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**Minutes of a meeting of the Wickhambrook Parish Council Estates Committee  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. J. Walker (Chairman) K Merritt and K. Sammons  
P. Bayman.  
R. Medley (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Pam and Peter Miller.

**2. Declarations of interest in agenda items.**

P. Bayman declared an interest in item 6.3

**3. Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

These were signed as a correct record.

**4. Matters arising**

All items were covered in the agenda

**5. Finance**

There were no financial matters to consider apart from item 6.4

**6. Cemetery**

- 6.1 Safety Inspection. P. Bayman handed in the latest inspection report
- 6.2 Headstone Safety. Saxon Memorial planned to carry out an inspection in April.
- 6.3 Chapel Use by the 'Players'. The 'Players' had offered a new filing cabinet. Changeover would be carried out in the near future.
- 6.4 Possible purchase of notice board for Cemetery. Alternative sizes and costs had been considered and Councillors agreed that a hardwood notice board measuring 520mm by 694mm (2 x A3 size) be ordered from Workwise (Suffolk) Ltd. The quote for this was £320.

**7. Churchyard**

Inspection reports were being received quarterly.

**8. Playground**

- 8.1 All inspection reports were up to date.
- 8.2 Replacement of equipment and safety surfaces.  
Cllrs. agreed that the offer of a visit from Paul Rounce, Community Funding Officer of St Edmundsbury Borough Council be accepted. It was hoped that this could be arranged for a Saturday morning when several councillors may be able to attend. The Clerk was instructed to organise this.
- 8.3 Councillors agreed that some form of gate closing mechanism should be installed. It was hoped that Paul Rounce would be able to give advice on alternatives.

**9. Teen Project**

- 9.1 Safety inspection. All reports were up to date.
- 9.2 Fixing of the Grindbox. Peter Miller had discussed details with John Crysell but it was believed that there had been no further action. The Clerk would remind John Crysell if there was no progress by mid March.

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**10. Six Acres**

- 10.1 Safety inspection. All reports were up to date.
- 10.2 Future of the Bowls Club. The Clerk had requested a quote for maintenance of the area. The Prison Officers Association at Highpoint had been made aware of the facility. The Clerk had received a letter suggesting that there was fresh interest and support for the Club. New members had been recruited, the committee had been re-formed and discussions had taken place with the village school and the youth club.
- 10.3 Football Club's use of goals. Concern was expressed about the continued use of small goals without adequate anchoring. Councillors agreed that with regular requests to the football club and having received guidance from their own insurers the Parish Council had made 'every reasonable effort' to ensure safe use of the equipment. The discarded full size goalposts should be moved back on the recreation ground and become the concern of the MSC.

**11. Village Greens**

- 11.1 Safety inspections. All reports were up to date.
- 11.2 Parking on Greens. There had been no recent instances reported.
- 11.3 It had been noted that part of the thicket on Coltsfoot Green had collapsed and it was suggested that the dying trees be removed and the gaps filled with young trees from the Borough.
- 11.4 Grass cutting at entrance to Coltsfoot Close. The quote requested from David King for the 2008 season would include the neglected area.

**12. MSC comments in the 'Scene'**

Councillors discussed recent comments in the village magazine.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion.

**Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.**

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

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**Chairman**

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