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**Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of the Wickhambrook Parish Council Estates Committee
Wednesday 16th April 2008 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. J. Walker (Chairman) K Merritt, E Taylor and K. Sammons
P. Bayman, Peter and Pam Miller
R. Medley (Clerk)
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of interest in agenda items.

None was declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 4th March 2008.

Cllrs. agreed that these minutes be deferred to the next routine meeting.

4. Future of the Playground

After discussion the following points were agreed.

Repairs described as **Short Term** in the '**Playground – outline proposal for a programme of works**' document would be carried out in the next few months. These included

- Removal of the safety surface under the Springer (including kerb stones) and replacing with soil and grass seed.
- Improving the surface under the junior climber. Professional advice would be sought before reaching a final decision on details.
- Replacing the chains on the senior swings.
- Improving entrances, either by fitting approved gate closers or by installing grids, and building up any sunken surfaces.
- Tightening the joints on wooden bench.
- Improving the state of the slide mound.

Peter and Pam Miller agreed to investigate possibilities and report back at next meeting of Estates Committee. This would still allow sufficient time to complete a grant application form, if appropriate, before the next sitting of St Edmundsbury Borough Council grant committee on 10th June (application required by mid May)

Longer term improvements

It was agreed that a major overhaul of most of the playground equipment and surfaces was needed and that all improvements should comply with latest guidelines. Considerable finance would be required. The appointment of persons to mastermind this major project would take place at the next Estates Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 17th April 2008.

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Chairman

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Date