

WETHERINGSETT CUM BROCKFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 9 May 2016

Present: Cllrs R Anscombe (Chairman), Mrs A Arnold, Miss J Canham, B Lacey, Ms S Payne, Mrs S Perry, Mrs C Nickson and one member of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mrs Perry proposed Cllr R Anscombe was re-elected Chairman, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold. There were no other nominations and Cllr Anscombe was duly elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Anscombe thanked members for their continued support.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs E Aldred, T Alston, M Baker and J Leadbetter

3. To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda – none

4. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Anscombe proposed Cllr Mrs Nickson was re-elected Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Mrs Perry. There were no other nominations and Cllr Mrs Nickson was duly elected Vice Chairman.

It was agreed that item 8 was brought forward

8. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr Gary Sunderland stated that he was the owner and applicant regarding the recent planning application for the erection of two 2 storey dwellings at the rear of Wetheringsett House, Church Street. He was aware that the Parish Council had recommended refusal on the grounds of four concerns and stated that he wished to clarify the points raised as follows:

1. Severe water logging – Mr Sunderland stated that the proposed site for the two dwellings and drive did not suffer water logging but the highway road at the Dale Hill junction leading to Thorndon did occasionally suffer flooding.
2. Restriction should be put in place regarding proposed height of dwellings - The proposal was for one and a half storey dwellings.
3. Highway visibility at access – a 1.4m viewing angle existed at present.
4. Screening – Mr Sunderland did not believe the proposed dwellings would affect the neighbouring property as it was too far away and there were no other properties bordering the site but if required screening could be provided. Also as the proposed dwellings were of a barn effect design these would be attractive.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sunderland for his attendance and clarification on the points raised and stated that the Parish Council had given thorough consideration of the application including parishioners comments submitted online to MSDC. It was important that parishioners were aware that all aspects are taken into consideration by members when considering a planning application to ensure that a balanced response was given.

5. To appoint Working Groups/Representatives for the following:

Finance	:	Cllr J Leadbetter
Planning	:	All Members
Public Rights of Way	:	Cllr Mrs E Aldred
Trees	:	Cllr Mrs S Perry
Village Hall	:	Cllrs J Leadbetter and Mrs A Arnold
New Village Hall Project	:	Cllr Ms S Pane
SALC	:	Cllr Mrs C Nickson
Play Area	:	Cllr Mrs A Arnold
Emergency Planning	:	Cllrs M Baker and T Alston
Road Maintenance	:	Cllr R Anscombe

The above were proposed, seconded and agreed on block.

6. To approve Minutes of the meeting held 11 April 2016

Cllr Mrs Arnold proposed acceptance of the Minutes, seconded Cllr Mrs Nickson and agreed.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes for report – none.

8. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – no further comments.

9. To consider planning applications for recommendation to MSDC:

1. 1802/16 : The Old Forge, Mendlesham Road, Brockford – replace 2 internal walls and installation of firehood and plate. Cllr Ms Payne proposed recommendation of support, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold and agreed.

2. 1811/16 : The Old Forge, Mendlesham Road, Brockford – installation of external tap, installation of temporary CCTV and additional lighting. Cllr Ms Payne proposed recommendation of support, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold and agreed.
 3. 1721/16 : 4 Church Street – reduce height of Sycamore by 50% and remove overhanging branches from neighbouring property. Cllr Mrs Perry proposed recommendation of support, second Cllr Ms Payne and agreed.
- 10. Planning Decisions received from MSDC**
1. 0695/10 : Barn on land at Town Lane – change of use from agricultural to dwellinghouse. Planning Permission Refused.
- 11. Planning Correspondence** – 0699/16 : Wetheringsett House, Church Street – see above item 8.
- 12. Wetheringsett Village Hall** – no further report.
- 13. New Village Hall project** – Cllr Ms Payne suggested it might be prudent to add further representatives to the working group in the near future, particularly from the community.
- 14. Proposed speed awareness scheme**
Mickfield Parish Council had confirmed it had put in a formal application for use of a VAS to Suffolk CC Highways and County Cllr Stringer had confirmed that Mickfield was agreeable to sharing the use and cost of the equipment with Wetheringsett. Following this confirmation it was agreed that Wetheringsett should now make a formal application to Suffolk CC Highways for use of the equipment at the sites already identified.
- 15. To consider request for extension of speed limit in Station Road**
Members discussed and agreed that there was a need for restriction of vehicle speed in Station Road and that an extension of the 30mph or a 40mph restriction should be applied. In the first instance Cllr Ms Payne agreed to consult with residents in Station Road for their view before making a formal application to Suffolk CC Highways.
- 16. Proposed Wetheringsett Debrillator and change of siting** – deferred to next meeting
- 17. Play Area** – no further report
- 18. Proposed formal footpath map** – deferred to next meeting
- 19. To consider additional Cemetery maintenance and survey report** – deferred to next meeting
- 20. To consider quotation/repairs to Hockey Hill Bus Shelter** – deferred to next meeting
- 21. To consider Wetheringsett Village Calendar**
Cllr Ms Payne reported that some very good images for the calendar had been received and she would be encouraging further entries for display in October when a selection would be chosen for the calendar. It was hoped a business could be found to sponsor the project. Cllr Mrs Nickson offered to enquire whether any of the local oil companies would be interested.
- 22 HM Queen's 90th Birthday Tea** – awaiting further update from Cllr Leadbetter.
- 23. Finance**
1. To consider s.137 donation requests – none received.
 2. Accounts for Payment
Clerk's salary/expenses April 2016 - £252.50
Cllr Ms S Payne – Village Hall Course and Raffle Tickets - £48.00.
 3. To approve Parish Council Annual Accounts and Annual Return for year-end 31.3.16
The Parish Council accounts had been circulated to the Annual Parish Meeting and Council Members. These showed a year-end balance of £22,908. As this sum included the new village hall project income and outgoings it was agreed that a note to this effect should be included in the accounts. Item deferred to next meeting.
- 24. Clerk's report/correspondence**
1. Notification of MSDC Parish Liaison Meeting Thursday 9 June 10am or 6.30pm – Cllr Anscombe offered to attend the evening session.
 2. Brome Re-cycling Centre – notification of re-opening of the centre near Eye.
 3. EACH – thank you letter for the PC donation of £50.
 4. Highway issues :
Pothole bottom of Cedars Hill – repair ordered
Damaged Fingerpost at Dale Hill crossroads – repair ordered
Damaged 30mph speed limit sign – to be reinstated
Request for Pedestrians Walking sign near War Memorial – to be assessed
Potholes Brockford Green/War Memorial to A140 and area at Roamwood Green – highways were aware defects in these roads but these do not at present meet with current intervention levels – both roads will be inspected and monitored every 6 months

25. **Chairman's Urgent Business** – none
26. **To consider Twitter items:** HM Queen's 90th Birthday Tea, Recycling Centre, Highways Pothole Link, Flytipping, Village Fete.
27. **Any other business for information exchange/agenda requests**
Footpaths – a further supply of the footpath leaflet disks would be required for display in the village.
28. **Date of next meeting – Monday 6 June 2016, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**
Cllr Miss Canham gave her apologies.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: