

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm Tuesday 14th November 2023

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

Member of the public: Mr. W. Seymour.

Temporary Parish Clerk, Mrs Sallie Smith taking minutes.

Declarations of Interest – All Cllrs, re: planning DC/23/4193/TCA. Horse chestnut tree affecting telephone wires in childrens play area.

Receipt and acceptance of apologies – District Cllr. P. Ashton at another meeting. Cllr. S. Ives – other commitments.

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No reports. Mr. Seymour attending as an observer.

Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting Held 10th October 2023 –

The draft minutes for 10th October 2023 were agreed.

Proposed, Cllr S. Farands, Cllr R. Waters 2nd All in Favour (AIF).

Matters Arising from The Minutes of Previous Meetings

- Lion Link – Leaflets had been circulated to all residents before the deadline and now it is a question of waiting for the consultation period and result. The meeting held by Reydon PC was well attended with over a hundred and fifty people present.
- Bus Stops and route through village – update. Cllr. A. Smith had contacted County Cllr. A. Dunning to see why there had been no further progress and was told that she would chase up the bus company and get back to us.
- MUGA repairs and update – The restoration work to the boarding and the staining of the wood has now been completed by Anglia Surfaces and looks very good. The final price came in below the quote. Cllrs are now looking into a booking system before the court is reopened. This will also coincide with the CCTV system if it is to be installed. Cllrs will also discuss the possibility of providing 5 a side football goals on the playing field to prevent football being played in the MUGA. This would prevent noise and damage to the repaired boarding. The casing to the electric meters is broken, Cllr. S. Smith has reported this to national power who will replace it when they can. He is also getting an electrician to check the floodlight to the Centre, the MUGA and the one that lights the garage area.
- CCTV update – Cllr. S. Smith has spoken to the community council who are basically in agreement with a CCTV system but just need to sort out some finer points as to where the recording equipment would be sited. The recordings would only be viewed if an incident occurs, and cameras would not be pointed at residents' properties.

- Gateway Signs to Village entrance by A12 – Highways have granted a licence and approved the siting for the signs. Cllr. A. Smith will now get some costings for the next meeting. He has also approached District Cllr. Ashton as he may have some funding to help with the cost.
- Community Self Help Scheme – Cllr. A. Smith has been notified by Highways of a potential training day in early January for him and Cllr. S. Smith to attend. Once training is complete, working parties under supervision would be able to do a number of jobs around the village to keep things looking tidy. Work parties would be on a voluntary basis.
- Village Sign area. Cllr. Pepper has ordered some more topsoil for the area to replace what is there and to provide more nutrients for when the new hedging is planted.
- Replacement bench in Churchyard. The bench has been delivered and is in place and a letter has been received from the PCC thanking the PC for providing it.
- Community Speed Watch – Cllr. Pepper has contacted the police to register an interest for starting a speed watch group. It would require a minimum of 6 volunteers over age 18 to spend approximately 1 hour at a time recording vehicles. A co-ordinator and assistant to be responsible for equipment. The cost of training would be covered by Suffolk Police as well as insurance. The cost of equipment required would have to be covered by the PC. Cllr. Pepper will find out more information on the scheme and report back at the next meeting.
- Accountant/Bookkeeper – Cllr. S. Smith had a quote for £750 per annum from Cunninghams to look after the accounts, VAT returns and to liaise with audits. Proposed, Cllr. S. Smith, 2nd Cllr. Farrands, all in favour (AIF).
- Barclays Bank update – a letter was received saying that the account needed urgent action, or it would be suspended. The account was listed by Barclays as a Club. The necessary steps have now been taken to list the accounts as a Parish Council.
- Parish Clerk vacancy – the position is still being advertised.

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

Most recent update September: 3 violence and sexual offences.

Any Other Councillor Reports

Allotments – a couple of plots have not yet been paid for so this will be chased. There will be an allotment holders meeting Tuesday 21st.

Finance

Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Gallagher Insurance	£775.68		£775.68
Temporary Clerk	£225.00		£225.00
Stationery & printing Lionlink leaflets.	£65.00		£65.00
Anglia surface Care	£3040.00	£608.00	£3648.00
EoN	£24.75	£1.24	£25.99
Total			<u>£4739.67</u>

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

Accounts already paid. Agreed by all before meeting.

Mears Hobbs Durrant Solic. Title plans and title.	£9.00
S. Taylor remembrance poppy wreath.	£19.99
Cllr. Pepper allotment rental collection sundries & print cartridges.	£64.92
Suffolk County Council, street furniture licence.	£150.00
Memorial Benches UK.	£499.90
Total	<u>£743.81</u>

Receipts:

Invoices issued and paid. (grass cutting)	
C. Latham	£30.00
B. Smith	£20.00
Rous Memorial Cottages	£40.00
Total	<u>£90.00</u>

Bank Statement Figures -

Current Account: £3708.96

Business Account: £7106.73

Latitude Ticket Sales Account: £19931.03

Correspondence – None**Planning****a. Applications received:**

DC/23/4193/TCA – Horse chestnut is affecting the telephone wire at 18 High Street. Crown reduction by up to 30% to reduce risk of damage and to prevent overgrowth to swings in play area. The works will maintain the shape of the tree. Wangford Playing Fields, High Street, Wangford, NR34 8RL.

DC/23/4137/TCA – 6x Lime trees on Church boundary – remove deadwood and crown lift up to 4m. St. Peters and St. Pauls, Church Street, Wangford, NR34 8RW.
No objections.

b. Decisions received: None**Any Other Business – None.****Meeting closed at 8.06pm.****Website: www.wangfordwithhenham.onesuffolk.net****Next meeting Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7.30pm.**