

**WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL****Drafy Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 8.00pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Present:** Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S Smith, Farrands, Pepper, Carter, Miller, Ives, Utting, Waters, Goldson & Brooks.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None
2. **RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** - None
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
Cllr Pepper proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Waters, 8 for, 1 abstention.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Cllr Goldson:** Not much news from County apart from the re-consultation SCC/0039/19W, Lime Kiln Farm (Wangford Quarry). Cllr Farrands said that the new owners have seemingly revived the application which was never actually refused but put on-hold and encourages everyone to send their previous objections in again, she is particularly concerned about the Transport report that has been added which basically states that Mardle Road, a single track lane, is suitable for heavy lorries. The Clerk is to draft a response and send a copy of final response to Cllr Goldson who will back it. Bus Stops – the money for the designs has gone from Cllr Goldson's account so he assumes they are starting on that. (see Cllr S Smith's report Item 4). He has heard that the persistent Covid rule breaker has had a visit from the police, but not the outcome.

**Cllr Brooks** also encouraged everyone to resend all previous objections re the Quarry. There will be no bin collections for 3 days, all collections will be put back but Waveney Norse will catch up as soon as possible. Lowestoft's 3rd crossing is officially underway now, all issues with landowners have been resolved, bore holes have been drilled and other works will soon be visible. ESC are processing a considerable amount of grants to local businesses. All but one, who refused, of the area's reported rough sleepers have been given shelter against the extremely cold weather.

**Cllrs Goldson & Brooks left the meeting at 8.15pm.**

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

**Councillor Training** – Cllrs Utting, Waters & Pepper have managed to get some units booked, Cllr Ives is still trying. The online courses are being booked almost as soon as the dates are released.

**Bus stops** – Cllr S Smith has not heard anything but as per Cllr Goldson's report he assumes it is as the design stage.

**Wildflower area and memorial bench** – Delivery of the hedging plants has been put back, Helen Rolfe and Mrs Bliss have planted shrubs, wildflower seeds and bulbs. WCC will be paying over 50% of the cost of Philip Hayes' memorial bench.

**Repairs to play equipment** – No progress due to weather.

**Prevention of vehicular access to playing field** – There have been complaints about the bollards some of which were ripped out almost as soon as they had been put in. The PC decided to put these in as the surface grass on the playing field is deeply rutted and if this carries on it will cost a lot of money to bring it back to the standard needed for use as a playing field. There is no real need for vehicles to be driving across and there is no right of way. Cllr A Smith proposed putting more substantial posts near the tennis courts and a lockable substantial barrier near the garages. Cllr S Smith to draft a letter to allotment plot holders.

**Disused garage block, Millfields.** ESC were to start demolishing the blocks this week but the work was put off because of the weather. The PC hope that once the work has been completed the area will be tidied up and will be left suitable for residents to use as parking for around 20 vehicles - this should help with the parking problems in Millfields. The land will remain ESC's. When yellow lines opposite the Community Centre entrance were discussed last year it was decided that the cost was prohibitive and policing would be difficult.

**Wangford Web-** MH Creations, who run the website, have updated the info on the Church Officials after a conversation with Cllr Utting he also asked about uploading some 80-100 old photos of Wangford, some of which they will do for free, he will get definite costings and report back to the PC. The company are talking of upgrading the site in the future and will be contacting businesses re advertising to help with costs.  
Problems accessing Community Centre car park for large vehicles. See Item Disused Garage block.

## 5. REPORTS

**Clerk's report** to include Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary's Website. December – 1 x vehicle crime, near Norfolk Rd/ A12 junction - investigation complete no suspect identified.

WCC's contribution to the new lawn mower will be decided when the Committee meet again when restrictions have been lifted.

Cllr A Smith – Clerk to send condolences to the family of Jean Rattenbury of the Spar Shop who sadly passed away recently. The family have made a fine job of keeping this important facility running. Complaints have been received about more dogs with no leads running about on the playing field, there are ongoing issues with owners not clearing up after their dogs in the Churchyard, he suggested that The Messenger is asked to have articles on the matter more frequently and once Covid restrictions have been lifted the PC get some bigger and better signs. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupiers of 23 High Street to ask that they stop parking on the verge opposite the Church gates as the bulbs are starting to come up and will be ruined. Festival Republic have not decided whether Latitude will go ahead this year or not, he expecting to hear from them sometime in March. Cllr Carter asked if he could attend the next meeting with Latitude to discuss problems he has experienced in the past. Cllr Ives mentioned that people are starting to park on the cobbles opposite the shop again, things improved after the leaflet drop a few years ago, issue be added to March's agenda.

## 6. FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses	293.78	2.40	287.76
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
HMRC, PAYE			1.40
Trevor Clarke – Wooden bollards playing field			135.00
Trevor Clarke- Concrete pads for benches			346.00
Trevor Clarke – Repairs to boards around MUGA			897.00
EON – Electricity	25.08	0.37	25.45
<b>Total 7</b>			<b>£1,742.61</b>

Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance to all the accounts except for £135.00 for Trevor Clarke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pepper, aif. Gravel is still to be placed around the MUGA to complete the repairs.

**b Accounts already paid** – Glebe Farm Hedging £375.85

**c Receipts** – Allotments £2.63.

**d Bank Statement Figures-** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 C Acc: £285.70. B Acc: £5,547.18

Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £14,095.16

Statements circulated.

**e Appointment of internal auditor** – Cllr A Smith proposed SALC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr S Smith, aif

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE –

## 7. PLANNING –

Concerns regarding recent applications being permitted with no conditions and disregarding PC recommendations. The general feeling was that ESC do not seem to give any weight to local knowledge re parking, traffic, flooding etc and overrule objections made there does not appear to be anything the PC can do about it.

**a Applications rec'd:** DC/21/0410/LBC Henham Green Farm. Replace two external doors and two windows with similar. Cllr A Smith proposed no objections, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Waters, aif

**b Decisions rec'd:** DC/20/3675/COU – Toad Hall, Mardle Road, Change of use from disused residential orchard/garden to glamping site with 5 pitches. **Permitted**

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Resignation received from John Crossley, Cllrs are sorry to hear this. Clerk to advertise, Cllrs felt that it would be nice to get someone younger with fresh ideas, although of course the vacancy is open to all ages.

Cllr A Smith thanked everybody for attending, and with no further business the meeting closed at 9.01pm

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**Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**