

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting of Wilby Parish Council at Wilby Primary School on Wednesday, 8th November 2017 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Ian Williamson (Chair), Cllr Steve Lee, Cllr Ian Taylor, Cllr Richard Woolgrove, Tree Warden Julian Roughton & Julie Collett Parish Clerk.

155.17 To consider accepting apologies for absence Apologies received and accepted from Cllr David Holliday.

156.17 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed Nothing declared.

157.17 To consider dispensation from members in any item to be discussed No dispensations

Public Forum

(i) Parishioner's questions or comments No parishioners present

(ii) To receive a report from the Tree Warden. Julian Roughton advised the council that Suffolk County Council has admitted that it failed to ensure proper application of its policies by giving land drainage consent resulting in the removal of ancient medieval hedges. Julian Roughton requested the consent of Wilby Parish Council to enable him to approach SCC to mitigate against the loss of trees and hedges by consenting the planting of trees along London City Road. This will be at no cost to Wilby PC.

158.17 To consider allowing the Tree Warden to act on behalf of the Council in contacting Suffolk County Council regarding the loss of trees & hedges in Wilby. The council unanimously agreed to allow the Tree Warden Julian Roughton to act on behalf of the Council, and contact Suffolk County Council regarding the loss of medieval hedges within the village. The council also suggested that Julian Roughton check where the rest of the medieval hedges are within the village and advise SCC accordingly.

159.17 To consider a Parish Council led Neighbourhood Plan & to formulate a plan. Following the presentation at the meeting on the 1st November 2017 and the vote of the residents attending in favour of a Parish Council led Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Ian Williamson proposed that a Neighbourhood Plan be developed for Wilby. Cllr Richard Woolgrove seconded the proposal and the councillors voted unanimously in favour. The role of the council in coordinating what would be a Parish Council led plan, working with the residents who had volunteered to assist, was discussed in detail and agreed. Cllrs Lee & Woolgrove agreed to take the lead and will arrange the inception meeting with BMSDC. Regular updates and meetings will take place to keep everyone informed of the progress.

160.17 Date and time of the next meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2018 7-30pm in Coronation Hall.

161.17 Meeting Closed 9-25pm

Signed as a true record.

Chair _____ **Date** _____

