

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 9th April 2024

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

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

Members of the public: Mr. W. Seymour, Carol Wood and Mr. Marfleet.

Declarations of Interest – None.

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllr. Paul Ashton

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mr. Seymour handed round a map taken from Flightradar which showed the movements of a plane in a close grid pattern over our area. It was assumed that this could potentially be an aerial survey of the land for the possible Lionlink cable route.

Mr. Marfleet passed round a letter to all present which he had sent to Fiona Gilmore at the SEAS campaign regarding the NGV and cable routing within the area.

Carol Wood reported that her partner, Gary Price would be prepared to volunteer to the community speed watch group.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 12th March 2024 –

The draft minutes for 12th March 2024 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farrands, Cllr G. Pepper 2nd All in Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Bus Stops and route through village – No further update.
- Community Speed Watch – Cllr. G Pepper now has 5 volunteers to assist but he needs a minimum of 6.
- Village Survey update – The survey is now at Leiston press who are making a few amendments prior to the leaflet being printed. The cost of printing (£170) was agreed by all councillors.
- Residential development in Reydon. Appears to be all quiet at the moment and Cllr S Farrands is monitoring the situation. Orbit housing are due to give another presentation at Reydon in the coming weeks.
- Post Office closure/mobile van. No consultation was given and no approach was made to the PC about parking. The decision has been made.
- Tennis court (muga) entry system. Cllr S. Smith with a company to discuss both manual or electronic entry systems and is awaiting a quote.

- Pest Control Contract. A new contract has been agreed with the pest control contractor. This will include 8 visits a year and free call outs if necessary. A number of extra bait boxes have been purchased as there has been an increase in the number of rats. Cllrs S. Smith and G. Pepper will meet to discuss the potential increase in plot rent to cover additional costs and report back to the PC.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the position is still being advertised.

Clerk's report to include crime report sourced from Police UK website.
Most recent update February 2024: no crimes reported.

Any Other Councillor Reports.

A yearly volunteer day to be added to next agenda.
Insurance for the lawn/tractor to be used on highway.
Quote received for £550.32 – the quote was accepted by all.
Village gateway signs – still awaiting a quote for installation.

Finance

| Accounts for Payment | COST | VAT | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| J Spurdens Pest Control Oct-Dec 23, Jan-March 24 Bait boxes | £491.14 | £98.23 | £589.37 |
| J Spurdens Pest Control April-June 24 | £125.00 | £25.00 | £150.00 |
| Temporary Clerk | £225.00 | | £225.00 |
| SALC membership | £284.96 | | £284.96 |
| TOTAL | | | <u>£1249.33</u> |

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

Payments agreed and paid before April meeting.

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| S. Smith number plate fixings | £3.98 | | £3.98 |
| S. Campbell Wangford Toddlers | £205.69 | | £205.69 |
| S. Smith tractor fuel & number plates. | £113.00 | | £113.00 |
| S. Smith fertiliser for War Memorial grass. | £18.99 | | £18.99 |
| Pearce & Kemp external lighting etc. | £654.50 | £130.90 | £785.40 |
| TOTAL | | | <u>£1127.06</u> |

Accounts already paid.

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

- Current Account: £2,527.46
- Business Account: £5,158.15
- Latitude Ticket Sales Account: £11,561.23

Correspondence – None.

PLANNING

a. Applications received: None.

b. Decisions Received: None.

Any Other Business – None

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Website: www.wangfordwithhenham.onesuffolk.net

Next meeting Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm.