

Minutes of the Meeting of Wilby Parish Council at Coronation Hall on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Cllrs Ian Williamson (Chair), David Holliday (Vice-Chair), Steve Lee & Ian Taylor. District Councillor Julie Flatman & County Councillor Guy McGregor. 2 residents & Julie Collett (Parish Clerk).

125.16 To consider accepting apologies for absence. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Todd Strehlow.

126.16 To approve and sign the minutes of the council meeting on 7th September 2016 The minutes were approved & signed as correct.

127.16 To consider the co-option of a new Parish Councillor. The Council discussed the ideal way to appoint new councillors. The council agreed that it was desirable that prospective councillors attend a meeting first. They should be invited beforehand to give an outline of experience and to say what they feel they could contribute to the council. The current applicant for co-option would be heard at the January 2017 meeting with a final decision being made at the March meeting.

128.16 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed None received

129.16 To consider dispensation from members in any item to be discussed None received

Public Forum

(i) Parishioner's questions or comments. A resident reported that a footpath needs a bridge installed as the ditch is now too deep to get across. The council will report back at the next meeting.

(ii) District & County Councillors' reports The District Council was promoting an Ageing Well Activity Programme of activities for the over 50s. Locally this included aqua and group exercise programmes at Stradbroke Swimming. The Connecting Communities programme provided a bus link to other transport services – to see additional details www.suffolkonboard.com/cc. The junction boxes required for superfast broadband had been installed in Wilby and Openreach are now connecting power and joining the new fibre lines to the existing copper network. It is expected that residents will be offered the new service within four months. Progress can be checked at www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk and clicking on "When can I get fibre". The issue of poor mobile phone coverage in rural areas remains to be resolved between the government and the network operators.

(iii) To receive the Footpath Warden's report No footpath warden at present

(iv) To receive a report from the Tree Warden No tree warden at present

(v) To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary This stated they had been 187 incidents received in the Eye Locality and 89 Investigations recorded. A number of Speed Recording Devices have been put up in various locations following complaints of speeding vehicles.

130.16 To receive an update from the Clerk on outstanding actions from last meeting:

- (i) Meeting with Highways. A meeting has been arranged with Highways Technician David Stiff on Thursday 19th November at 10am
- (ii) Drainage pipe damage. Cllr Taylor. Progress is being made. Highways have admitted ownership and responsibility. More progress hopefully by next meeting.
- (iii) Pothole, Russell Green Wilby The area has been made safe and works ordered on 12th September 2016. This could take up to 14 weeks as it is a low category road.
- (iv) Speed Indicator Devices Advice from Laxfield states this is a long drawn out process. The signs have to be moved every four weeks and they have no legal status. Further information will be requested at the Highways meeting.

131.16 To consider new & outstanding planning applications, including consultation responses

None received

132.16 To consider the correspondence received.

(i) Brundish Training Centre re Suffolk.cloud - Cllr Holliday confirmed that the website had been transferred to wilby.suffolk.cloud. Cllr Holliday has stated his dissatisfaction with the Silverstripe software used on the Wilby website.

(ii) Zurich certificate of insurance Confirmation received.

(iii) Flailing of Wilby Green Now completed.

133.16 Update on the purchase of the Defibrillator No update received. The clerk will contact Martin Render.

134.16 To consider the issues with School Parking Cllr Taylor gave the council details regarding parking issues with the school and the use of the hall car park. Talks are taking place between the two parties to try and resolve the problem.

135.16 To consider a 'first' draft budget for 2016/17 The council agreed that the budget be referred to the FWG, who will report back to the council at the January meeting.

136.16 To review the asset register. The council agreed this to be in order.

137.16 To received updated accounts for the current year. Accounts received.

138.16 Finance

Current Account	Bank balance 10/10/16	£641.91
Reserve Account	Bank balance 10/10/16	£11975.23

139.16 To approve the Account Payments

(i) J Collett	£33.90
(ii) Business Services at CAS Ltd	£173.03
(iii)Shand	£60.00
(iv) J Collett	£327.85
(v) J Collett re Tax	£4.60
(vi) Gerald Western& Ptnrs	£192.00
(vii) SALC	£18.00

All payments approved by the council

140.16 To approve the Account Receipts

(i) Interest	£1.85
(ii) Mid Suffolk DC	£1750.00

All receipts approved by the council.

141.16 To receive and discuss items from Parish Councillors

The editor of the Parish News has reported that he is unable to produce the February edition.

Various concerns were put to the council from Cllr Lee including the precept, Highways meeting & the purpose of Wilby PC. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

142.16 To receive items for the next Agenda

Budget

Precept

Highways meeting update

Responses from potential councillors

143.16 Date and time of the next meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7-30pm.

144.16 Meeting Closed 9-35pm

Signed as a true record.

Chair _____ Date _____

