

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 08th November 2022

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S Farands, S Ives, R Miller, T Carter, G Pepper, S Smith, E Utting, R Waters.

Parish Clerk, Greg Radcliffe taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – None.

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – None.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None present.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 11th October 2022 – Cllr S Farands proposed, 2nd Cllr E Utting, All In Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

Bus stops - Cllr A Smith had received a letter from a member of the public advising that they are disappointed as Norfolk Road still does not have a bus stop and people waiting for the bus are using their drive to wait for the bus. Also, their drive is being eroded by the bus and they would like a temporary bus stop sign put up. Cllr A Dunning was not present tonight and Cllr A Smith has advised the house owners to contact Cllr A Dunning direct and he will contact her as well.

MUGA – Cllr S Smith met with Trevor Clark to look at repairs and replacement of the timber boarding for the MUGA building could be in the region of £12,000. Other options are to take part of the boarding down to leave it open so that it can be used as a tennis court or to take it down completely. The building also needs a new painted surface and moss treatment. Cllr S Smith to get quotes for the various options. Access to be discussed at a future meeting.

Precept – Cllr A Smith advised that the request for the precept must be in by January 2023. Last year the amount was £6,500 and as parish council funds are quite healthy at present Cllr A Smith feels it would be appropriate to ask for the same amount. Cllr T Carter proposed, 2nd Cllr R Waters, AIF.

Electric supply for lawnmower – Cllr S Smith explained that the lawnmower battery is going flat due to the security tracker. The lawnmower company has said that the mower needs an electricity supply. Consequently, an electricity supply is required from the tennis court to the lawnmower shed (approximately 60 yards in length). Ben Clark and Pearce & Kemp are to provide quotes for this work. It was noted that the shed also needs improved security. Cllr A Smith asked for this item to remain on the agenda. Cllr S Smith proposed, 2nd Cllr G Pepper, AIF.

Funds for voluntary work – Cllr A Smith received an email from Wangford resident Lucy Cook regarding a request for funding for voluntary work she intends to undertake for 8 months in a Honduran orphanage during 2023. Lucy has raised funds and used some of her own money, but still needs £2,300. The committee members had a brief discussion, and it was felt that this is a very worthy cause. Cllr A Smith suggested that Lucy should receive £500 from the Parish Council Latitude Fund. Cllr S Farands proposed, 2nd Cllr E Utting, AIF.

Church Street & High Street – Cllr A Smith was sent an email by Helen Rolfe regarding two issues. The first is that Church Street's road surface is badly degenerated. Cllr A Smith

will email the County Council regarding this. The second issue concerned the difficulties around parking down the High Street and Ms Rolfe asked whether yellow lines would be the next step to combat these problems? The committee members had a brief discussion and the general consensus was that the High Street would not be suitable for yellow lines due to being a cul de sac. Parking in the village is an ongoing issue and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Thank you to Cllr G Pepper – Thanks were given to Cllr G Pepper for watering the plants during the summer.

Facebook – A member of the public has commented that the Parish Council minutes are not on its Facebook Page. Parish clerk to investigate this.

Any Other Councillor Reports

Cllr S Smith reported that the quotes for the new benches and goalposts for the playing field are in. Glasden quoted £660.51 per bench, MB Recycling £685.00 per bench and Picnic Benches £508.33 per bench. Two benches are required and Cllr S Smith felt that the Glasden option was the best of the quotes provided. For one goal post HM Goals (Beccles) quoted £440.50 and Harrods quoted £558.34. This includes the post, net, supports and sockets. Cllr S Smith felt that HM Goals provided the best value. Cllr S Smith proposed, 2nd Cllr G Pepper, AIF. Cllr S Smith suggested that clip on bins for the goal post would be a good idea – they are £54.95 each. Cllr S Smith proposed, 2nd Cllr R Waters, AIF. Cllr S Smith will order the above items.

Cllr G Pepper advised that Mr Rupert Hannant (allotment plot 38) would like to install a new water pipe and tap at his own expense. Cllr A Smith commented that this work would need to be supervised and done properly. Cllr G Pepper queried whether annual allotment fees should be increased for next year? Cllr A Smith suggested that Cllr G Pepper could raise this issue at the next Allotment Meeting and then report back to the Parish Council at their next meeting. Cllr G Pepper said he would discuss raising allotment fees at the next Allotment Meeting which will be in 2023.

Cllr E Utting said that the track near the village hall is falling into disrepair again. Cllr A Smith said that the path can be repaired when the other work is carried out along with adding a bollard and gates to stop unauthorised people getting onto the playing field.

Reports on:

Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary website – that website has not been recently updated.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Jean Brown basic training of new clerk	£22.50	-	£22.50
Geoff Pepper – postage	£10.99	-	£10.99
Hiscox Insurance rolling account	£715.03		£715.03

Total

£748.52

Proposed for payment Cllr S Farands, 2nd Cllr S Ives, AIF.

Accounts already paid - None

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £7,968.75

Business Account: £7,250.74

Latitude Ticket Sales Account £18,756.43

Correspondence – None.

Planning

a. Applications received: None

b. Decisions received: None

Any Other Business – None specified.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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Next meeting Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.30pm.