

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 12th September 2017

Present: Chairman Cllr A Smith, Cllrs Jackson, Hayes, Farrands, S Smith, Shepherd, Miller & 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 – None

3 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence Cllr Ives – holiday, C Cllr Goldson – other meeting, proposed Cllr Hayes, 2nd Cllr Farrands af

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

Mr E Jackson reported that some holiday makers had been cycling around the allotments paths and helping themselves to crops, he had seen literature in the holiday home telling holiday makers to ‘enjoy the allotments’. Cllr A Smith is to have a word with the letting agents.

Mrs L Banyard asked if the PC would consider putting adult fitness equipment on the playing field. The PC has previously looked into this idea and found the cost of the equipment to be prohibitive at that time, Mrs Banyard came up with a couple of fundraising ideas and Cllr Carter said that it may be possible to get some money from C Cllr Goldson’s budget to help. To be placed on next month’s agenda.

D Cllr Cackett is no longer on the Planning Committee; Cllr Goldson has taken her place, and she is now Deputy Cabinet Member for Merger and Communities. She was offered this job as she has knowledge of the problems associated with living in rural areas. When the merger has been completed we should see very little change as the work has been shared between the WDC & Suffolk Coastal for a while now, this is the 1st merger of District Councils in the country and other Councils have asked to look at their plan. There will be one office in Lowestoft and one in Melton with meetings taking place in alternating venues. The merger will save money as there will be only one Chief Executive and staffing levels have been reduced through natural wastage recently, the aim is for the new DC to become self- sufficient, there will be a meeting for residents before the merger is finalised. The Draft Local Plan will go before the Full Council and there will be a further consultation on a revised one. Cllr Cackett urged everyone to make their feelings known to WDC, she has tried to fight the proposed developments because of lack of infrastructure, which she has been assured will be put in place when the building work starts. She also asked that everyone comments on the proposed Lowestoft 3rd Crossing.

Cllr Farrands asked if there was anything that could be done about the blood outreach service being withdrawn from Reydon, leaving people with a trip to Bungay or a 3 bus journey to James Paget Hospital. Cllr Cackett will put this to the Chair of the CCG at next week’s meeting at WDC. Cllr Hayes remarked that Gt Yarmouth & Waveney CCG was rated as one of the worst performing in the country and would like Cllr Cackett to ask what steps are being taken to improve their performance.

4 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017

The minutes have been circulated - Cllr S Smith proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Miller, 1 abstention otherwise aif. Signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

Bins for the laybys on the A12. – Nothing to report.

Request for reduction of speed limit on A145 – Cllr Carter has asked for support from Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council, however Cllr Goldson told the Halesworth Parishes Meeting that if the building of Sizewell C is approved then a review of local roads will be carried out so it is very unlikely that any decision would be made before then.

6 Reports

a Crime Report – The website is still only showing crimes reported in June – 1 Other theft in High Street, Investigation complete – no suspect identified.

b Allotments & Garages - Rent collections will be held in the Community Centre between 7.00 & 7.45pm on October 10th, letters to tenants will go out tomorrow.

c Play equipment inspection report – circulated. Cllr A Smith met with the inspector and there does not appear to be any urgent repairs needed, however he will go through the report thoroughly and report back at the next meeting. A volunteer has come forward to mend the bench and clean the rubber matting in return for being able to have concessionary Latitude tickets.

d Emergency Plan – No progress

e VAS – The sign has been in Church St, out of approx. 3,300 vehicles passing 120 of those were over the limit mostly at speeds of around 35mph, 9 at 40mph and one at 45mph, from data collected over the months it appears that the problem is most serious in Norfolk Road.

f Any other Councillor reports. Cllrs Hayes and Carter attended the Halesworth Parishes Meeting. C Cllr Goldson has begun his new 4 year term and along with the plans for buying 2 ANPR devices to be shared around the villages, he wants to help with the Rural Hidden Needs project. This project is to help alleviate social isolation, financial problems etc amongst the elderly and promote community cohesion. He will be able to help financially with things such as coffee morning and lunch clubs. Wangford Community Council has a fund for villagers in need, but there have been no applications for approx. 4 years and when help has been offered it has been refused, sadly showing how difficult it can be to get people to accept help when it is available.

Cllr Shepherd asked how many hits the PC gets on the Wangford Web, the Clerk will try to find out. SALC Area Meeting will be held at Marram Green, Kessingland on Thursday at 7.00pm

7 Finance

a) Accounts awaiting payment –

	Net	VAT	Total
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			260.07
R Tassinari, Website			33.00
BDO External Audit		200.00	40.00
B Dewing, Handyman work as requested			287.50
EON – Electricity for MUGA		51.73	2.59
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd, Play equipment inspection		71.00	14.20
Total cheques 6			£960.09

Cllr Shepherd proposed acceptance of these accounts, seconded Cllr A Smith, aif

b Accounts already paid - None

c Receipts - Muga £77.80

d Bank Statement Figures- 25th August 2017 C A : £9,134.52 - BSA- £14,209.52

e Internet Banking - ongoing

f Transparency Code funding. NALC will not take the money back so Cllr Hayes proposed that the Clerk purchase a laptop, software and security, 2nd Cllr Jackson aif.

g Insurance renewal, £493.28, last year's £474.97. Cllr S Smith proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif.

h Conclusion of External Audit and external auditor's report. There was one minor issue raised – where the Clerk forgot to entered NIL in the Council Borrowing boxes.

i Review of Financial Regulations to reflect changes to procedures for contracts over £25,000-Section 11.1 (Circulated) Cllr Hayes proposed adoption, 2nd Cllr Shepherd aif.

8 Correspondence

Local Councillor newsletter – circulated in envelope

Mr A Thomas – voicing his concerns at the sites chosen for development by WDC to be included in their Local Plan – his emails were read out, there have been no other comments for or against the Plan made to the PC.

The PC has long felt that the village needs a small amount of development to stop stagnation and as any planned building work will be subject to the usual planning applications and regulations when objections regarding access boundaries etc can be raised they will not be objecting to the Local Plan. Cllr Jackson is to draft a response to WDC and Mr Thomas.

9 Planning –

a Applications Rec'd - None

b Decisions Rec'd - None

10 Any other business

Consultation on Lowestoft's 3rd Crossing. All felt that the new bridge would be an asset.

Changes to Data Protection Bill. The PC will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer by May 2018. Cllr A Smith has the required knowledge and was duly appointed.

11 Close There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.08 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 10th October 2017