

WESTHORPE

PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of Westhorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

In attendance:

Mr D Barker (Chairman), Mr S Caley, Mr R Lambert, Mr S Christian, Mrs D Gladders,

Present:

C Kennedy (Clerk)

Public participation

There were 2 members of the public present.

18.76 Apologies and approval of absences.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Cotgrove and Cllr. Wilkinson.

18.77 Declarations of interest

None.

18.78 To consider requests for dispensations

Not applicable.

18.79 To approve as accurate, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2018

Minutes of the previous meeting had not been circulated due to technical difficulties, so these were read by the Chairman. All were in favour and they were signed and dated by the Chairman.

18.80 Progress Reports

18.80.1. Footpaths

The Chairman confirmed that the 100 Lane byway signage is still incorrect. He confirmed that SCC have been asked to change it. The footpath signs at the Church and Westhorpe Hall have been replaced. A tree fell over in Carr Lane, SCC were informed and said they would send contractors out to fix it.

18.80.2. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The Clerk confirmed that Finningham PC couldn't share their SID as it is already a shared device. Wyverstone are not prepared to share due to bad experiences in the past.

18.80.3. Potholes

Cllr. Christian confirmed that he would re-report the potholes in the parish in approximately April. It was suggested that it may add weight to report that they are dangerous to two-wheelers.

18.81 Planning Matters

18.81.1 New applications

None.

18.81.2 Decisions or other Planning Matters

DC/18/05535 – Outline planning Application has been granted for erection of up to 6 x dwellings with parking and creation of vehicular access – Land South Side of Westhorpe Road, Finningham

DC/18/05600 – Full Planning Application – Erection of 1 x two storey dwelling, 3 bay garage/store and creation of new access – The Old Crown, Finningham Road, Westhorpe. Application awaiting decision.

18.82 District Councillor's Report

- The District Councillor reported that SCC is doing less roadside cutting in the coming season and this will be passed to MSDC.
- He also reported that the old headquarters in Needham had been passed by planning for 90 houses. Similarly, 40 houses are to be on the site of the Middle School in Needham.
- He reported that £300million has been found for Snowasis.
- Lord Gardner was complimentary of Westhorpe Village Hall on a recent visit. The District Councillor commented that it was nice to see high profile people in Westhorpe, and also reported that the Village Hall Committee have been approached by others to aid them to achieve similar.
- The District Councillor said he could approach Sarah Carter for litter pickers, if these were required for a litter pick. He also commented that it was good to see the three dog bins up.

The Chairman and Council thanked the District Councillor for his service and assistance for the last 16 years.

18.83 County Councillor's Report

This had been supplied by email.

18.84 Church's Procedure in the event of the Queen's death

Rev. Philip Merry sent his apologies, he was unable to make the meeting. Cllr. Christian confirmed that the church council had purchased a condolence book.

18.85 SCC School Policy Travel Changes

The Chairman agreed to forward SCC's communication to the village list, but it was agreed that parents that were affected would have been made aware of the travel changes directly.

18.86 Litter Pick

The Chairman stated that the litter pick was usually once the clocks had gone forward. It was agreed that 5 April at 18:00 – 19:00 was a suitable time. The clerk is to obtain costs of 12 litter pickers. The Chairman is to see if he is able to borrow some.

18.87 Standing Orders

A resolution was passed to adopt the Standing Orders as amended.

18.88 Parish Elections

These are to be held on Thursday 2 May 2019. The Clerk is to place notices on both the Church and Parish noticeboards and has updated the website.

18.89 Clerk's Report, account balances and requests for Payment

As at 4 December 2018 the current account balance was £2,574.40 and the savings account balance £1,500.82.

The Clerk presented a cheques for signature in the sum of: £40 payable to HMRC for the Clerk's PAYE for the final quarter; £30 payable SALC for the Clerk's election training; and £20 payable to Ladywell Accounting. All were in favour and Cllrs Barker and Caley signed all three cheques.

18.89.1 2019/20 Precept

The Clerk informed the Council that BMSDC had confirmed receipt of the precept application.

18.89.2 SALC Membership Renewal

The Clerk reported that renewal of membership to SALC would be £135 + VAT for 2019/2020. All were in favour of continuing this membership.

18.90 Correspondence for information

Correspondence had been forwarded by email, and none considered worthy of discussion.

18.91 Clerk's report on urgent decisions since the last meeting

None.

18.92 Questions to the Chairman

Members of the public requested permission to alter the height of the seat in the bus stop. Permission was granted.

18.93 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 14 May 2019. The Chairman confirmed that the meeting would start at 19:45 in order for Councillors to undertake administrative duties prior to the commencement of the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40.

Camilla Kennedy
Clerk to Westhorpe Parish Council.

D. Barker
14/5/2019