

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 13th February 2024

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

Cllr. Paul Ashton

Member of the public: Mr. W. Seymour, Sue Taylor, Carol Wood and Gary Price.

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – Cllrs. S. S. Smith and R. Miller (Almshouses)

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllrs. S. Ives and R. Waters

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Cllr. Paul Ashton. Reported that the County and District were going through budget setting at the moment. He is now on the planning committee for Sizewell C. He also reported with construction at Sizewell C the area will see an uplift in abnormal loads being transported to Sizewell from Lowestoft harbour via the A12. The tidal barrier in Lowestoft won't happen without Government funding. He will be meeting with Cllr. Beavan to discuss ongoing problems at Potters Bridge and will report back.

Sue Taylor gave a very informed report regarding the closure of outreach post offices to be replaced with a mobile van. She asked that a mandate be given from the Parish Council to proceed with challenging the proposal. Cllr. A Smith proposed that the Parish Council will give their full support to try and prevent the change. Cllr. S. Farrands will help Sue and the Community Council.

Cllr. A. Smith thanked Carol Wood for the work that she had done mending the village survey, which will hopefully be ready to send out in Spring.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 9th February 2024 –

The draft minutes for 9th February 2024 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farands, Cllr E. Utting 2nd All in Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

Bus Stops and route through village – update. Cllr. A. Smith had contacted County Cllr. A. Dunning again to see why there had been no further progress and received the following response. *County have double checked with First and they are looking at April for changes to the 99 corridor. They have been delayed a bit while they have been adjusting to extra services coming into Suffolk funded by Norfolk CC with their BSIP grant, but they are now working out how the Suffolk services operated out of Lowestoft will fit in.*

- CCTV update – Cllr. S. Smith reported that the installation was complete but due to flooding in the community centre, a demonstration of the equipment would have to be deferred until the next meeting.
- Community Speed Watch – update deferred until the next meeting.
- Accountant/Bookkeeper – all necessary paperwork is now with the accountants.
- Village Survey update – Cllr A Smith thanked Carol Wood for her work on this so far. It was proposed that the survey be sent by Cllr. A. Smith 2nd Cllr. S. Farrands AIF.
- Residential development in Reydon. It is noted that much of the construction traffic for the Reydon site could come through Wangford what with there being problems with flooding at Potters Bridge and Quay Lane. Both County Cllr. Ashton and Cllr. S. Farands will keep an eye on the proposed development and report back as things progress. County Cllr. P. Ashton said that Wangford should have been notified about this proposed development and potential impact.
- Pearce & Kemp. Ongoing electrical work to the MUGA, community centre and garages. The quote for works at £654.50 was proposed by Cllr. S. Smith 2nd Cllr. G. Pepper AIF.
- Trustees for Christopher Rous Memorial Trust. The PC are awaiting a formal notification from the clerk of the Almshouses to nominate a candidate to stand as a trustee.
- Tennis court (muga) entry system. Cllrs S. Smith and P. Ashton will look around to see what other systems are being used in surrounding parishes and report back.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the position is still being advertised.

Clerk's report to include crime report sourced from Police UK website.

Most recent update December: no crimes reported.

Any Other Councillor Reports.

Cllr S.Farands attended the quarry liaison meeting and it appears that the quarry are going to put in a further extension until the end of the year. This has not appeared on the planning portal and Cllr. Ashton said it may have done but at county level. Cllr. S. Farrands will report back any further news.

Finance

Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Ben Burgess tractor service	£430.43	£86.08	£516.51
Temporary clerk	£225.00		£225.00
S. Smith cabinet for CCTV equipment	£185.00		£185.00
Woodmen Trees	£230.00		£230.00
Total			<u>£1156.51</u>
<u>Invoices agreed and paid during the month.</u>			
BSA CCTV balance payment	£1170.26	£234.05	£1404.31
E.on electric	£27.35	£5.47	£32.82
Wangford playgroup	£147.68		£147.68
Total			£1584.81

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

Accounts already paid. Garage rent for plot A4 £70.00

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £1897.44

Business Account: £7,131.48

Latitude Ticket Sales Account: £12,686.17

Correspondence – None.

PLANNING

a. Applications received: None.

b. Decisions Received: None.

Any Other Business – None.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Website: www.wangfordwithhenham.onesuffolk.net

Next meeting Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm.