

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 12th November 2019

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

In attendance: Clerk - J Brown, S Scholes & V Beckett & K Cross

1 Declarations of interest – Cllr Shepherd - Planning

2 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence -Cllrs Carter, Miller & Brooks – unwell, Cllr Goldson – other meeting, aif

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

S Scholes & V Beckett spoke about the repairs needed to Wangford Church's roof along the South side, there are leaks in a couple of places and the wall behind the altar is damp, the north side was done a while ago but lack of fund prevented the whole roof being mended at that time. The PCC have applied for funding but presently have a shortfall of £81,000. The preferred contractor for the works is Valiant who hope to start the phased work in the New Year. The PC cannot give precepted money to the Church but will discuss donating some from the Latitude ticket money later in the meeting. The Chair thanked them for coming to talk to the meeting.

3 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019

The minutes have been circulated Cllr A Smith proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Crossley aif signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Enclosed dog walking area – Cllr A Smith proposed that as there were not enough responses from villagers any decision is deferred to the spring and that the article goes into the Messenger again with perhaps a petition in the shop which would require names and addresses, of those responses received there were slightly more for the idea than against. The matter will be placed on the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda. The Clerk cannot find any information on the gift of land, Cllrs S Smith & Shepherd will visit Norton Peskett's office to look at any documents they may hold relating to the matter.

20mph speed limit for village – Highways sent their criteria for speed limits which Wangford does not fulfil, the Clerk is to look at prices for white 'gates' with Welcome to Wangford etc on them.

Allotment deposits – Cllr S Smith proposed that as from 1st October 2020 new tenants will be asked for a £25 deposit refundable when the plot is vacated in a good condition with no rubbish left behind. The PC has spent quite a lot on clearing plots in the past, 2nd Cllr Crossley, aif.

Unpaid allotment/Garage rents The Clerk is to send final payment reminders to 3 tenants, all garage rents now paid.

Reflector post on A145 – Work has been completed by Highways.

Purchase of 2 litter bins and 3 dog bins – Clerk to send brochures for bins to Cllr S Smith, and ask Norse to empty the bin by the tennis courts again.

New boards around MUGA – Cllr A Smith to get another 2 quotes.

Request for funding for the Church – Cllr Farrands proposed donating £1,000 from Latitude ticket money, 2nd Cllr Crossley 6 votes for 1 against, the money will not be paid immediately.

5 Reports

a Police Report – There were 2 crimes reported in September: 1 x vehicle crime Church Rd & 1 x vehicle crime Hill Rd both under investigation.

b VAS/APNR – Last placed near the Farm Shop in approx 4 weeks 24,493 vehicles passed the unit – 8,477 at 35mph, 8061 at 30mph the top speed was 1 vehicle travelling at 65mph. The graph will be on the website.

c Projects: Village Fete, Bar-B-Que Area, new mower, outdoor table tennis table, wildflower meadow area. Outdoor tennis table – Clerk to contact Fit Britain again for list of suppliers, still no reply. Nothing to report

d Memorial for Philip Hayes – Cllr S Smith was approached by a resident who thought Philip's memorial bench would be nice on the green in Millfields, but as this is ESC's land it could be problematic.

e Any other reports - None

6 Finance

a Accounts for payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			316.97
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
HMRC, PAYE			0.80
One Suffolk (CAS) Website host	50.00	10.00	60.00
Anglia Surface Care – Tennis court maintenance	700.00	140.00	840.00
Total 5			£1267.77

Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance of these accounts. 2nd Cllr Pepper, aif

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – Allotments/Garages £1498. Half Precept £3250.00

d Bank Statement Figures- 25th October 2019 C Acc: £6,024.57 B Acc: £ 9,733.05

Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £17,212.55

e Discuss draft Precept budget – After some discussion Cllr A Smith proposed to keep the precept at £6,500, 2nd Cllr S Smith, aif

7 Correspondence

Request from Power to the People for the PC to make a resolution in support of the Local Electricity Bill, the meeting felt that this was not relevant to Wangford PC.

8 Planning

a Applications rec'd: DC/19/4310/PN3 – Valley Farm, Henham. Conversion of 1 agricultural barn into 5 dwellings. Cllr A Smith proposed refusal on the same grounds as for DC/19/3093/PN3, which is virtually the same but with 1 extra dwelling this has been refused- see below-, 2nd Cllr Crossley, 6 votes for 1 abstention.

b Decisions rec'd: DC/19/3093/PN3, Valley Far, Henham. Conversion of 1 agricultural barn into 4 dwellings. REFUSED.

9 Any other business

Cllr A Smith has received the extra dog signs, B Dewing has the number posts for the allotments and he has started work on clearing the vacant plots.

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

Signed.....Chairman Date 10h December 2019