

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 13th June 2023

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

Also in attendance: District Cllr. P Ashton.

Parish Clerk, Greg Radcliffe taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – None

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllr. E Utting.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Cllr Ashton was in attendance – this was his first meeting at Wangford with Henham Parish Council. Cllr Ashton advised that the recent elections had caused changes and that now East Suffolk consists of Green and Liberal Democrat councillors along with one independent councillor. He continued by telling all present that the district council has a campaign to reduce contamination of recycled waste, encouraging people to be smarter and try not to waste food. Cllr Ashton added that there is a 2.7m grant and they are asking for proposals of how to spend this money. The first proposal closes on 30.6.23. This grant scheme will be good for parish councils in the future. Cllr Ashton then raised the subject of apprenticeships – there are 9 positions with Suffolk County Council and the closing date for applications is 25.6.23. The Tour of Britain cycle race is coming to Suffolk again this year and for 2023 the race ends in Felixstowe. Cllr Ashton added that he is on the Planning Committee for North Suffolk. He also reminded all present that when objecting to planning applications it is helpful to look through the formal planning document as this provides additional evidence for the objection. Cllr Ashton said that he cannot make representations to the Planning Committee or enter the meeting with a pre-determined opinion.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 9th May 2023 –

The draft minutes for 9th May 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 – There was a brief discussion about the completed work on the bus stops. Clerk to email Cllr Dunning to ask if she has contacted the bus company regarding the new route to be used.

Water taps – Cllr S Smith has agreed that Rupert can extend the water supply to the top end of the allotments. A water tap is needed at the bottom end also. Paul Peck is to do the necessary digging and Rupert will do the connection work. PCM to supply the fittings.

Cllr S Smith said that Paul Peck will dig out the trench to the tractor shed and then lay the cable and back fill the hole. Pearce & Kemp will do the connection work. Prices are:

Water connection & digger £750.00
Cable electrics £500.00

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

Parking on pavements – Cllr S. Smith has received complaints regarding vehicles parking on pavements in Norfolk Road and Church Street. Clerk to ask Sue Taylor to put an article about this in The Messenger. If things do not improve then the parish council will take further action with the police.

Overgrown hedges in Church Street & High Street – Cllr S. Smith mentioned that the hedge in Church Street is overgrown and that it makes pulling out of drives difficult for people – there is a risk they might have a collision. Cllr S. Smith has cut back the bottom of the hedge. Clerk to contact council asking them to trim the hedge.

The hedge belonging to the Rectory in the High Street is also overgrown – clerk to write and ask for this to be trimmed.

Inappropriate use of public bin – Cllr S. Smith advised that the bin on the corner of High Street and Norfolk Road is being filled by the tenants in the holiday cottages rather than them using the bins at the holiday homes. Clerk to write to the holiday letting companies in Southwold asking them to remind tenants to please use bins appropriately.

MUGA – Cllr S. Smith said that Trevor Clarke has provided a new quote regarding the MUGA boarding, some of which can be re-used. There was a discussion about whether planks or plywood would be best – planks were agreed to be the stronger option. The sports club was also mentioned and there was a talk about the best way to try and keep it going. Cllr S. Ives suggested paying someone for that role. Cllr S. Farrands suggested erecting some form of open shelter for young people. This idea to be added to the July PCM agenda. The idea of outdoor table tennis was also mentioned.

Path clearing – Cllr G. Pepper advised that following the volunteer work on Coronation Day, Cadent workers have completed the last bit of path clearance (using a mini digger) in Blacksmiths Close. Cllr G. Pepper has written to Cadent to thank them for this work.

Quarry meeting – Cllr S. Farrands told all present that there was supposed to be a quarry meeting on 21.6.23, but she cannot attend this. They are still pushing for planning permission on the field, but at present no further action can be taken – the parish council needs to wait and see what happens.

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

Finance

Accounts for Payment

	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Clerk's salary for May 2023	£225.00	-	£225.00
36 miles travel at 45p per mile	£16.20	-	£16.20
ILCA training course	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
Wendy Hawkes coronation flowers	£297.13	-	£297.13
Sue Taylor coronation teas	£228.40	-	£228.40
Heather Broughton coronation display	£46.58	-	£46.58

TOTAL

£957.31

Proposed for payment Cllr S Farrands, 2nd Cllr G. Pepper, AIF.

Accounts already paid - None

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £4,570.70

Business Account: £8,722.22

Latitude Ticket Sales Account £17,152.06

Cllr S. Smith added that there is an additional £7,000 for Latitude tickets and he will circulate figures to councillors tomorrow.

Correspondence –

Thank you letter from Sheila Scholes (Treasurer, Wangford Parochial Church Council) regarding £500 given by Wangford with Henham Parish Council towards Wangford churchyard costs.

Letter from Bev Leggett (local care worker) regarding the need for pavement repairs. A discussion took place and the Clerk has already written to the council about this issue, but received a reply to say that due to budget restrictions the work cannot be done. There are concerns about the safety of residents, especially older people and people with disabilities as they may be more prone to tripping and falling. Cllr Ashton advised that it is a county issue so the best course of action is to contact Cllr. Dunning. Clerk to email Cllr Dunning and copy Cllr Ashton in. Cllr Waters kindly offered to walk round the village, note all dangerous areas and take photos.

Mr John Turner had sent an email regarding further plans for alterations to the new houses (DC/21/5536/OUT field off Elms lane, Wangford). Cllr G. Pepper read out some changes made by the architects. The number of houses remains at 20, but councillors need to see the revised plan before taking action. Clerk to respond to Mr Turner.

Millfields benches – the Clerk has received a reply from Suffolk council to say they cannot repair the benches. Cllr Ashton asked the Clerk to forward that reply to him to look at.

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 11^h July 2023 at 7.30pm.