

Westhall Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Westhall Village Hall.

Members Present: Mr J Lickman (Chairman); Mrs L Palin; Mr K Studd; Mrs E Clark. Mrs L Studd, Mr P Langford and Mrs L McTaggart.
In Attendance: Mrs M Rogers (Clerk)
Public Attendees: Mr G Harvey

1. **Apologies:** Mr T Goldson.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Mrs Studd proposed, seconded by Mrs Clark that the minutes of the December meeting be accepted and signed.
4. **Matters Arising from previous meeting minutes that are not included in the agenda.**
None
5. **Correspondence and Any Actions.**

1. Vertas Invoice
2. Vertas – grass cutting renewal
3. Glasdon invoice
4. B. Matthews Reply – BM Fund
5. Various emails BM/PC/GH – BM Fund
6. C&C Direct Magazine
7. SALC - Precept Referendums
8. Suffolk Constabulary – Policing, Community Support Officers funding
9. Fire Officer/SALC – Future Services 2016
10. Age UK
11. SCC – Level Crossing Closure dates
12. Bank Statements
13. Sizewell C News
14. SALC – Update on Auditor selection./charges
15. Halesworth TCouncil – Free Car Parking
16. WDC – Wellbeing workshops
17. UK Power Networks – Friends Panels

6. Finance.

- a) **Clerk.** Proposed payment for January and February by Mrs Clark, seconded by Mrs McTaggart. Cheques nos. 100640 and 100642 for £90.00 each signed. No PAYE
- b) Vertas Invoice for grass cutting – proposed payment Mrs Studd, seconded Mrs Clark, cheque 100641 for £81.00 signed.
- c) Glasdon Invoice for 3 grit bins – proposed payment Mrs Palin, seconded Mrs Clark, cheque 100640 for £421.88 signed. Once sites are approved by SCC these will be installed.
- d) Vertas quote of £286.20 to continue grass cutting pleasure ground during 2016 accepted after discussion, proposed acceptance Mr Langford and seconded Mrs Clark.

7. Planning. None

8. Topics for discussion.

- a) **Mill Common Parking.** Mr Barber WDC Housing Officer had completed his section favourably and the application will be sent off.
- b) **Green Energy** (ongoing).
- c) **BM Fund.** PC are meeting Mr Sherwood of BM and Mr Tuttle from Norfolk Foundation in the village hall on 9 February at 2pm to exchange views on how a fund would be managed. After discussion it was thought appropriate to invite representatives from Sotherton and Holton as the other parishes most affected by the Turbines although Mr Tuttle had originally asked for Westhall PC members only.
- d) **Neighbourhood Plan.** Mrs Studd had investigated NPs on WDC website and ascertained that Government wanted development and housing and a NP enabled parishes to identify any areas for development rather than wait for builders to buy land and go through an extensive planning process. NPs gave parishes some clout in position, number of houses, design and type of housing, although she thought the NP was not binding. The village should be asked for their opinions and she had prepared a document detailing NPs and future development in Westhall which will be posted around the village and sent to most residents for their comments. WDC will be informed of our actions.

9. Vacancies. None.**10. Roads & Footpaths.**

Chairman has reported road conditions and pot holes to Highways. PC thought repairs to Locks Road were a waste of SCC money as the original pot holes were again exposed.

11. Reports from SCC/WDC/Suffolk Police.

A vehicle which had been parked near the Sewage Works for a considerable time had been reported to the police by the clerk. PC Warne is investigating. *(now removed by owner in village)*

12. Any Other Business.

Mr Studd asked that PC meeting dates and details of Westhall website be published.

PC would look into the possibility of a mobile phone mast at Cox Common as infrastructure of land lines was often faulty. An internet hub was also mentioned to cater for broadband.

Chairman had attended a winter workshop and handed out emergency telephone numbers where vulnerable residents could be registered 'at risk' should essential services be cut off.

13. Newsletter for Publication. General overview of meeting to include website, meeting dates, NP.

Date and Time of next meeting. – 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.