

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 10th January 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Miller, S Smith, Hayes, Farrands, Ives & Carter
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk and D Cllr A Cackett.

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

2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Farrands Item 9 b i

3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence, Cllr Jackson - Ill health, Cllr Shepherd - another meeting & C Cllr Goldson – Ill health

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

D Cllr Cackett: Approaches are being made to the Secretary of State to find out what will be on offer to Suffolk if they are able to go ahead with Devolution alone. If Suffolk's Councils are happy with the outcome and want to carry on Parish Councils will be asked their opinions.

If the merger of WD & Suffolk Coastal Councils goes ahead WDC will have to reduce the number of Councillors, Suffolk Coastal already have. Both Councils share the same staff at present and there will still be offices in Lowestoft and Woodbridge.

WDC have balanced their budget for next year and are looking at ways of making money from their assets.

Lowestoft and Oulton Broad are to be parished and there will be elections in May. D Cllr Cackett feels that the parishing will be very good for the Waveney area on the whole.

The planning application by Orbit Housing for the development in Millfields will go before the committee and Cllr Cackett encouraged everyone to attend the meeting, they will be able to speak for 3 minutes to give their views.

4 Minutes –

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held 13th December 2016 had been circulated Cllr Jackson proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Hayes aif. Signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the minutes - None

6 Reports

a Crime Report November 2016.

1x Theft from a person, Church Close – investigation complete no suspect identified.

1 x Violence, A12/Norfolk Road - under investigation

b Allotments & Garages - Cllr A Smith was asked by an allotment tenant if he could put a large polytunnel on his plot, the Clerk is to look into the regulations. Two plots have been let this month.

Cllr S Smith proposed that the PC get an estimate for legal services from Prettys Solicitors to change the garage agreements 2nd Cllr Hayes aif. There was a discussion about whether WPC should put the concrete bases down and get the planning permission required, giving the PC more control over the size of garages erected on the plots

c Emergency Plan – There was no meeting last month. There is a meeting to discuss surface water flooding next week which Cllrs Hayes and S Smith will attend. Cllr Hayes will also attend the Sizewell C Consultation meeting.

d Any other Councillor reports.

VAS Cllr Shepherd has taken over responsibility for moving the sign and downloading the data. Whilst the sign was in Wangford Road near the Farm Shop there were a significant number of vehicles passing at 35-40mph the top speed recorded was 55mph. The sign is now back in Norfolk Road. No volunteers have come forward from the village for the Speedwatch team.

Cllr Hayes read in the recently circulated Local Councillor that it is no longer essential to close the meeting for the Public Forum and then reopen, it is now up to the Chair to decide.

7 Finance

a) Accounts awaiting payment –	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			242.31
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
Halesworth Town Council, contribution for free parking			500.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Roundabout	6127.32	1225.46	7,352.78
Joel Spurdens – Rodent control Jan, Feb & Mar 2017			50.00
Total cheques 5			£ 8,178.09

b Accounts already paid - None

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

- c. Receipts Interest £1.62, VAT reclaimed £3,298.38. Wangford C C donation towards roundabout £5,000.00
- d Bank Statement Figures- 23rd December 2016 C A : £- 13,009.52 BSA- £10,618.40
- e. Precept – As WPC will be having to undertake some work previously done by SCC ie clearing undergrowth, cleaning road signs etc. Cllr S Smith proposed that WPC ask for an increase of £500, bringing the total precept to £6,500.00 for next financial year 2nd Cllr Hayes aif.
- f Internet Banking – The Clerk has received a letter from Barclays acknowledging the complaint.

8 Correspondence Festival Republic have made an application to Suffolk Coastal DC to increase the permitted capacity of the Latitude Festival by 4,999, bringing the total capacity to 39,999. Representations regarding this application must be made to Licensing Team, Suffolk Coastal DC or email licensing.scdc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk. Councillors were dismayed that neither SCDC nor Festival Republic had contacted the PC directly and the Clerk is to write expressing concerns about extra traffic and to ask Harmony from Festival Republic to attend a meeting to discuss their plans to cope with the extra numbers.

9 Planning –

a. Applications Rec'd –

- i) SCC/0266/16 Landfill site. Variation of condition No 1 of ref: W/14/3879 (Retention of site offices). Cllr Hayes proposed refusal 2nd Cllr Farrands on the grounds that if no further work is being carried out at that location which needs office space the buildings should be moved across the road.
- ii) DC/16/5264/RG3 Orwell Housing. Garages behind 20-24 Millfields. Demolition of garage. block and replacement with Construction of a pair of semi-detached 3 bed dwellings, associated works and car parking. At the planning meeting held on 3rd January 2017 Cllr Jackson proposed refusal as the application goes against Local Plan Policies DM02 & DM30, there are concerns about access for emergency vehicles and future car parking provision, full details from the Clerk if required, 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif
- iii) DC/16/5453/TCA Mr Casement, Parsons Meadow, Church St. 1 x Yew – Fell to ground level. Located at rear of Church above the steps leading to basement as hitting Church building. Cllr Hayes proposed refusal, on the grounds that the information given on application does not justify felling the tree and that trimming/pruning is needed, 2nd Cllr Carter aif.

b. Decisions Rec'd

- i) DC/16/3590/FUL Mr Farrands 6 Wangford Hill. Construction of a single storey side extension. GRANTED 2 Conditions.
- ii) DC/16/4779/AME Mr Mrs Rogers Harvest Grange, King's Lane Henham. Non material amendment to W15413/2. WITHDRAWN

10 Any other business not duly specified Cllr Farrands reminded the Council of a message from Mr Meldrum offering the PC a rowan tree. Cllr Hayes proposed that the Clerk write to thank him and decline the offer as there is no suitable site for it, 2nd Cllr A Smith aif

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

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 14th February 2017