

Wacton Parish Council **Draft**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Wacton Village Hall
on Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Present: -

Chair, Tony Rowson, Councillors: Calvin Goreham, Peter Jacques, Rene Rowson, Paul Muston, Ian Mortimer

3 members of the public also attended plus District Councillor Des Fulcher

1. To Elect a chairman and vice chairman- chairman to sign the acceptance of office and agree to abide by the code of conduct

Tony Rowson stood down as chairman and he was thanked by all for his outstanding work as Chairman and his wonderful work around the village

Calvin Goreham agreed to stand as Chairman – Proposed Paul Muston, Seconded Ian Mortimer All agreed, and Calvin then signed the acceptance of office (witnessed by the clerk) and took the meeting.

Paul Muston was proposed as Vice Chairman Proposed Ian Mortimer, Seconded Peter Jacques. All agreed, and Paul signed an acceptance of office (witnessed by the clerk).

2. To consider apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Alison Thomas and all agreed to accept

3. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

Calvin Goreham for item 16

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2018.

The minutes were duly signed by Chair as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed, Paul Muston Seconded Peter Jacques all agreed.

5. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only):

None

6. To Receive the chairman's report, discuss and make decisions on anything that is needed

The chairman brought up 5 items for information and discussion.

1. The tree surgery for the tree outside Jalu barn will be undertaken soon.
2. Peter Jacques to contact the tree surgeon Mr Benton ref the tree survey.
3. The ramp on the green is in hand and Tony Rowson agreed to continue working on this with Highways as he knew all the details and will meet with Gary Overland on behalf of the Council.

4. The finger posts have been replaced with slightly different ones by South Norfolk District Council.
5. A parishioner reported to him that the Hunt hounds again have soiled the area at Hill road and it was left in a dreadful mess

Proposed Paul Muston Seconded Peter Jacques all agreed

7. To receive reports from the County Councillors:

- . County Councillor Alison Thomas gave her report on the following issue.

Alison made comment by email that she hoped that the issues of flooding around Wash lane had been dealt with as she had contacted the Managing Director of Anglian Water personally to ensure it was dealt with very quickly

8. To receive a report from the District Councillor:

Des Fulcher then gave his report and the points are detailed below

The new residents parking scheme had been started by South Norfolk Council

A new Toddler Group had started at Long Stratton Village Hall on a Thursday

A briefing session for the proposed new Long Stratton development was planned and clerks would be emailed the details.

The Community Action fund is open till the 31st May should any councils wish to apply for funding.

The Early Help Dementia scheme that will be delivered by South Norfolk Council again is being held at Netherton House in Long Stratton on the 21st May.

South Norfolk on Show is on Sunday 1st July all welcome.

Ping table tennis England are running a scheme where outdoor table tennis tables will be funded for local councils and is running for 12 weeks.

Lloyds bank mobile branch will be visiting Long Stratton on Tuesdays on the car park the Co-op in Long Stratton.

Various community events will be hosted by South Norfolk Council with the first being held at the Bird in Hand Wreningham on the 31st May

9. To receive the Footpath wardens report and to agree on a decision to an email that was recently sent to all councillors electronically.

The footpath warden gave her usual detailed report and reported that she was disappointed that Highways had not yet got to grips with local issues or the reported ones recently. The footpath warden also requested that herself and Peter Jacques would like to put a letter together regarding a recent issue in the parish. All agreed that this could happen.

10. To Receive a report from the Tree Warden:

Peter Jacques reported that there was new information regarding Dutch elm disease and that three types of Elm Trees were not affected. Peter also reported that the Ash trees affected by Ash Die-back could be replaced by Elm Trees.

11. To discuss the recent flooding issues on Wash Lane

Paul Muston gave his report on this issue and after a long debate with parishioners raising several points on the flooding issues in the parish it was agreed that Paul Muston would continue to monitor this issue and report to Highways with the help of the clerk all issues raised. **All Agreed**

12. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee:

Calvin Goreham reported that the new Hand rail at the village hall was nearly finished.

13. To discuss The Social Club holding a Royal wedding event on the Village Green on the 19th May

The event had been cancelled but the parish council would have been happy to accommodate the event.

14. To consider and Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered, and comments made

2018/0871 No comment made

15. Correspondence

Local Council Public Advisory Service had sent many emails to the clerk on data Protection and other matters.

The clerk also reported that he had received emails on the following items

Long Stratton new development briefing

Email ref the new finger posts.

16. Authorisation of Cheques:

- Cheques were authorised as follows:

Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£385.47
Calvin Goreham for stationery	£43.98
Excite Solutions for Grounds maintenance	£180.00

Cheques agreed and signed and detailed on the accounts.

The clerk also commented that the first Precept payment had been received as well as the Council tax support grant.

Calvin Goreham would look to contact Barclays bank regarding getting the new mandate forms that are needed.

17. To receive the Accounts for the year end 31st March

The clerk reported that he still needed one more bank statement to complete these and Calvin Goreham agreed to get the relevant bank statements for the clerk.

18. To adopt the following documents

- **New Standing Orders**
- **Financial Regulations**
- **General Risk assessment.**

Proposed Paul Muston, Seconded Calvin Goreham all agreed

19. To discuss the following issues regarding the playing field

- To discuss levelling the playing field

A discussion ensued on this as a resident had asked if the playing field could be levelled as they felt it was dangerous to walk on especially with the mole hills too. After the discussion the following was agreed.

Paul Muston to look at getting quotes to get the moles removed and then look at getting quotes for levelling the playing field before the final decision was made by the council.

20. To receive reports and discuss any on-going matters: -

a. The Woodland Project Review:

Grant Application has been finished and signed off by the clerk and has been submitted by post to the Lottery Fund and the decision will come in 12 weeks.

Peter Jacques then made comment that the students from Long Stratton High School had attended the project and had done good work on the third glade. He also reported that John Pyle and his assistant (who took notes) had also attended the project,

Finally, Peter asked if we knew what the outcome of the Tesco grant scheme was known yet, but comment was made that the least we would get would be £1000 by Paul Muston and that the scheme was now closed for this round.

21 . Matters raised by councillors and members of the public (for information only)

Many matters were raised and are listed below

- A parishioner raised the issue of the Long Stratton development briefing and that he was shocked to find the lack of information people had provided on show and that the venues had shut early.
- Parking on the green was then brought up and a discussion ensued with many people putting their points across it was then agreed that Paul Muston would investigate this issue and report back to the council.
- The hedging in the village at the far end of Victoria Cottage was then discussed and it was agreed that this would also be investigated asap.
- The agreed land sale to John Shave was going through and the £600 had been paid to the solicitors and would be sent to the Parish Council by them.
- The deeds from the Duke of Norfolk are lodged at Jakemans of Diss for Wacton Parish Council
- The drain at the top of Hall Lane/Sallow Lane was causing issues and it was agreed to report this to Highways asap.
- It was agreed that the meeting times would be put back to 7.30pm.

22. To discuss Parish Speed Watch Group:

The group was now in place and would undertake their work and report to the council with their findings. It was also agreed that the clerk would work with Tony Rowson to download the SAM machine and submit the details to the police.

23. Items for the next agenda:

Parish Speed watch

Councillor Training

24. Date of Next Meeting: - Annual Village meeting 16th May at 7.30pm

Next parish Council meeting 30th May at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.10 pm