

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 14th November 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Jackson, Hayes, Farrands, Shepherd, S Smith, Shepherd, Miller, Ives & Carter
In attendance: Mrs J Brown, Clerk & 2 members of the public.

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

2 Declarations of Interest –

3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence None

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

A resident living near to the proposed extension of Wangford Quarry gave a brief speech outlining his objections to the proposal including that the extra noise, dirt and lorries accessing the site caused by this extension will have a significant negative impact on nearby residents, walkers and birdwatchers etc. There will also be the loss of ANOB land. The PC will discuss the matter later in the meeting.

4 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017

The minutes have been circulated - Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance, 2nd Hayes, 1 abstention 8 in favour. Signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

Support for The Messenger – Cllr Hayes passed on the comments and ideas made by Councillors at last month's meeting to the editor who informed him that enough advertising space has been sold to carry on as usual next year, but she would like to come to a meeting to clarify the ownership of the magazine, Cllr Ives will issue an invitation.

Bins for the laybys on the A12. – The artwork has been received from Latitude, the Clerk is to check with Festival Republic that the background colour can be changed, the wording will include 'in association with Wangford with Henham Parish Council' Clerk to forward finished artwork to Broxap. Cllr Hayes will ask Cllr Goldson if any money is available for signs to go up in the layby regarding fines for littering.

Dog friendly area – Ms Gorst Allman asked that the PC reconsider last month's decision. After coming to the conclusion that the only way to ensure that children would not play on any dog friendly ground would be for the PC to make and maintain a fenced and gated area and supply a dog bin, it would also mean that the volunteer who mows the playing field would face cleaning up excreta - there is plenty of evidence around the village that not all dog owners clear up after their pets. Cllr A Smith proposed writing to Ms Gorst Allman turning down this request 2nd Cllr Hayes aif.

Halesworth Town Council's request for donation towards keeping free parking in Halesworth. Cllr Farrands proposed donating £500.00 again this year, 2nd Cllr Shepherd with 4 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention the Chair used his casting vote against - the proposal was not carried.

The meeting was closed for C Cllr Goldson's report: SCC are proposing a 1.99% increase in Council Tax, the first increase in 7 years, which will still leave a £27m deficit for the next financial year. Cllr Farrands asked if the blood testing service is to be withdrawn from the Sole Bay Health Centre, Cllr Goldson thinks that another contractor will be taking it on. He will now have some input in dealings with Gt Yarmouth & Waveney CCG via The Chairman's Group, by Christmas a plan should be in for the outpatients and sports facilities in Halesworth.

Cllr S Smith asked about the signs – see item 5 – Bins for the A12 – Cllr Goldson said Waveney Norse should be able to supply them.

The meeting reopened.

6 Reports

a Crime Report – 6 Crimes reported in September:

1 x ASB & 1 Other theft – Millfields – Under investigation. 1 x ASB & 1 x Other theft & 1 x Public order Church Street - Under investigation. 1 x Violence Hill Road Under investigation.

b Allotments & Garages - Mr & Mrs Westwood asked if the PC would agree to remove the asbestos found in the building on their plot, which was there when they took the plot on. Cllr A Smith proposed that he ask Lyttons Builders to demolish the building, dispose of the asbestos and lay a concrete base at the same time as they carry out the other works, 2nd Cllr S Smith aif

c Play equipment inspection report. Cllr A Smith has found a volunteer to maintain the safety matting.

d Emergency Plan – No progress

e VAS – The sign is near the Farm Shop the downloaded data shows that approx. 65% of the 20,000 vehicles passing the sign in September & October were over the speed limit – 1 at 65mph at 01.30hrs. The results of the ANPR camera trial will be learnt at Thursday's Parishes meeting.

f Any other Councillor reports. None

7 Finance**a) Accounts awaiting payment –**

	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses inc lap top	684.68	83.23	767.91
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
Total cheques 2			£800.91

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

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts - 2nd Half Precept £3,250.00. Allotments/garages £1,401.50

d Bank Statement Figures- 26th October 2017 C A : £12,338.15 BSA- £14,209.52

e Latitude Ticket money 2017 - £6,442.00

f Internet Banking- The Clerk now has access to the accounts

g Precept – Due to the changes in the Data Protection Law, the PC will have to appoint a DPO which cannot be a Councillor or the Clerk, SALC have sent figures that suggest it may cost the PC £800.00 per year, Cllr Hayes will try to find out more, which will need to be added to the precept, to discuss at next month's meeting.

8 Correspondence**9 Planning –****a Applications Rec'd**

DC/17/2871/LBC Dr Steward, Cravens Manor Barn. Refurbishment of adjacent barn and cart lodge. This is an amendment to an earlier application and the amount of windows shown are reduced to 2 larger ones. Cllr Jackson proposed no objection, 2nd Cllr Hayes aif

b Decisions Rec'd

DC/17/4213/TCA Pips Cottage, Norfolk Road. Works to trees WDC does not wish to object and works may be carried out.

10 Any other business

Proposed extension to Wangford Quarry.

The National Planning Framework states that mineral extraction should avoid ANOBs, and when the Planning Application is received the PC can object. If permission is granted then there will almost certainly be conditions regarding noise etc. After much input from the Councillors Cllr A Smith proposed objecting to the proposal, 2nd Cllr S Smith aif. Cllr Jackson will draft a letter to send to SCC.

11 Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 12th December 2017