

## **WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

Member of the public: Mr. W. Seymour, Mr. Marfleet and Mr. & Mrs. Price.

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

**Declarations of Interest – None.**

**Receipt and acceptance of apologies –**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Mr. Marfleet asked whether the PC had sent a letter to object about LionLink – which they have.

County Cllr. Paul Ashton. Reported that the County and District were going through budget setting at the moment. There will probably be an increase in council tax of just under 3%. He also reported that housing stock was low and that the council had been overcharging tenants at St Peters Court since 2012 which could cost millions of pounds. The flats are still set to be demolished, causing a further shortage of housing. He has some money left in the communities budget if any projects are in need. He confirmed that the council had sent objections regarding LionLink and that it was likely that SeaLink would go to the consultation stage.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 –**

The draft minutes for 12th December 2023 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farrands, Cllr S. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 has not received a response.
- CCTV update – Cllr. S. Smith reported that the installation was delayed by illness prior to Christmas but a new date had been fixed for installation of the system on the 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- Community Speed Watch – update deferred until the next meeting.
- Accountant/Bookkeeper – Cllrs S and A Smith met with Cunninghams at Lowestoft and they have agreed to take on the bookkeeping, vat reclaims and will deal with the internal and external audits.
- Village Survey update – Cllr A Smith thanked Carol Price for her work on this so far. The PC has asked for some further points to be added regarding sports, residential status and volunteering. Cllr A Smith would speak to Sue at The Messenger to see if the survey, when finished could be included when the magazine is delivered.

- Bench at Henham. Cllr S Smith had a look at the area where it was felt a bench could be placed. He felt that because of the chance of theft, a more rustic bench may be a better choice. He will report to Suffolk Highways to see if they would give approval.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the position is still being advertised.
- Precept. Agreed to be kept at the same level.

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

Most recent update November: no crimes reported.

**Any Other Councillor Reports.**

Cllr S.Farands reported a large pothole on Mardle Road. Any potholes or problems with the highways can be reported online on the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

Cllr A. Smith attended the Reydon PC meeting prior to Christmas as they were discussing the flooding at Potters Bridge. Reydon PC are hoping to meet with Wangford PC to discuss. A further meeting by a group is to be held at The Randolph on 10<sup>th</sup> January which Cllrs S. Farands and P. Ashton will attend and report back.

Cllr S. Smith has an issue with the donation to the Toddler Group as they do not have a specified bank account. They will either buy the equipment they need and be reimbursed or the PC will purchase what they need. They were very appreciative for the donation.

Mrs. Carol Price had asked about the possibility of help with funding a pilates class. Cllr A. Smith suggested that she spoke to the Community Council first as it would be in the centre.

**Finance**

<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ben Burgess tracker subscription	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Temporary clerk	£225.00		£225.00
Suffolk Highways bin emptying	£52.00	£10.40	£62.40
Total			<u>£347.40</u>

Proposed for payment Cllr. S Farrands, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr. E. Utting, AIF.

**Accounts already paid.** None

**Receipts:**

**Bank Statement Figures -**

- Current Account: £2,282.66
- Business Account: £7,131.48
- Latitude Ticket Sales Account: £14,238.16

**Correspondence – None.**

**PLANNING**

**a. Applications received: None.**

**b. Decisions Received: None.**

**Any Other Business – None.**

**Meeting closed at 8.46pm.**

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**Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm.**