

## WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Pepper, Crossley, Ives, Shepherd, Farrands, Miller & Carter

In attendance: Clerk – J Brown & Cllr Goldson

**1 Declarations of interest** – Cllr Miller Item 4 Charges for room hire.

**2 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence** -Cllr S Smith - holiday

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

Cllr Goldson attended SCC's crisis conference on the Coronavirus, strategic plans are in place. There does not appear to be a consultation on the changes to the A12 junction changes but he will still fight for a 50mph limit along the entire dual carriageway. He asked for names to attend the Highways Self Help Scheme's training course specifically aimed for volunteers to work on minor roads such as trimming undergrowth etc. He offered to pay for the installation of the gateways from his highways budget, Clerk to contact Mark Nicholls, Highways. SCC will be in control of when utility companies dig up the roads to lessen the impact on traffic flow.

Cllr Farrands asked why SCC has put the Lime Kiln Farm extension application in abeyance rather than rejecting it after they deleted Policy MS7 completely in their Mineral & Waste Plan, Cllr Goldson will find out.

**3 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The minutes have been circulated Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr A Smith 6 for 2 abstentions, signed by the Chairman.

**4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

White gates with signage for entrance to village (Norfolk Road). The Clerk has found out that the installation cost is very high. Cllr Goldson said to ask Highways to do the work and put the charge to his highways budget.

New boards around MUGA – Waiting for the weather to improve.

Charges for room hire – WCC proposed a £100 per year fixed fee to be reviewed annually. Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Farrands, 7 for 1 abstention. WCC also asked for a contribution to past water supply to the allotments. Cllr Farrands proposed £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Crossley 7 for 1 abstention.

Dog fouling – Cllr S Smith has written a piece for The Messenger asking owners to clear up after their dogs and not to let them loose on the allotments. It seems that the biggest problem is around the streets particularly in holiday times.

**5 Reports**

**a Police Report** – There were no crimes reported in January. An incidence of mini motorbikes being used on the playing field was reported to the police last month.

**b VAS/APNR** – Nothing to report

**c Projects:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May, Village Fete, Bar-B-Que Area, new mower, outdoor table tennis inc costings. Nothing to report

**d Wildflower meadow and Philip Hayes' memorial bench.** There was some discussion on the types of planting and maintenance, Cllr Brooks has funding for tree planting, the Woodland Trust are giving saplings for free and Henham Steam Rally has £3,000 for tree planting.

**e Any other Councillor reports**

Cllr Farrands has heard from Cllr O'Hear (Reydon PC) that they are looking into acquiring Quiet Lane status for Mardle Rd and Quay Lane in the hope that this may help with objections to any plans for expansion at Lime Kiln Farm Quarry.

Cllr Pepper – The allotment plot holders' meeting was positive again on the whole, they agreed that a returnable £25 deposit in case of unkempt plots is reasonable. The ground is too wet to have a skip at the moment. He has arranged a talk on basic vegetable growing on 27<sup>th</sup> April and there will be a social event on the allotments in June.

## 6 Finance

a Accounts for payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			273.94
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
HMRC, PAYE			0.80
Glasdon – Extra fixings for dog bins	56.11	11.22	67.33
Eon - Electricity	42.96	2.15	45.11
Wangford Community Council – Room hire 2017,2018 &2019			150.00
<b>Total 6</b>			<b>£ 587.18</b>

Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance of these accounts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Crossley aif

**b Accounts already paid** – None

**c Receipts** – None

**d Bank Statement Figures-** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 C Acc: £656.10 B Acc: £11,238.33

Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £16,721.13

**e Reserves – Total set aside £27,000.** £8,000 – Planting and paths etc for new garden area. £14,000 new mower, £3,000 maintenance of MUGA £2,000 gate for entrance to playing field,.

**f HMRC credit £12.80 on account.** The Clerk doesn't know how HMRC have come to this conclusion and Cllrs thought that her monthly PAYE should still be paid.

## 7 Correspondence

Request from Lighthouse Women's Aid (Support for victims of domestic abuse in Suffolk) for a donation. 4 votes for, 4 against – casting vote against.

Rotary Club – Women on Wheels will be passing through the village in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## 8 Planning

**a Applications rec'd:** DC/20/0751/TCA 4 Hill Road, Wangford. 1 x Eucalyptus – reduce by 30%  
There were no objections

**b Decisions rec'd:** DC/20/0137/FUL 55 High Street, Wangford. Change wooden windows for UPVC double glazed in same design. Permitted.

## 9 Any other business

Great British Clean Up – 20<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr A Smith & the Clerk will be collecting Latitude ticket money later this month and will see how many volunteers sign up for the event before deciding on buying/borrowing equipment.

Cllr Carter asked if a representative of Festival Republic could come to a meeting to brief the PC on their traffic management plans for this year.

**Close.** There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.04pm

Signed.....Chairman Date 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020