

WETHERINGSETT CUM BROCKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 1 August 2016

Present: Cllrs R Anscombe (Chairman), T Alston, Mrs A Arnold, B Lacey, J Leadbetter, Mrs S Perry. County Cllr A Stringer and six members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Miss J Canham, Mrs C Nickson and Ms S Payne.
2. **Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda**
Item 7.1 – Cllr Mrs A Arnold
Item 9.1 – Cllr T Alston
3. **To receive the following reports:**
Police – report available online. No questions were raised.
County Councillor – Cllr Stringer presented his report which covered changes to the Demand Responsive Bus Service, the appointment of an interim Chief Executive at Mid Suffolk & Babergh District Councils, the LGA Conference at Bournemouth, Electoral Reform, setting up Housing Companies and Devolution – copy written report attached to the Minutes.
Questions raised included cutting back verges at various main route junctions, in particular Cedars Hill/A140 and Town Lane/A140 and the request for a 40mph speed limit along Town Lane. Cllr Stringer offered to look into both these items.
District Councillor – no report
Public Rights of Way – no issues raised.
4. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – no comments.
5. **To consider and approve Minutes of the meeting held 4 July 2016 and Extraordinary Meeting held 11 July 2016**
Cllr Alston proposed approval of both sets of Minutes, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold and agreed.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes for report** – none.
7. **To consider Planning Applications for recommendation to MSDC:**
 1. 2784/16 : Land to east of Park Hall Cottages, Wetherup St – erection of 2 detached dwellings comprising one 3 bed bungalow and one 4 bed house with garages, parking and associated access utilizing existing vehicular
(Cllr Mrs Arnold left the room. Cllr Lacey declared an interest as an adjoining landowner).
Following discussion of the application Cllr Leadbetter proposed support of the proposal on the grounds the proposed number of dwellings had been reduced to two thereby having no or minimal impact on any drainage or access issues, seconded Cllr Alston, 4 in favour, abstention, proposal carried. *(Cllr Mrs Arnold returned to the room).*
 2. 2901/16 : Hillside, Hockey Hill – erection of three 3 bed dwellings with construction of new vehicular access with associated parking and landscaping. During discussion of the application a suggestion was made that the existing access should be used for the proposed 3 dwellings rather than creation of a new access on to Hockey Hill. Members were encouraged that the proposal was for three bedroomed dwellings there being a need for smaller properties in the village. Cllr Mrs Arnold proposed a recommendation of support, seconded Cllr Lacey, 5 in favour, 1 abstention on the grounds of a further access on to the public highway. Proposal carried.
 3. 3011/16 : Primrose Cottage, Wetherup Street – replacement steel tank with bunded oil tank and creation of concrete base. Cllr Alston proposed a recommendation of support, seconded Cllr Leadbetter and agreed.
8. **Planning Decisions received from MSDC:**
 1. 2494/16 : The Old Forge, Mendlesham Road – replace rotten wood frames on eastern elevation with replica replacements. **Listed Building Consent Granted.**
9. **Planning Correspondence**
 1. 2691/16 : Mid Suffolk Light Railway – to consider comments received from Wetheringsett parishioners. The Chairman reported he had received emails from two parishioners, Mr McKenna and Mr Daley regarding the procedure followed by the Parish Council to consider the response to the planning application. The parishioners had been informed that the correct procedure had been followed by the Parish Council, ie that an extraordinary meeting had been held giving the required prior notice to parishioners. The Chairman had also informed the parishioners that should they wish to make comments regarding the application they should do so direct to MSDC as soon as possible in order to meet the MSDC required timescale.

2. Consultation under Regulation 16 – Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan
The consultation document had been circulated to parish council members. The deadline for response of any comments was 16 September. It was agreed the item be included on the next agenda for consideration of a response to MSDC.
10. **Wetheringsett Village Hall report**
Cllr Leadbetter reported the damage to the wall during a recent hiring had been repaired and an estimate was being sought for re-rendering the rear wall. There had been no response as yet from the school regarding the legionnaires checks
11. **Proposed New Village Hall report** – include on next agenda.
12. **Proposed VAS speed awareness scheme** – County Cllr Stringer was investigating progress with Highway Officers.
13. **Wetherup Street** – to consider parishioners’ concerns raised over excessive vehicle speeds
Cllr Mrs Arnold brought this to the attention of the Council. As an initial step it was agreed that local police officers were asked to carry out an assessment of vehicle speeds in Wetherup Street and Park Green. Cllr Mrs Arnold offered to give feedback on this action to residents.
14. **Proposed Wetheringsett defibrillator** – deferred to next meeting.
15. **Play area report including provision of waste bin**
Cllr Mrs Arnold reported the waste bin had not been installed as yet and the grass was in need of cutting. It was understood the grass was cut by the school contractor. Pending return of the school in September Cllr Mrs Arnold agreed to ask Shaun Easter to cut the grass and also quote for refurbishment of the bench.
16. **Proposed formal footpath map**
Cllr Alston stated he had been in contact with the previous printer of the last map to discuss updating it.
17. **Cemetery Maintenance**
Deferred to next meeting pending clarification of ownership.
18. **To consider repairs and/or replacement of Hockey Hill Bus Shelter** – deferred to next meeting
19. **Wetheringsett Village Calendar report** – deferred to next meeting
20. **To consider and report on dangerous dog concerns**
Nothing further had been heard from the police in relation to the report on the dangerous dog. With the school holidays in process it was agreed local officers should be asked for a report on action taken.
21. **Finance**
1. To consider s.137 donation requests
Headway Suffolk – Cllr Mrs Arnold proposed a donation of £50, seconded Cllr Alston and agreed.
 2. Accounts for Payment

SALC – internal audit fit 2015/16	£192.00
Clerk’s salary/expenses July 2016	£266.04
Headway Suffolk – donation	£50.00
- Cllr Alston proposed payment of the above accounts, seconded Cllr Leadbetter and agreed.
3. Finance Report – internal audit report to be circulated for consideration at the next meeting.
22. **Clerk’s Report/Correspondence**
1. Devolution – a combined SALC/Suffolk CC series of events to discuss the implications of Norfolk/Suffolk Devolution had been circulated. Comments on the consultation and proposals should be submitted by 23 August 2016.
 2. MSDC – notification of a call for development sites. An opportunity for developers, landowners, parish and town councils, individuals to register land within the district to be considered as a potential allocated site in the new Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint Local Plan. Deadline for registration 26 August 2016.
 3. Requested Police Meeting – Following the Parish Council request for an autumn meeting with local police officers to which the public would be invited to discuss policing issues a response from PCSO Steven Long had stated that unless there was a specific reason for a meeting, ie a spate of crimes or major incident requiring public reassurance, then unfortunately this would not be possible at present due to resourcing and demand.
23. **Chairman’s Urgent Business** – none
24. **To consider Twitter items** – none
25. **Any other business for information exchange/agenda requests** – none
26. **Date of next meeting – Monday 5 September 2016**
Cllr Alston gave his apologies for that meeting.
- Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: