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**Minutes of a meeting of the Wickhambrook Parish Council Estates Committee
27th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. J. Walker (Chairman), J. Claydon and K Merritt.
P. Bayman and Peter and Pam Miller
R. Medley (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. K. Sammons.

2. Declarations of interest in agenda items

None was declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2008

These were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Correspondence relating to items 4, 7.3 and 16 of the previous meeting was available

5. Finance

5.1 The invoice from D. R. King & Son for the recent Playground improvements (£1980 plus vat) had been paid.

5.2 The figures suggested for inclusion in the 2009/2010 budget for remedial work in the Cemetery (£2,000), for Playground maintenance (£500) and replacement (£2,000) and the Bowls Club (£500), had been approved by the Parish Council.

5.3 The estimate for improvements to Coltsfoot Green (between £450 and £550) was accepted

5.4 The quote from Suffolk County Council for grass cutting for the 2009 season (£1,192.60 plus vat) was accepted.

6. Tree Warden' Report

No report was available.

7. Cemetery

7.1 Safety Inspection. P. Bayman again suggested that some tidying of the Chapel drive would be beneficial.

7.2 Headstone Safety. After consideration of the alternative courses of action Cllrs. agreed that Saxon Monumental be asked to repair a small number of the oldest and most dangerous headstones and this would give a more accurate indication of costs.

7.3 The 2009 versions of regulations and fees were on display on the cemetery notice board.

8. Churchyard

The next quarterly inspection report was due before the end of the month.

9. Playground

9.1 Inspection reports were handed in.

9.2 Recent damage to playground fence. It was hoped that David King had retained the sections which he had taken out to fit the new gates and that timber from these could be used to replace the damaged sections. It was agreed that these repairs could be left until the next meeting.

9.3 Short Term repairs. Apart from some 'tidying under the slide' the work was complete.

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10. Teen Project

- 10.1 Safety reports were handed in.
- 10.2 Fixing of the Grindbox. Cllrs. agreed that they would attempt to fix the grindbox themselves.

11. Six Acres

- 11.1 Inspection reports were handed in. Pam Miller had noticed an increase in the amount of dog muck on the track between 'Landmark' and the School. The situation would be monitored. Cars had been driven over the 'Six acres' but this had resulted in minimal damage.
- 11.2 The possibility of erecting a vehicle barrier on the access to the 'Six Acres' was discussed. Cllrs. agreed that nothing be done at the moment but that the situation should be monitored.

12. Village Greens

- 12.1 Safety inspection reports were handed in.
- 12.2 Moor Green. The occasional vehicle was still being parked there. The situation would be monitored.

13. Bowls Club

It was reported that the pre-Christmas social event had brought in more than £500. Further social events were planned. The Parish Council had agreed to match fund to a maximum of £500 on a £ for £ basis.

14. Hedges

- 14.1 Hedges at Malting End had been trimmed to a higher level than on the previous occasion.
- 14.2 Further contact had been made with Vestey Estates about the hedge on B1063.
- 14.3 Cllrs. expressed concern about overhanging hedges at Meeting Green and along the road to Coltsfoot Green. The Clerk was instructed to send letters to the landowners.

15. Bus shelter

Following a further request in the Scene there had been no new support so the suggestion would be temporarily shelved.

16. Date of next meeting

This would be held in the Pavilion on 10th March.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 27th January 2009.

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