

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 12th March 2024

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

Cllr. Paul Ashton

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

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – Cllr. R. Miller (Almshouses)

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – Cllr. A. Dunning.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Carol Wood asked why the MUGA has now become known as the tennis court. It will remain as a MUGA but for the purposes of a lock entry system, it has been referred to as a tennis court. She also asked why the village gateway signs are not on the agenda. Quotes for the signs have been given and the PC are awaiting quotes for the installation of same. Once the quotes have been received, they will be back on the agenda. The PC was asked about weedkilling around the perimeter of the MUGA. This is in hand. Cllr. S Smith asked that a vote of thanks is given to Mrs. Marfleet who has single handedly weeded around the multi games area.

Cllr. Ashton reported that the Gull Wing bridge was in place and awaiting testing before being opened. He also reported on LionLink and would do as much as he could to oppose the plan. He is also dealing with a litter picking campaign “East Suffolk is Amazing” and would welcome any thoughts or ideas.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 9th February 2024 –

The draft minutes for 9th February 2024 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farands, Cllr S Smith 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 gave a demonstration to all attending to show how the CCTV cameras work and how they can record and store information up to a month so that it can be reviewed if any issues are reported
- Community Speed Watch – Cllr. G Pepper has been approached by 4 members of the public to assist but he needs a minimum of 6.
- 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. The PC are awaiting quotes for printing.
- Residential development in Reydon. Appears to be all quiet at the moment and Cllr S Farrands is monitoring the situation.
- Trustees for Christopher Rous Memorial Trust. The PC do not know of anyone who may wish to volunteer for this position and it was suggested that an advert be placed in The Messenger.
- Tennis court (muga) entry system. No further update as yet.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the position is still being advertised.

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

Any Other Councillor Reports.
None.

Finance

| Accounts for Payment | COST | VAT | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Website Hosting | £31.25 | £6.25 | £37.50 |
| Temporary clerk | £225.00 | | £225.00 |
| | | | |
| Total | | | <u>£262.50</u> |

Proposed for payment Cllr. G Pepper, 2nd Cllr. T Carter, AIF.

Accounts already paid. None

Receipts:

Bank Statement Figures -

- Current Account: £925.93
- Business Account: £7,131.48
- Latitude Ticket Sales Account: £12,501.17

Correspondence – Joy Scriven has emailed Cllr A Smith to ask if a flag could be put on the fencing of the play area, opposite the vets to welcome back the swifts. The PC agreed.

PLANNING

a. Applications received:

DC/24/0507/TCA – 32 Norfolk Road, Wangford.

T1 Variegated sycamore crown reduce by 1.5m Spread reduce from 7m to 4m.

T2 Tulip – reduce in height by 1m. Spread reduction from 3.5m to 2.5m.

T3 Cherry – reduce height by approximately 1.5m.

No Objections.

DC/24/0618/FUL – 2 Pound Corner, Wangford.

Ground floor extension.

No Objections.

b. Decisions Received: None.

Any Other Business – A letter re planning for an extension to the time that the quarry wished to remain on site had not been received. The extension asked for the quarry to stay until the end of the year. Cllr. Farrands replied saying that it was far too long and a few months might be acceptable.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Website: www.wangfordwithhenham.onesuffolk.net

Next meeting Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm.