is to contact WDC to ask for the date of the meeting when the Orwell Housing's proposal for Millfields will be discussed..

**6 Reports**

- a Crime Report December 2016. No crimes reported
- b Allotments & Garages - Mr Peck wrote to ask for permission to erect a large polytunnel on Plot C20, after some discussion. Cllr Jackson proposed that permission is not granted as this structure is too large and not in keeping with the character of the allotments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Carter aif. Cllr A Smith has looked at other authorities' agreements and feels that Wangford's needs to be updated, he will work on this and report back.  
Pretty's Solicitors have given an estimate of £540.00 plus VAT to prepare new garage plot agreements and give advice Cllr Hayes proposed acceptance 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Farrands aif.
- c Emergency Plan – In progress
- d VAS – Cllr Shepherd has now taken over downloading data which then goes to the Halesworth group. The Council's laptop is no longer working properly and he is presently using Cllr A Smith's. It is possible for the PC to get funding towards a new one and a printer for the Clerk. Cllr A Smith proposed buying then new equipment 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Miller aif. The Clerk is to apply to the fund. If the PC needs another post for the sign they are now free by applying to Michael Mottram at SCC.
- e Any other Councillor reports. The problem of cars parking on the cobbles improved greatly after the leaflet drop, but there is one car parking there regularly. The Clerk is to write to the owner.

**7 Finance**

a) Accounts awaiting payment –	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			233.53
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
<b>Total cheques 2</b>			<b>£ 266.53</b>

**b Accounts already paid** - None

Cllr Hayes proposed acceptance of these accounts, seconded Cllr Farrands, aif

- c. Receipts – WDC 106 money £936.00. Allotment £9.00
- .d Bank Statement Figures- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 C A : £- 3,385.63 BSA- £13,009.52
- e Internet Banking- There has been some progress and following the complaint made by the Clerk Barclays sent a cheque for £125.00 by way of apology and compensation.

**8 Correspondence** - email from Mr Rathbone re accident outside his home. As there is a 30mph speed limit at the junction of Norfolk Road and Church Street, and the VAS sign on the approach from Southwold there may not be much more to be done. The Clerk will ask Highways for ideas and about the possibility of painting a slow sign on the road.

**9 Planning –**

**a. Applications Rec'd – None**

**b Decisions Rec'd**

DC/16/5453/TCA S Casement Parsons Meadow. 1 x Yew fell to ground. WDC does not wish to object  
DC/16/3864/FUL Adnams Plc - Plough Inn. Installation of 3no new concrete bases for touring caravans.  
GRANTED 6 conditions

DC/16/4827/FUL Mr Wright, 18 Hill Road. Extension and alterations to existing house.. GRANTED 4 conditions.

The Councillors expressed their dismay that WDC have no objections to felling the yew tree, as it appears that the Church have not considered any other options first, such as trimming, with either this tree or others in the past. Cllr Hayes proposed that the Clerk write to the Church Warden to ask that they will give more thought to the alternatives in future, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr A Smith aif. Mr Casement has resigned from looking after the Churchyard and Mr Ives will be taking over.

**10 Any other business not duly specified**

Cllr Carter would like to put some questions to Chloe Hourston from Festival Republic at the next meeting and it was decided that if anyone has any specific questions for her they should tell the Clerk who will pass them on to Chloe beforehand.

**11 Close** There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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