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Minutes of the meeting of Westhorpe Parish Council, held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the village hall.  
In Attendance: Cllrs, R. Barker, R. Lambert, S. Caley, H. Wilkinson, I. Jackson.

### Visiting speakers.

PCSO Mark Tucker reported that Sergeant Warby is now in post, covering Mid Suffolk and North Ipswich. There had been one crime reported this year, and none in the previous 3 months, although the public were urged to report all crime concerns to the police. It was also reported that Mr T. Passmore, the police & crime commissioner is improving training for 101 service call centre staff, and will be attending a series of events across the county to meet with the public, and the next priority setting meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Eye town hall.

**District Councillor Roy Barker** reported that there was a proposal to form a CIC to contribute to decisions on the future of Bacton Middle School, following its closure at the end of July. There was a SCC meeting planned for 8<sup>th</sup> July and Cllr Barker will keep all parishes informed of progress regarding the site.

Cllr. Barker had also attended a presentation at MSDC, by Peter Ingram, on the progress of the Better Broadband roll-out. Cllr Barker proposed inviting Mr. Ingram to Wyverstone village hall to provide an update to all parishes. Cllr Barker also looked forward to attending the service of re-dedication of the war memorial on 12<sup>th</sup> July

**County Councillor Jane Storey** presented her report, a copy of which is on file.

- 15.16 **Apologies and approval of absences.**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr D. Gladders
- 15.17 **To receive declarations of interest.**  
A declaration of interest had been received from Cllr R. Lambert with regard to item 10.
- 15.18 **To consider requests for dispensations.**  
There were no requests.
- 15.19 **To approve as accurate the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**  
The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 15.20 **Progress reports arising from the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
There was nothing to report which was not an agenda item.
- 15.21 **To approve as accurate the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
This was deferred to the next meeting, as the minutes were unavailable.
- 15.22 **Progress reports arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.**  
This was deferred until the minutes have been approved.

- 15.23 **To approve as accurate the minutes of the special planning meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 15.24 **To consider candidates for vacant councillor position.**  
Two villagers had expressed an interest, and will be invited to a future meeting.
- 15.25 **To consider planning matters :**  
a. **New applications.**  
Application No.2092/15: 10 Church Road, Westhorpe.  
Demolition of existing single storey side extension. Erection of two storey side extension.
- 25.1 Cllr Lambert, as the applicant, and having declared an interest in item 10, presented a summary of the proposed application, and answered questions from councillors.
- 25.2 Cllr Lambert then withdrew from the meeting.
- 25.3 The application was unanimously supported by a show of hands, although councillors requested that materials and finishes, match as closely as possible the existing.
- 25.4 The clerk has recorded these comments on the MSDC planing portal.
- 25.5 **b. Decisions or other planning matters.**  
There were no decisions or other planning matters to report.
- 15.26 **Clerks report and requests for payment.**  
The clerk reported current account balances of Current A/C £777.35, Deposit A/C £1341.68 and payments were approved of : £87.50 MSDC Election Fees, £48.81 Stand-in Clerk's fee, £36.00 External Audit fee, £200 Clerk's salary and £123.00 SALC Membership.
- 15.27 **Correspondence for information.**  
There was no correspondence to report.
- 15.28 **Clerk's report on urgent decisions since the last meting.**  
There were no decisions to report.
- 15.29 **Questions to the Chairman.**
- 29.1 Cllr Lambert raised the question of the possibility of installing dog waste bins in the village. The clerk reported the costs associated, and it was decided that this would not be pursued further at this time.
- 29.2 Cllr. I Jackson requested an update on the defibrillator scheme. The clerk reported that the scheme had now closed, but that Cllr. Jane Storey would contribute to the cost of a cabinet, should a suitable scheme become available again in the future.
- 15.30 **Date of next meeting.**  
The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8:35