

MENDHAM AND WITHERSDALE STREET

PARISH MEETING

Meeting Date: 17th March 2025

Venue: Mendham Primary School

Time: 7.00pm

Committee Members	Role	Present/Absent
Neil Marsden	Chair	✓
Jimmy Kent		✓
Richard Mattocks		✓
Mark Shortt		✓
Gary Kent		✓
Sheila Preston		✓
Dean Clarke		x
Steve Smith		✓
Jason Chettleburgh		✓

In attendance:

Clerk: Jo Howe

Mr H Lloyd – County Councillor

Mrs L Hadingham – District Councillor

Members of the public.

Ms Nicola Rogers

Mr John Brownfield

Mr and Mrs Gillan

ITEM	AGENDA POINT	ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies	D.C apologises on Annual leave
2.	Public Forum	Mrs Gillan spoke with regards to an accident to their property where significant damage had occurred by a speeding driver. This had been reported to the Police and as yet no one had been arrested despite Mr and Mrs Gillan locating the vehicle and notifying the Police. They also referred to previous accident in 2022. N.M stated previous councillors had been aware of problems of speeding in the village but unfortunately before

		completing the survey the councillor was taken ill. Suggestions were made regarding painting 'Slow' on the road or whether 'Speed Humps' could be added. Councillor Henry Lloyd (H.L) stated Humps could not be installed due to lighting issues. Mrs Gillan stated she had concerns for her Family and road safety and at some point someone could be hurt. H.L stated road painting could be completed with a cost of £3000 for signage and posts which would be paid for by the Parish. Ms N Rogers suggested if a 'Sharp bend' Sign could be added. P.C to look into ownership of the grass verges. J.B suggested building out a kerb to slow traffic, and also swapping the 'Give Way' sign on the bridge so that incoming traffic slows down rather than outgoing. J.H to look into this and discuss with Highways, although J.C voiced concerns there might not be enough roadway. Ms Rogers also suggested a community speed watch, however J.B stated the watch in Withersdale Street was cancelled as contracts for the volunteers had to be signed. <u>Action to be taken</u> J.H to email Highways(awaits meeting) J.H to email Suffolk Council ref 20MPH Zone and local county councillor. – In Progress. Village Hall Mrs T Gillan stated that the Village Hall is in crisis and whether anyone could suggest fund raising activities and also they are in need of committee members. It was discussed that as an example other Village Halls who have an alcohol licence do better and is this something they had looked into?
3.	Minutes of last meeting	Signed and approved
4.	Matters arising	None
5.	MSDC and SCC councillors reports submitted	Main concern is the closure of local Libraries and asked for people to sign the Petition to keep them open
6.	Finances and cheques Grant Applications	Signed and submitted – End of Year accounts to be completed before AGM. Then signed off and published Grant Approved in conjunction with Mendham Primary School for new signage and refurbishment of Mendham 'Village of the Year' Sign. This also included some plants and planters for Mendham and Withersdale Street (Mendham

		village situated in Village Car park and Green) Withersdale Street to be consulted with in regards to location.
7.	Planning	‘The Coal House’ – Report attached from J.C regarding correspondence with the owners They have requested purchasing the small plot of land behind to property. The P.C unanimously voted not to sell the land due the following reasons, 1) No planning permissions has been applied for on the property. 2) P.C at this point are reticent to sell any assets.
8.	Village Sign	Village Sign to be completed 21 st March.
9.	Any other business	None
10	Next meeting	19th May 2025 - AGM

The meeting closed at: 8pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: