

WETHERINGSETT CUM BROCKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 5 September 2016

Present: Cllrs R Anscombe (Chairman), Mrs E Aldred, M Baker, Miss J Canham, B Lacey, J Leadbetter, Mrs C Nickson, Ms S Payne and Mrs S Perry.
County Cllr A Stringer, District Cllr G Horn and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Mrs A Arnold and T Alston.

2. **Declaration of Interest relating to items on the agenda** – none.

3. **To receive the following reports:**

Police – written report available on Suffolk Police website. It was understood there had been a burglary near the A140 but no details were available.

County Councillor – Cllr Stringer presented his written report – copy attached to the Minutes. Cllr Stringer added he had spoken to Highway Officers regarding the requested 40mph speed limit on Station Road and the mobile VAS and a response should be received by the end of the week. Questions raised included visibility on to the A140 when exiting at Town Lane and Brockford Green.

District Councillor – no questions were raised and no report was available.

Public Rights of Way – Cllr Mrs Aldred reported repairs to the footbridge at the Cat and Mouse had been carried out. Correspondence had been received from Mr J Davies concerning obstruction of footpath 19 and 20 currently cultivated with sugar beet. This would be reported to Suffolk Public Rights of Way with the suggestion the footpath was diverted around the edge of the field.

The 2016 cutting schedule and map had been received from Public Rights of Way – a copy had been forwarded to Mr Davis and would also be included in the Parish Magazine for information to enable greater monitoring of maintenance of footpaths by parishioners.

4. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr and Mrs Daley stated as near neighbours they wished to comment on planning application 2691/16. They stated they had not been advised of the latest application by MSDC planning and wished to dispute the distances of the proposed new track due to its proximity to their property Potash Cottage. They also wished to bring to the attention of the PC the fact that the MSLR currently had permission for 30 special event days but this year it was running to 35, more days than permission granted under the current planning permission. The special event days were also running beyond the permitted time of 5pm until 7.30pm and a Friday evening bar was open to the village when visitors were not allowed on site. Mr and Mrs Daley were concerned at the disruption the proposed extended track would cause to their enjoyment of their property due to the noise, smoke and smut that would be generated from the engine and that their independent environmental report conflicted with the report produced by the MSLR in the planning application. If the application was granted Mr and Mrs Daley feared they would be faced with not only the disruption mentioned but further breaches of the conditions granted. The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Daley for their comments.

5. **Minutes of the meeting held 1 August 2016**

Cllr Leadbetter proposed acceptance of the Minutes, seconded Cllr Lacey and agreed.

6. **Matters arising from the Minutes for report only** – none

7. **To consider planning applications for recommendation to MSDC**

1. 2691/16 : Mid Suffolk Light Railway – relaying existing standard gauge track on existing track bed and erection of new Wilby Halt – additional information.
MSDC had asked the Parish Council to consider the application following submission of the revised D & A report correcting the measurements stated in the report – these had always been correct on the plan. However the Parish Council had made its first decision on the basis there had been no objections to the application and in view of the additional information provided by the

residents who stated they had not been advised of the application by MSDC planning, and operating as a grassroots body the Chairman suggested that with the additional information now provided should the parish council re-consider its decision. Cllr Mrs Perry stated she would be concerned that representatives from the MSLR were not in attendance to put forward their comments.

It was therefore suggested that an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was held to reconsider the application, proposed Cllr Ms Payne, seconded Cllr Baker and agreed. Date of the meeting to be Monday 12 September 2016, 8pm at the Village Hall.

8. Planning decisions received from MSDC

1. 2271/16 : Waveney Cottage, Church Street - Installation of oil fired central heating system. Installation of hot water tank and solar thermal panel. Dig 3 trench (to contain water pipes and electric cables) with access cover at each end. Erection of free standing solar PV panels. **PPG**
2. 2430/16 : 12 Hockey Hill – erection of first floor extension over existing single storey extension. Erection of single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing car port and erection of garage. **PPG.**
3. 3011/16 : Primrose Cottage, Wetherup Street – replacement steel tank with bunded oil tank and creation of concrete. **PPG**
4. 2901/16 : Hillside, Hockey Hill – erection of three 3 bed dwellings with construction of new vehicular access with associated parking and landscaping. **PPG**
5. 2844/16 : The Old Forge, Mendlesham Road – installation of underfloor heating system. **PPG.**

9. Planning Correspondence

1. Consultation under Regulation 16 – Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan
The Neighbourhood Plan document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members agreed it was an impressive document that had taken some 4/5 years to produce. There were no issues that members wished to raise.

10. Wetheringsett Village Hall report

Cllr Leadbetter reported that all was progressing satisfactorily at present and the latest bill from the Water company was very realistic.

11. Proposed New Village Hall

Cllr Ms Payne reported the Village Fete had raised £1800 towards the new hall project and recorded grateful thanks to all those involved with the fete.

12. Proposed VAS speed awareness scheme

Cllr Stringer stated the Highway's Assessment should be received later this week.

13. Wetherup Street – to consider parishioners concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds

Confirmation had been received from PCSO Steven Long that Suffolk Constabulary speed monitoring would be carried out during the following month.

14. To consider provision of Pedestrians Walking sign at Hockey Hill near War Memorial

Confirmation and proposed siting for the signs in the vicinity of the War Memorial had been received from County Highways. There would however be a cost to the parish council of approximately £200.

Cllr Ms Payne proposed agreement of the site and cost, seconded Cllr Mrs Nickson and agreed.

15. Proposed Wetheringsett defibrillator

Cllr Baker reported that he was still waiting for the final cost for the locked sentry box equipment from the Community Heartbeat Trust but it was anticipated this would be approximately £2500. The equipment would need to be fitted by an electrical engineer. In the meantime Cllr Baker stated he would be arranging a defibrillator awareness event and grand opening.

16. Play Area report including installation of waste bin and grass cutting

Cllr Mrs Nickson reported the waste bin had been ordered and would be installed when it arrived. The ROSPA report had not yet been received and there was no update on grass cutting arrangements.

17. Proposed formal footpath map – deferred to next meeting.

18. Cemetery maintenance

Pending confirmation of cemetery ownership Cllr Baker suggested that a formal arboretum report and 25 year tree maintenance plan was obtained.

Cllr Mrs Aldred reported on a complaint received from a Mr Neville Brown regarding the overgrown condition of the cemetery. It was agreed that Mr Brown was informed the Parish Council was currently in discussion with the PCC regarding responsibility for maintenance of the cemetery.

19. To consider quotation for repairs and/or replacement of Hockey Hill Bus Shelter

Cllr Mrs Nickson provided details of a quotation for replacement of the bus shelter, £1956 including vat for

a replacement in the style of the existing wooden shelter. Having considered and compared all three quotations Cllr Mrs Aldred proposed acceptance of the £1956 quote, seconded Cllr Ms Payne and agreed. Cllr Mrs Nickson agreed to progress the work.

20. **Wetheringsett Village Calendar**

Cllr Ms Payne reported a large number of entries had been received and these would be displayed in the Village Hall on Sunday 9 October between 2pm – 4pm. Parishioners would be invited and asked to pick the three best entries.

21. **Report on dangerous dog concerns**

It was reported local police officers had now dealt with this concern.

22. **Complaint regarding regular bonfires and burning toxic waste**

The complaint had been referred to MSDC Environmental Health.

23. **Finance**

1. To consider Section 137 donation requests - none received

2. Accounts for Payment

A Nickson – Play Area Waste Bin	100.20
Hakluyt Anniversary Fund – event donation	500.00
Clerk – sal/expen Aug 2016	257.38

3. Finance Report including internal audit report

The internal audit report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Consideration of the items raised deferred for action to the next meeting together with a report on the six month expenditure against budget provided by Cllr Leadbetter.

24. **Clerk's report/correspondence**

SALC – notification of Area North Meeting 22 September at Eye Town Hall – details circulated.

Overgrown Footpath A140 at Brockford Street – following concerns raised by a parishioner request to cut back overgrowth obstructing footpath to be sent to Suffolk CC Highways.

Emergency Planning – MSDC request to complete emergency plan template. Document circulated and Cllr Baker offered to prepare the short version template for submission to MSDC.

Suffolk Constabulary – notification of public meetings to be held during the autumn to which Councillors and public were invited. Details circulated and display on parish notice board. No booking required.

25. **Chairman's urgent business** – none.

26. **To consider Twitter items**

The following items were agreed: details of the Wetheringsett Village Calendar 2017 and replacement Bus Shelter, Hockey Hill.

27. **Any other business for information exchange/agenda requests**

Cllr Mrs Nickson raised the flood issue in Church Street opposite the entrance to All Saints Close.

Cllr Stringer stated highways were aware of this and was work in progress.

28. **Date next meetings:**

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12 September 2016, 8pm at the Village Hall.

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Monday 3 October 2016, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: