

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 10th September 2019

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

In attendance: J Brown, Clerk Annette Downing & 2 members of the public.

1 Declarations of interest

2 Receipt and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence -Cllr Goldson - other meeting, Cllr Shepherd – holiday, Cllr Brooks – unwell.

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

Annette Downing spoke briefly about the Rural Coffee Caravan set up in 2003 to tackle rural isolation and promote community spirit which covers the whole of Suffolk which as well as companionship they offer help and advice on a wide range of issues. The organisation's Warm Homes Project – funded by ESC offers free guidance and support to people in rural Suffolk, they can be contacted at any time and can arrange for a free home energy survey, call 03456 037686 website www.ruralcoffecaravan. They can help with insulation, switching energy suppliers, bulk buying, smart meters, grants & benefits, emergency repairs for heating, loan of temporary heaters etc.

Mr & Mrs Wetton spoke of their concerns re Planning Application for 4 new dwellings at Valley Farm Henham. There are already 2 dwellings on this compact farm with planning permission granted on two more, work has already started on these, and if this proposal is allowed it will make a mini hamlet. They feel this is an overdevelopment of this pretty, historic site and concerned about the amount of extra traffic going past the front of their house when all 8 dwellings have residents in them.

The Chair proposed that the meeting discuss Item 8 Planning at this point.

PLANNING –

a Applications rec'd:

DC/19/3093/PN3 Valley Farm, Kings Lane, Henham. Conversion of 1 agricultural barn into 4 dwelling houses. The Cllrs agreed that this would be overdevelopment of the site and that there are no amenities for the dwellings, parking and gardens ect, shown on the plans. Cllr Farrands proposed informing ESC of these concerns adding that there is not enough information given to be able to make a decision on recommendation on acceptance or refusal, 2nd Cllr A Smith aif.

b Decisions rec'd: DC/19/1790/FUL. Land at Hill Farm Road. 4 self catering holiday chalets. Permitted.

DC/19/1876/COU. Land west of Barnaby Green, Glamping Site – Permitted.

3 Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2019

The minutes have been circulated Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr S Smith, 7 for 1 abstention, signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes -

Proposed speed limit changes A12 – Cllr Goldson has nothing concrete to report but will keep on putting WPC's views across to highways.

Enclosed dog walking area – Cllr S Smith has received quotes for a 6' high fence wire and post £3,780 + vat, 6' high rigid panel £6,293 + vat. Cllr S Smith will mark out the proposed area approx. 35m x 35m with 2 gates and put together a survey for the website, notice board and the Messenger to gauge residents' views.

Maintenance schedule for play equipment – This should be done once a month between Cllrs A & S Smith & Pepper and a written record kept.

20mph speed limit for village – Cllr S Smith thinks that due to lack of street lighting and pavements around the village it should be a 20mph zone for safety reasons with white gates (as seen in other villages) with the speed limit on them. Cllr A Smith proposed asking Cllr Goldson how to go about this, 2nd Cllr Ives 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

5 Reports:-

a Police Report – There were 2 crimes reported in the village in July and 14 in and around the Latitude Festival site.

1 x vehicle crime Millfields – under investigation. 1 x violence Playing field – unable to prosecute suspect. Latitude – 2 x criminal damage, 2 drugs offences, 2 theft from person, 4 violence, 1 possession of a weapon – all under investigation. There were 3 more with no details.

b VAS/APNR – Last placed near the Farm Shop of the 47,000 vehicles that passed the unit in a month the vast majority were travelling at 30mph, a few at 35 & 40mph but 250 @ 50mph, 55 @ 55mph & 12 @ 60mph.

c Work to allotments – Cllr Pepper said that allotment holders meeting was on the whole very positive and the request for quarter sized plots was received favourably, and thought they should all be in one area. The PC would not pay for plots to be ploughed. The holders would like to form an association which would be welcomed. Unused plots should be strimmed regularly and rubbish cleared away, this is to be done before the numbered posts go in. Cllr Pepper is to take responsibility with the Clerk for the allotments.

d 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.

e Memorial for Philip Hayes – Nothing to report

f Any other matters –

Cllr Carter reported reflector posts between Sotherton Corner to Timberly Cottages on both sides of the A145 have been broken by contractors cutting back undergrowth, Clerk to contact Highways. Clerk will order 3 litter picking sticks, 3 hoops and black refuse sacks from the i-net.

6 Finance

a Accounts for payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses			301.03
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
HMRC , PAYE			0.60
B Dewing – Gen maintenance			90.00
EON - MUGA	40.80	2.04	42.84
East Suffolk Council – Election Costs			87.04
S Smith – Minute taking.			36.00
Total 7			£607.51

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

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – None

d Bank Statement Figures- 23rd August 2019. C Acc: £483.98 B Acc: £ 11,727.20

Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £17,203.97

e Insurance review and renewal – Cllr A Smith proposed accepting 3 year LTU £556.85

7 Correspondence – None

Close. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Signed.....Chairman Date 8th October 2019