

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 14th March 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Miller, Hayes, Farrands, Ives, Jackson, S Smith, Shepherd & Carter
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk, C Cllr Goldson, D Cllr Cackett, C Hourston & Luke from Festival Republic & 5 members of the public.

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

2 Declarations of Interest – Cllrs S Smith, Hayes & Miller - Planning 59 Church St. Cllr Hayes - Item 7e

3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence, None

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

Chloe Hourston, Events Manager for Festival Republic, thanked the PC for the invite to attend the meeting and started by saying that Festival Republic were very pleased with the way the new traffic management plan worked last year and a lot of extra work has been done to help with the extra numbers expected this year. Their analysis shows that peak traffic flow is on the Friday between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs and expect that there will be approximately an extra 75 vehicles during that hour this year. She will send the Clerk a detailed breakdown of traffic movement from 2016. Border Bus have agreed to run the same service to the Festival from Southwold & Wangford. Festival Republic will not be providing any pedestrian access from Sotherton due to concerns about people walking down the A145, Cllr Carter said there is another way across the fields and Chloe will look into this. D Cllr Cackett asked if Chloe would attend the meeting of Blyford & Sotherton PC as she (as their Clerk) has concerns to raise. C Cllr Goldson expressed his concerns about speeding festival traffic on the A145 particularly through Brampton and will be complaining to SCC. Cllr Carter asked whether they would be opening an illegal gateway onto the A145 as happened last year, Chloe did not know of this happening and would look into this and get back to the Clerk.

Cllr A Smith thanked Festival Republic for their generosity in giving the concessionary tickets to the Parish, the money raised has helped with a lot of projects so far, he asked if Festival Republic would consider giving the PC some more tickets as they have permission to increase the capacity onsite for ticketholders, Chloe will look into this.

C Cllr Goldson did not have much to report as SCC are winding down ahead of the elections, SCC are to spend more money on Mental Health. He thanked all the Councillors for all their work and said that Wangford is one of his most proactive Councils and that it has been a pleasure to help. The Halesworth Parishes meetings have been successful and hopes that if he is re-elected that he will be able to co-ordinate joint projects between PC's in the area. The Chair thanked him for his regular attendance.

D Cllr Cackett – WDC's budget has balanced and been agreed. The Parishing of Lowestoft & Oulton Broad is to go ahead. The merger of WDC & Suffolk Coastal will go ahead in 2019 with the possible reduction of Councillors.

Mrs Taylor showed photographs of the bank in the High St which is very overgrown, she feels it needs digging over rather than strimming. The Clerk will contact SCC, who own the bank to ask if they will recompense WPC to pay someone local to do it. Cllr Jackson said that if SCC are unwilling to pay then the PC should consider shouldering the cost, albeit reluctantly, or possibly ask for volunteers from concessionary Latitude Ticket purchasers.

Mrs Grimewood presented a petition from some other allotment holders who are in favour of her and Mr Peck erecting a polytunnel on one of their plots and put forward her case to appeal the PC's decision last month to deny permission mainly because of the size.

Mr Jackson has had a letter from WDC regarding the altered plans for the proposed development in Millfields and asked if he needs to write with his objections again, Cllr Cackett said he should. He also reported a car which is parked in such a way as to obstruct vision for vehicles turning out of Millfields onto Norfolk Rd, the Clerk will look into this. There is also a problem with vision turning right out of the High St into Norfolk Rd due to overgrowth, the Clerk will report this. Cllr S Smith asked Mr Jackson for his views on a polytunnel who said he had no objection provided it was kept in good order and erected in a workmanlike manner.

4 Minutes –

- a The minutes of the Council meeting held 14th February 2017 had been circulated Cllr S Smith proposed acceptance: 2nd Cllr Hayes aif. Signed by the Chairman.

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, Cllr Cackett said that this was correct, but that the Committee would like to avoid the same things being said by lots of different people and therefore it would be better to have a spokesman to give the views of a group with the same objections.

6 Reports

- a Crime Report – the website still only shows crime reported up until December 2016. Cllr Farrands asked if the Clerk should write to the P&CC to complain, but she already has several times, and any replies have been along the lines of – we know there is a problem and will seek to improve things.

b Allotments & Garages - There have been concerns raised by some residents on the size of the requested polytunnel. Cllr A Smith has been looking at other Council's rules and some prohibit them entirely, and the ones that allow them tend to restrict the size to 20% of the plot, this also goes for greenhouses and sheds. The allotments are in the Conservation Area and a structure of the size that Mrs Grimwood & Mr Peck would like would need planning permission, after some discussion on the pros and cons Cllr S Smith proposed that no polytunnels should be allowed 2nd Cllr Jackson with 6 votes for and 3 against the proposal was carried. The new Tenancy Agreements for the allotments had been circulated and Cllr Farrands proposed to accept them Once they have been amended to reflect the decision to prohibit polytunnels is made, 2nd Cllr Hayes aif. A letter and the new agreements will be sent out over the next few weeks. The rats on the allotment and in Church St are now under control thanks to the good work of Mr Spurdens. The new garage agreements will be discussed at April's meeting.

c Emergency Plan – In progress

d VAS – it has been in Norfolk Rd facing towards Reydon and the data collected shows that most vehicles are passing it at around 30mph. Cllr A Smith is to apply for another post to go in Church St, Highways have to agree the site, possibly opposite the surgery, as there has to be approximately 80m line of sight.

e Any other Councillor reports. None

7 Finance

a) Accounts awaiting payment –	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			228.73
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
EON MUGA		48.67 4.99	51.10
Total cheques 3			£ 312.83

b Accounts already paid - None

Cllr Miller proposed acceptance of these accounts, seconded Cllr S Smith, aif

c Receipts Allotment £18.00. Compensation from Barclays £125.00, due to difficulty with I Banking

d Bank Statement Figures- 24th February 2017 C A : £- 2095.10 BSA- £14,209.52

e Appointment of Internal Auditor Cllr S Smith proposed SALC 2nd Cllr Miller with 8 votes for & 1 abstention the proposal was carried.

f Internet Banking Both Cllr S Smith & the Clerk need a debit card for WPC's bank to account to access on line banking, Cllr Hayes proposed that WPC apply for them 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif

8 Correspondence -

H Rolfe – complaint about pavements being in poor repair, the Clerk has passed this onto Highways. Whilst on the subject of pavements concerns were raised about the bank near the bus stop outside the Church is encroaching onto the pavement.

D Sinclair – Request for traffic calming measures in Church Street, he made the suggestion of perhaps having speed bumps and asked for VAS to be placed in Church St (see Item 6 d)

9 Planning –

a Applications Rec'd –

DC/17/0967/TCA S Smith 59 Church St. Fell 2 semi mature sycamore trees in garden, as they are becoming too large for the space. No replacements. Cllr Shepherd proposed acceptance 2nd Cllr Farrands. With 4 votes for and 5 abstentions the proposal was carried.

DC/17/0982/FUL Mr Reeve, Baranby Green, London Rd. Demolition of lean to store and Construction of a garden room and conversion of existing lean to utility room. Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif.

DC/16/5264/FUL Orwell Housing. Development in Milfeilds. Alterations to original plans. There were no plans enclosed, the Clerk is to write to WDC Planning to complain.

b Decisions Rec'd

DC/16/5381/FUL Mr Rogers. Harvest Grange, Henham. Alterations to original permission W15415/2 dated 15/7/1997 to west wing omitting originally approved staircase, reversing roof over garages, omitting the domestic garage doors forming a cart lodge. GRANTED 4 conditions.

SCC/02661/16W Viridor Waste Management. Variation of condition 1 (Retention of site offices) GRANTED 8 conditions.

10 Any other business not duly specified

Latitude Ticket sales- all of the allowance have been allocated, and oversubscribed by 13 and there is a waiting list.

Cllr A Smith is hoping that Festival Republic will issue some more (see Public Forum)

The Clerk is to write to Chloe Hourston to thank her for coming. There were concerns that both the C Cllr & D Cllr brought up issues with other parishes, not very politely, and some Councillors felt that they should make their own arrangements to speak with her.

Cllr Jackson thinks that some people not on the Electoral Roll are getting concessionary tickets, plenty do try but both Cllr A Smith & the Clerk are very careful to check.

Cllr Jackson may not be able to attend the Planning Committee meeting on the new date Cllr Ives will attend.

11 Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.56 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 11th April 2017

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