

WANGFORD WITH HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held in Wangford Community Centre at 8.00pm Tuesday 14th September 2021

Present: Chair Cllr A Smith, Cllrs S Smith, Farrands, Pepper, Miller, Carter, Ives, Waters & Utting. C Cllr Dunning, D Cllr Brooks and the Clerk J Brown.

- 1 **Declarations of Interest - None**
- 2 **Receipt and acceptance of apologies - None**

PUBLIC FORUM –to include COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS.

Cllr Brooks’ monthly report had been circulated, things have been pretty quiet at the moment. ESC’s diesel vehicles will be made to run on bio diesel and other vehicles will be replaced with electric ones over time. Plans have been passed to construct a new design of building in Beccles, which if satisfactory, will become the model for all new social housing in the district.

Cllr Dunning’s parishes report to be circulated. Some casework around the village has been completed, a meeting will be held with Cllr A & S Smith regarding funding of the bus stops project. At the meeting of the Wangford Quarry Liaison Group the rep from Breedon said that the expansion at Kiln Farm will definitely not go ahead. Breedon may apply for another time extension for extraction, but told the meeting that the site will probably be exhausted within 18 months, their restoration plan to be circulated. The Boundaries Commission have put in a draft for more changes in an effort to reduce County Councillor numbers. Cllr Dunning & Brooks left the meeting at 8.15pm.

- 3 **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10th August 2021**
Proposed Cllr Farrands, 2nd Cllr Miller, aif.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Bus stops – Postponed meeting with C Cllr Dunning to be rearranged

Prevention of vehicular access to playing field – still awaiting delivery of materials.

New signs – Cllr S Smith unable to find any suitable ones.

Tracker for Tractor – still awaiting fitting, Cllr S Smith to chase them up.

Possible social media account for PC. Sally Smith quoted £50 per month to set up and run Facebook and Twitter accounts for the PC. Cllr Farrands proposed acceptance, 2nd Cllr Pepper, 8 for, 1 abstention. Clerk to liaise with Sally.

5 REPORTS

Clerk’s report to include Police Report sourced from Suffolk Constabulary’s Website.

July: 2 non Latitude related – 1 x burglary near A12 Junction, 1 x other theft Hill road – both under investigation. Vicinity of Latitude 1 x possession of drugs – warning given. 1 x other theft – investigation complete no suspect identified. 1 x violence – under investigation.

On Latitude site 12. 6 x violence – 5 under investigation 1- unable to prosecute suspect.

4 x drugs - 2 x possession – warning given. 1 – formal action not in the public interest.

1 under investigation. 1 ASB. 1 x other crime – under investigation.

Rent requests for Allotment & garage plots have been sent out along with a reminder that plots cannot be sublet or passed on to someone else. Cheque £3,265.00 received from WCC towards the new mower (not shown on August’s statement).

Cllr A Smith has received a complaint via email that the cycle path alongside the A12 between Frostenden & Wangford is very overgrown, Clerk has reported it to Norse.

Cllr Smith will meet with Barry Dewing re cutting back overgrowth on path from the Vets to the shop. He will contact Melvin Benn (Festival Republic) again for a donation to the wild flower garden, Mr Benn was keen on the idea before lockdown affected finances.

Cllr Miller WCC have been decorating the committee room and do not want to rehang the pictures they say belong to the PC, they will be placed in PC’s part of the storeroom.

Cllr Pepper the grass on the wild flower garden has been cut, raked and disposed of, he would like to buy some more bulbs and wildflower seeds – the cost can come from Latitude ticket sales money. He thanked all the volunteers that have helped out over the year. The book swap is going well. There was a very nice piece in the Suffolk Magazine about the allotments which some people have given up this year. It was agreed that a skip should be ordered in October to dispose of accumulated rubbish around the allotments.

Cllr Utting has asked ESC to repair the post and rail fence in Millfields.

6 FINANCE

a. Accounts for Payment	COST	VAT	TOTAL
J Brown, Clerk's Pay & expenses	311.89	5.45	317.34
P Smith, Litter picking			50.00
EON, Electricity x 2 July & August	27.57	1.37	30.31
Wicksteed, Play equipment inspection	60.00	12.00	72.00
SALC – underpayment of last invoice		5.00	5.00
B Dewing – grass cutting wildflower garden			140.00
Total 6			£614.65

Cllr A Smith proposed payment of these accounts, 2nd Cllr Pepper, aif.

b Accounts already paid – None

c Receipts – Latitude ticket sales £5,585.00

d Bank Statement Figures- 26th August 2021 C Acc: £6,02371 B Acc: 4,247.42

Latitude Ticket Sales Acc £19,128.08

e Presentation and review of Internal Audit – circulated. Cllr A Smith said that the report is adequate for the PC's needs, 2nd Cllr Waters, aif.

f Insurance renewal – documents circulated, after a short discussion Cllr A Smith proposed renewal as the cover is sufficient for the PC's needs and that the premium of £542.93 be paid, 2nd Cllr Waters, aif.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr & Mrs Scholes – request for 'no parking on verges' signs. After some discussion it was decided to monitor the situation, however it has to be kept in mind that if SCC own the verges they will have to give their permission.

8. PLANNING –

a Applications rec'd: None

b Decisions rec'd: DC/21/2880/FUL 22 Hill Rd. Remove conservatory at rear and replace with flat roof extension on side of kitchen to make utility room. Permitted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Council and community relations and responsibilities. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Presentation of play equipment inspection report and quotes for repairs – circulated.

Cllr A smith proposed that repairs to 1,2 & 4 specified in the report are ordered, he will do the repairs to item 3 and that the suspension bridge be removed as the repairs are expensive and more will probably be required in the near future, 2nd Cllr Utting,aif.

Cllr Ives said that there is an awful lot of rubbish around the play area, although Norse appear to be emptying the bin regularly.

There being no other business Cllr A Smith thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.52pm

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Date of Next Meeting: 12th October 2021