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WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 October 2018 in the village hall

- Present: Cllrs Chris Harcourt, Duncan Perry, Paul Sutton, Ivan Austin, Stephanie Hensley (7.40)
Jen Larner – Clerk, District Cllr Rachel Eburne, County Cllr Andrew Stringer (8.45)
One member of the public
- 2018/84 Apologies for absence** – Cllr John Bushell
- 2018/85 Declarations of interest** – none
- 2018/86 Minutes of Parish Council meeting** – the Parish Council meeting minutes of 17 September 2018 were signed as a true record.
- 2018/87 District Councillor Rachel Eburne's report** – this had been circulated. Rachel updated us on the recent parish liaison meeting and the discussion regarding the 5 year land supply; on the throwing out by councillors of the detailed plans for the 240 homes planned for Wetherden Road; and reminded us of her locality budget allocation.
- 2018/88 County Councillor Andrew Stringer's report** – this had been circulated. Andrew updated us on tomorrow's planning meeting regarding Aggmax and Lawn Farm Quarry and on school transport costs, particularly in regard to those for out of county students.
- 2018/89 Clerk's report** – the clerk reported that, in response to minute 2018/80, a revised plan of the parking on the roads around the centre of the village had been received from SCC. This was approved by all, but it was agreed to keep an eye on the situation particularly around School Meadow. Cllr Andrew Stringer reported that the extra yellow lines involved would probably cost about £7,000, £4,000 of which has already been allocated.
- 2018/90 Finance report** – the clerk's finance reports ending September 2018 were approved. The following payments were authorised: Dianne Batten £88.31; Clerk September salary £312.31; Vertas £201.43; Wave £13.05; One Suffolk web hosting £60.00. The clerk had received a letter from Eon wanting to check the meter in the pavilion. Cllr Paul Sutton agreed to follow this up. She had also received notification from the district council of the estimated election costs for May 2019, which are £865.65 for a contested election and £104.78 for an uncontested one. These need to be budgeted for.
- 2018/91 Update on playing field/common projects** – the football club had requested that dog faeces be cleared from the pitches before the match. Cllr Duncan Perry had spent a couple of hours doing this one Sunday, only to find that all the mess was from foxes or deer. It was agreed that clearing this was not the role of the parish council, and a letter outlining what is included in the football club's subscription will be sent to them, along with an invitation to come and discuss it.

The clerk had received notification that this year's fireworks event will be the last unless volunteers are found to come and organise it, as two of the committee are standing down. It was agreed to put this in the newsletter/on facebook page/website.

Cllr Paul Sutton reported that he is looking for a carpenter/handyman to fix the floor of the pavilion. He will check the new roof after the recent heavy rains. He will also trim the greenery above the sign which says no dogs on playing field.

It was agreed to put in a request to Cllr Rachel Eburne's locality budget for assistance of £1000 towards the cost of re-roofing the pavilion.

- 2018/92 Community Infrastructure Levy funding** – it was agreed that a preliminary meeting will be arranged for 14 January in the village hall (if available) and invitations sent out to all local organisations, plus Elmswell and Haughley parish councils, to send a representative to discuss ideas and a possible joint bid.
- 2018/93 Footpaths cutting schedule** – the current scheme of cutting footpaths had been circulated and was discussed. It was agreed that we were happy with the scheme as it is. It was suggested that advertising for a volunteer footpath warden would be helpful to keep us informed of the state of the footpaths. This will be put in the newsletter/facebook page/website.
- 2018/94 Asset maintenance** – the list of councillors allocated to check the various assets had been circulated. Changes were made and the list will be recirculated. Councillors are asked to report any issues with the assets they are responsible for.
- 2018/95 Facebook page policy** – this had been circulated and was agreed. It will be put on the facebook page.
- 2018/96 Data protection** – the draft data protection document had been circulated. It was agreed, subject to changing 'Data Protection Act 1998' to 'General Data Regulations 2018'. The document retention policy had also been circulated, and this was agreed. Both these documents will be placed on the website.
- 2018/97 Planning applications** – DC/18/04414 Grange Farm – internal alterations to facilitate conversion of office building. No objections raised.
DC/18/03970 Barleyfields, Park Road, various extensions. Agreed by MSDC.
- 2018/98 Correspondence** – Remembrance Service 11 November at the church – Cllr Chris Harcourt agreed to lay the pc wreath. Invitation to CAB AGM, 2 November at Stowmarket. Scam mail poster to put up on noticeboard. Thanks from Alan Brannan at Grange Farm for facilitation of transfer of land.
- 2018/99 Urgent matters** – a request has been received from a parishioner for information on what the parish council has done in relation to dust emissions from Aggmax. It was agreed that after tomorrow's meeting at SCC, Cllr Andrew Stringer's report will be sent to her together with a response from the parish council. Concern was expressed regarding the speed at which vehicles travel through Base Green and the dangers. Discussion followed but it was agreed that, though extremely frustrating, there was nothing the parish council/SCC could do about it. Concern was also expressed about the reduction of the bus service.

Next meeting Monday 19 November.

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