

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S. Smith, T Carter, S Ives, R. Miller & R. Waters.

Also in attendance: County Cllr. A. Dunning.

Members of the public: Mr Anthony Marfleet, Mr Gary Price & Ms Carol Wood.

Parish Clerk, Greg Radcliffe taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – None

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllrs. P. Ashton, S. Farrands, G. Pepper & E. Utting.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Cllr Dunning was in attendance and provided her report – she highlighted waste disposal and briefly talked about what should and should not go in the waste rather than recycling bins. Ms Wood said that one of the reasons she was present was to ask whether it would be possible for the village shop to have a collection point for used batteries? There was a short discussion which mentioned the difficulties that the shop would have in disposing of the collected batteries as collection is expensive and who would pay for collection? Also, there are collection points at Morrisons and Homebase in south Lowestoft. However, this is not helpful for people who do not have their own transport. Cllr Dunning suggested that local people could offer to take the batteries to a collection point.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 13th June 2023 –

The draft minutes for 13th June 2023 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr R Waters, Cllr S. Smith 2nd All In Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

Bus stops – The clerk had forwarded all councillors an email from Cllr Dunning advising that she has asked the bus company to begin using the new route, but apparently this change takes 90 days.

Parking on pavements – There followed a general discussion where the possibility of putting in bollards or big planters was mentioned. Bollards cannot be put in as the parish council does not have that power and when approached previously about planters the council did not like the idea. Cllr S. Smith said that a note has been put in The Messenger and if the problem continues then the police will be contacted. Ms. Wood commented that she is concerned about people parking unsafely near and opposite the village shop and creating an obstruction – would yellow lines be a solution? Cllr S. Smith advised that this has been raised before and the highways department would not put yellow lines in those areas.

Overgrown hedges - hedges opposite the GP surgery are overgrown, Norse used to trim them, but a new company has taken over recently. Cllr Dunning said that due to lack of funding there is a new initiative called “Community Self Help” which provides insurance by Suffolk County Council and there is also money set aside for communities to buy equipment to do the work. Cllr Dunning will send details of the scheme to the clerk. There was a brief discussion about what happens if the hedges are on private land and the landowner is obstructive. Cllr Dunning advised that she should be told in these instances.

Inappropriate use of public bin – the clerk has written to holiday letting agencies in Southwold asking them to please remind Wangford holiday tenants not to use the public bin on the corner of High St & Norfolk Rd.

Pavement repairs – Cllr Waters passed his report (which includes photos) regarding the pavement repairs needed in Wangford to Cllr Dunning. Cllr Waters will also upload his report onto the website in the next few days. Cllr Dunning will contact the Enforcement Officer to ask why the repairs have not yet been done. It was mentioned that the pavements by the allotments are particularly bad. Cllr Dunning said that she will ask the Highways Engineer to visit – Cllr Waters offered to walk round the village with the engineer to show them what needs to be done.

MUGA – Ms Wood and Mr Price said that they have had a conversation with Cllr G. Pepper regarding the MUGA and how to improve it. Cllr A. Smith said that there is a problem with security. Also he has been in touch with the man who has previously jet washed and used weed killer in the MUGA and it will cost nearly £700 to do this again. He continued that recoating the MUGA will cost £3,500; replacing boards will cost 3,000; new nets are £1,000. Cllr A. Smith continued that these are large amounts of money and it is a lot to spend on one area. Not all villagers would be happy with that. Another problem is that of maintaining the area and who will do that? Cllr A. Smith added that volunteers were supposed to be attending tonight’s meeting, but nobody has arrived. Clerk to add this topic to the September agenda for continued discussion, including Cllr G. Pepper’s report.

Open structure/table tennis – Cllr S. Farrands had raised these topics at the June meeting, but is not present tonight. Items to be added to September agenda.

20’s Plenty – Cllr Dunning explained that this scheme is not appropriate for A or B roads, but it may be possible on smaller roads such as Church St in Wangford. Cllr Dunning will send the clerk links regarding the necessary criteria for the scheme.

Internal audit – the clerk advised that Jean Brown (previous parish clerk for Wangford) has recently returned the required internal audit documents to SALC. It has been more difficult this year as additional information is required now.

Police visit – the clerk said that he has been in touch with the new officer (Amy) who has suggested arranging a Street Meet in Wangford, Amy needs a venue and she can then send some dates. Clerk to contact Amy to say that the chosen venue is Wangford Community Centre.

Finance

Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Clerk’s salary for June 2023	£225.00	-	£225.00
85 miles travel at 45p per mile	£38.25	-	£38.25
Stamps/photocopies/folders	£29.56	-	£29.56
Jean Brown audit preparation	£150.00	-	£150.00
Barry Dewing - removal goal posts/concrete	£100.00	-	£100.00
Joel Spurdens pest control	£66.14	£13.23	£79.37
TOTAL			<u>£622.18</u>

Proposed for payment Cllr R Waters, 2nd Cllr R. Miller, AIF.

Accounts already paid - None

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £8,064.23

Business Account: £7,087.74

Latitude Ticket Sales Account £24,997.37

Correspondence – None

Planning

a. Applications received: None

b. Decisions received: None

Any Other Business – None.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Next meeting Tuesday 12^h September 2023 at 7.30pm.