

**WETHERINGSETT CUM BROCKFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 2 June 2015**

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Aldred, Mrs A Arnold, B Lacey, J Leadbetter, Mrs C Nickson and Mrs S Perry  
District Cllr G Horn and four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs R Anscombe and T Alston.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**  
Cllr Leadbetter proposed Cllr Mrs C Nickson for Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr Mrs A Arnold and unanimously agreed. Cllr Mrs Nickson accepted the role and in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Anscombe, chaired the meeting.
3. **To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda** – none.
4. **To receive the following reports:**  
Police – a written report had been circulated to members – copy attached to Minutes. No comments were raised.  
District Councillor – Cllr Glen Horn introduced himself to the meeting. As newly elected District Councillor, Cllr Horn stated he hoped to have a report available for the next meeting.  
County Councillor – written report circulated and attached to minutes  
Footpaths – The role of footpath warden had still to be filled. A follow up of a possible candidate known to Miss Jennifer Canham to be actioned and Cllr Mrs Perry stated she would make enquiries as to possible candidates.
5. **To approve Minutes of the meeting held 12 May 2015**  
Cllr Mrs Arnold proposed approval of the Minutes, seconded Cllr Leadbetter and agreed.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes for report only** – none
7. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – no comments
8. **To consider a contribution to the Wetheringsett Fete**  
Mrs Emma Wnukoski was in attendance at the meeting and asked for Parish Council support towards the Punch and Judy show. This would cost £170 for an afternoon show. Cllr Leadbetter proposed the Council funded the whole amount of the cost, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold and agreed. Members thanked Mrs Wnukoski for attending the meeting.
9. **To appoint the following Working Groups/Parish Council representatives:**  
Finance : Cllrs J Leadbetter and R Anscombe  
Public Rights of Way: Deferred  
Trees : Cllr Mrs S Perry  
Village Hall : Cllrs J Leadbetter, R Anscombe and Mrs A Arnold  
SALC : Cllr Mrs C Nickson  
Play Area : Cllr Mrs A Arnold  
Emergency Planning : Cllr T Alston
10. **To consider Planning Application for recommendation to MSDC**
  1. 1468/15 : Land to east of Park Hall Cottages, Wetherup Street. Erection of 4 dwellings, one 3 bed and three 4 bed, garages and associated works to access.  
***Cllr Mrs A Arnold declared an interest and left the room.***  
***Cllr B Lacey declared an interest***  
***With the agreement of parish council members the Chairman opened the Meeting to the public***  
Mr Stuart Wise a resident and neighbour of the proposed application site stated that although not opposed to the proposed dwellings he had some concerns regarding drainage issues, particularly drainage into the existing pond which already had flooding problems as well as the excess surface water and possible impact on his property.  
The applicants stated a risk assessment had been carried out and any additional surface water and the drainage issues had been looked into revealing that the development would not increase any flood risk to neighbouring properties.  
***The chairman thanked the members of the public for their comments and closed the meeting to the public.***  
Members went on to debate the application and Cllr Leadbetter proposed a recommendation of approval subject to the provision of adequate drainage including regular maintenance of adjoining ditches, seconded Cllr Mrs Aldred, 4 in favour, 1 abstention.  
***Cllr Mrs Arnold returned to the meeting***
  2. 1767/15 : Meadow Farm, Blacksmiths Green. Change of use of agricultural barn to residential.

Cllr Lacey proposed a recommendation of approval subject to adequate drainage facilities being put in place, as rainwater collected on the adjoining highway during heavy rain, seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold, 5 in favour, 1 objection.

3. 1602/15 : Crossing Cottage, Pitman's Corner – Installing external wall insulation to the whole property. Cllr Leadbetter proposed a recommendation of approval, seconded Cllr Mrs Aldred and agreed.

#### **11. Planning Decisions received from MSDC**

1. 1219/15 : The Old Forge, Mendlesham Road – replacement of 5 windows to south and east elevations. Listed Building Consent Granted.

#### **12. Wetheringsett Village Hall – report on Charity Commission Trustee requirement**

Cllr Leadbetter reported that he would be meeting with Mrs Penny Anscombe to discuss whether she would be interested in becoming a Village Hall Trustee and member of the management committee. Cllr Mrs Arnold also expressed some interest in becoming a trustee and would view the Charity Commission Website to obtain information on the requirements of the role before the next meeting.

#### **13. To consider provision of a speed awareness scheme**

It was reported that Mickfield Parish Council had expressed some interest in sharing the use and purchase of a VAS vehicle speed monitor. It was agreed that details of the scheme and cost should be obtained from Suffolk CC Highways for further consideration and confirmation that a joint venture with Mickfield was of interest sent to Mickfield PC.

#### **14. To consider provision of Wetheringsett defibrillator**

Details of the costs and installation procedure of a defibrillator were still awaited from the East Anglian Ambulance Service. Include item on next agenda.

#### **8.40pm County Cllr A Stringer arrived at the meeting**

Reports – Cllr Stringer presented his report – copy attached to Minutes.

Additional items raised included discussion on the cost and provision of a VAS. Cllr Stringer stated this could range between £2,000 - £4,000 and Cllr Stringer provided a County Council website link providing application details for the equipment and process required.

#### **15. Dog Fouling Hockey Hill**

It was agreed that further publicity and education was required to get over the message to dog owners to clear up after their dogs. Cllr Mrs Nickson offered to speak to the Primary School regarding a dog fouling poster competition for children at the Village Fete on 4 July, members agreed this would be a good start. The cost of official dog fouling signs had already been supplied by MSDC but these would need to be used in conjunction with the provision of dog waste bins.

#### **16. Play Area Report** – no report

#### **17. To agree Twitter items** – none

#### **18. Proposed Wetheringsett Footpath leaflet** – include on next agenda

#### **19. To consider Wetheringsett Onesuffolk Website**

The clerk reported the site had been registered and was in the process of set up.

#### **20. Finance**

1. To consider s.137 donation requests – none received
2. Accounts for payment
  - MSDC - Litter and Dog bin emptying 2015/16 : £30.00
  - Clerk's reimbursements – May 2015 : £246.18
  - Wetheringsett Fete - : Punch & Judy : £170.00
3. Finance Report – no report

#### **21. Clerk's report/correspondence**

Parish Council Vacancies/Co-options. It was reported that Miss Jennifer Canham would be interested in re-joining the Council. Co-option to be included on the next agenda as well as advertising the vacancies in the parish magazine.

#### **22. Chairman's Urgent Business** – none

#### **23. Any other business for information exchange/agenda requests**

High and overgrown hedges overhanging the highway were reported in Town Lane at Hoods and Plover Cottage.

A deep pothole between MSLR and entrance to Lodge Farm and potholes at Lacey's Corner.

Overgrown hedge at the entrance to Town Lane – Cllr Lacey offered to cut back from highway.

#### **24. Date of next meeting – Monday 6 July 2015**

**Meeting closed 9.25pm**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: