

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 11th April 2023

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

Also in attendance: No other attendees. Cllr A. Dunning was due to attend, but did not arrive before the meeting ended.

Parish Clerk, Greg Radcliffe taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – Two declarations of interest for 8 Church Street, Wangford NR34 8RN (see Planning Applications in these minutes). This property is owned by the mother of Cllr Adrian Smith (Chair) and Cllr Steven Smith (Councillor).

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – None.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 14th March 2023 –

The draft minutes for 14 March 2023 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr R Waters, Cllr G. Pepper 2nd All In Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

Bus stops – Cllr A Smith advised that work on bus stops has begun today. Cllr Carter raised the issue of a bus shelter – Cllr A. Smith replied that the current work is on a lay by, a bus shelter may be built at a later date.

King's Coronation – Cllr S Farrands said that the three trees have been planted. Cllr A. Smith is going to order plaques but is unsure about wording and would appreciate some ideas. Cllr S. Farrands told all present that there will be photographs and flowers in the church. Also, the Community Council is joining in and will fund mugs for small children along with providing funds towards the tea. Cllr R. Waters is going to put up the bunting. Cllrs G. Pepper and S. Smith offered to arrange work parties. Cllr S. Farrands will arrange for rubbish to be collected. Cllr A. Smith is going to email people who bought Latitude tickets to ask for payment and also request that they contact Cllr S. Farrands to be a Coronation volunteer.

Elections – The Clerk advised that all election papers had been processed and accepted by the Elections Team at Riverside. The Elections Team passed on a letter for each Councillor which the Clerk could give to councillors – the councillors asked the Clerk to file their letters.

ILCA – The Clerk said that he had attended an introductory SILCA course and the lady who ran the course felt he would benefit more from studying ILCA at this stage. ILCA is a level 2 course (SILCA is level 3) and it consists of 5 online units which take 2 hours each to complete. The total cost is £256.50 and the Clerk asked if the Councillors were content for him to attend this.

Proposed, Cllr A. Smith, Cllr S. Farrands 2nd All In Favour (AIF)

Suffolk Constabulary – The Clerk said that PC Simon Green has kindly agreed to attend the May PCM when he will talk about local crime figures and answer any questions.

Any Other Councillor Reports

Reports on: No reports for April.

Finance

Accounts for Payment

	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Clerk's salary for March 2023	£225.00	-	£225.00
77 miles travel at 45p per mile	£34.65	-	£34.65
Stationery	£2.38	-	£2.38
Spurden's pest control	£66.14	£13.23	£79.37
SALC 2023/24 membership	£275.01	-	£275.01
Waveney Norse – emptying bins	£52.00	£10.40	£62.40

TOTAL

£678.81

Proposed for payment Cllr S Farrands, 2nd Cllr E. Utting, AIF.

Accounts already paid - None

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £5,306.89

Business Account: £7,064.21

Latitude Ticket Sales Account £17,738.28

Correspondence –

Letter from Reverend Perry regarding Wangford churchyard costs – Cllr A. Smith thought that this matter had been looked into several years ago. There was a general discussion and it was agreed that the precept cannot be used for this request. Legal advice might be necessary, but this would have a cost implication. One councillor asked whether the Latitude Fund could help in this instance, another advised that the Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of the War Memorial; it was also mentioned that an untidy churchyard will spoil the look of the village. The councillors understood that the costs of running the church have risen significantly due to the pandemic. A vote was held regarding who felt a one off payment of £500 from the Latitude Fund would be appropriate. Results were – 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstained. The Clerk will prepare a draft reply to for councillors to check before it is sent to Reverend Perry.

Letter from the McMorran family – The Clerk had received a late email from the McMorran family regarding the MUGA. It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the May PCM. Clerk to email the family to advise of this action.

Planning

a. Applications received: Planning ref: DC/23/1418/TPO

Front garden. Oak (T1) – Crown reduce and shape by up to 25%. Reason: to make safe. Horse chestnut (T2) – Fell reason: dead trunk. Replacement required. Site address: 8 Church Street, Wangford, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8RN

There were no objections to this request.

b. Decisions received: None

Any Other Business – None.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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Next meeting Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm.