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# Wentworth Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting : 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

**Present** Cllr D Lee (Chair) Cllr C Stone  
Cllr G Lowes Clerk – Mrs A Lowes  
Cllr E Atkin 1 Resident  
CC Bill Hunt DC Steve CHeetham

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| 1. | Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Springthorpe, DC Mark Hugo, and DC Stuart Smith.  |
|    | The Chair agreed to take the following items early.  |
| 4. | <p>County Councillors report.<br/>CC Hunt reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes to County Councillors areas. From May 2017, Wentworth and Witchford Parishes will move to be grouped with Sutton rather than Haddenham. Elections will be held next year. This will also include the election of a Mayor for the new combined authority which has just been agreed.</li><li>• The Science Park station is due to open early next year.</li><li>• The Archive project is still on track but the cost is likely to increase from the original budget. Project should be finished in 2018. The site will have its own parking spaces but the majority will be additional station parking.</li><li>• Ely By-pass – work is about to start and is still due to open in late 2017.</li><li>• Minor Injuries Unit – this looks to be set to expand rather than close, with many changes to the hospital site planned.</li><li>• Devolution money is beginning to come in for improvements to infrastructure and housing. Improvements to the A10 are also being planned.</li><li>• Gritting budget has been reduced by £640,000 this year.</li></ul> |

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| 5. | <p>District Councillors report.<br/>DC Cheetham reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be another 6 week consultation period for the Local Development plan in January 2017. The final draft will be seen at Full Council in May 2017.</li> <li>• The ECDC website has been revamped and is now far more user friendly.</li> <li>• A new car park in Angel Drove is planned to open in mid 2017 creating another 130 spaces for commuter parking.</li> <li>• Land has been found to increase the size of Littleport station car park and planning will be applied for as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Lowes questioned DC Cheetham about the planning permission that has been granted in Witchford (16/01127/FUL) for 2 bungalows. DC Cheetham informed Councillors that planning can be 'called in' for discussion at Planning Committee by District Councillors and if there are specific concerns, they should be raised to the District Councillors.</p> <p>The Local Plan for Wentworth was also discussed and the Clerk will contact DC Cheetham with some updates.</p> |
|    | Cllr Hunt left the meeting at 8.05pm   |
| 9. | <p>Planning.<br/>Confirmation of approval 16/01127FUL Site west of 24 Sutton Road, Witchford.</p> <p>New application: 16/01490/FUL Land Rear of Old School House, Wentworth.<br/>This application has been put in as the previously agreed application is due to expire in February 2017. Councillors discussed and agreed that the Clerk should reply to the Planning Officer stating the Parish Council would like to see amendments to the scheme in the form of the eco credentials and sustainability that were included in the original application. The Councillors feel the architectural style is not 'in keeping' with the village and noted that the original planning application was granted on the basis of its exemplar environmental building standards. The Councillors felt the new application should only be accepted if Planning experts at ECDC are able to confirm the application still meets exemplar environmental building standards.</p>   |
|    | DC Cheetham left the meeting at 8.20pm.  |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.</li> </ul>  |
| 3. | <p>Matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking at Shire Hall. No response has been received to the letter sent in September or to phone calls. It was agreed the Clerk should re-send the letter.</li> <li>• Local Highways Improvements – After speaking with the Highways team it has been agreed the Roundels should be reported and replaced through normal Highways maintenance.</li> <li>• Hedge cutting on the Church Road, Church Farm Close junction is due to take place shortly.</li> </ul>   |

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| 6.  | <p>Correspondence.<br/>Cllrs noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Witcham Parish Council reference the gritting routes for this year. Cllrs asked the Clerk to write directly to CCC and to inform Witcham Parish Council of this.</li> <li>• A letter about 'Community Roadwatch' will be added to the Agenda for January.</li> <li>• Cllrs noted the request for information about Polling stations – the Clerk will complete the questionnaire.</li> <li>• A letter from Highways reference the drainage outside Strafford House was noted.</li> </ul>   |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |
| 7.  | <p>Playpark maintenance and Lease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The playpark has been topped up.</li> <li>• The Clerk confirmed a draft lease has been received and likely costs have been discussed.</li> <li>• The Clerk will inform ECDC that the grant funding has been partly spent on maintenance and upgrading equipment edging. The remainder will be spent in Spring 2017 on renewing the footpaths in the playpark.</li> </ul>   |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |
| 8.  | <p>Playpark and Churchyard maintenance for 2017/18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to defer this to January 2017.</li> </ul>   |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |
| 10.   | <p>Precept for 2017/18<br/>The Councillors agreed to raise the Precept from £4090 to £5000 to cover increased costs.</p>   |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |
| 15.   | <p>Accounts for payment:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Clerk salary (Mrs A Lowes Oct -Dec 2016)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Ink Cartridge (Mrs A Lowes)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Postage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Microsoft Office Software</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£115.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Mr D Lee (Playpark maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Mr E Atkin (Playpark maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Mr S Alsop (Playpark maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Mr D Lee (Churchyard maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• RV Flint (Hedge cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Confirmation of accounts already paid:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• SLCC Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£48.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Lowes</p> | • Wentworth Parochial Church Council (Hall Hire 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2016) | £21.00 | • Wentworth fundraising (Publication of minutes 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2016) | £10.00 | • Clerk salary (Mrs A Lowes Oct -Dec 2016) | £250.00 | • Ink Cartridge (Mrs A Lowes) | £26.00 | • Postage | £8.44 | • Microsoft Office Software | £115.20 | • Mr D Lee (Playpark maintenance) | £250.00 | • Mr E Atkin (Playpark maintenance) | £250.00 | • Mr S Alsop (Playpark maintenance) | £60.00 | • Mr D Lee (Churchyard maintenance) | £400 | • RV Flint (Hedge cutting) | £40.00 | • SLCC Membership | £48.00 |
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|   | <p>Any other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Atkin asked the Clerk to report a pothole outside 2 Main Street which has been reported to him by the resident.</li> </ul>  |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |
|   | <p>The Meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>  |   |        |   |        |  |         |                               |        |           |       |                             |         |                                   |         |                                     |         |                                     |        |                                     |      |                            |        |                   |        |

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