

10295 Minutes of the Meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on 24th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion of MSC Hall

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), S. Bradbury (arrived 8.00pm), J. Claydon, J. Girling, J. Walker and J. Wilson.

County Cllr. M. Evans (arrived 8.25 and left 9.10) and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead (until 8.20pm)
Clerk R. Medley.

Four members of the public attended the Open Session and one remained until the ‘Scene’ item .

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. K. Merritt.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 27th March 2014

After further consideration the minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

3.1 Item 3.1 of previous meeting – Tennis and Bowls Club insurance. There had been no further contact from Jim Field.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Walker declared an interest in items 6.2.3 and 10.4, Cllr. Claydon in 6.2.3 and Cllr. Wilson in 6.2.3.

5. OPEN SESSION 7.35pm

Police Report. Police representatives Claire Fuller and Ryan Wilson reported that there had been no crimes of note in Wickhambrook over the last month but there had been burglaries in neighbouring villages. Several visits had been made to the School and efforts were being made to re-introduce the walking bus.

District Councillor D. Redhead queried if, at a time of diminishing council finances, several new locality officers should be employed.

County Cllr. M. Evans said further information about vehicle activated speed signs would be provided and she was considering arranging a meeting in Wickhambrook; faster broadband speeds would be discussed at the Parish Conference and she understood that a date would be arranged for a joint visit with a member of the flood team to inspect the brook. There would be delays on other unfinished items because of a backlog of work.

Two members of the public expressed their concerns about Planning Application DC/14/0579/FUL, the proposed expansion to Gaines Hall at Attleton Green, and asked what opportunity the public would have to inspect the plans and to make comments. The Chairman explained that the deadline for comments had been extended until after the next Parish Council meeting on 22nd May, it was hoped that a member of the St Edmundsbury Planning Team would visit Wickhambrook sometime before that date and the full planning application details would be made available for viewing immediately after the Annual Parish meeting on 8th May. Cllr. Claydon offered to arrange a visit to Gaines Hall for Councillors and said he was considering offering a similar opportunity to parishioners.

CLOSURE OF OPEN SESSION at 8.45pm

6. Planning

6.1 The following applications had been considered by Councillors.

6.1.1 DC/14/0372/HH Amberley, Bury Road. Side, front and rear extensions.

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- 6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the District Council.
- 6.2.1 SE/14/0126/FUL Boyden End House, Boyden End. Single storage building. Approved
 - 6.2.2 SE/14/0113/HH The Old Manse, Meeting Green. Single and first floor extensions. Approved
 - 6.2.3 SE/13/0626/OUT Gaines Hall, Attleton Green. Various building changes. Withdrawn
- 6.3 No other applications were discussed.

7. Clerk's Report.

- 7.1 Circulated documents.
No documents
- 7.2 Other matters.
Nothing to report

8. Finance.

- 8.1 The following payments were approved.
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| 8.1.1 | 001908 | MSC Annual playground rent | | 10.00 |
| 8.1.2 | 001909 | SALC Annual membership | | 392.00 |
| 8.1.3 | 001910 | Community Action Suffolk. Annual membership | | 30.00 |
| 8.1.4 | 001911 | CPRE Annual membership | | 36.00 |
| 8.1.5 | 001912 | E-ON Electricity Use in Chapel | | 7.90 |
| 8.1.6 | 001913 | MSC Recycling credit* | | 383.86* |
| 8.1.7 | 001914 | R. Medley Purchase of printer cartridges | | 40.48 |
| 8.1.8 | 001915 | R. Medley. Salary for April | | 485.38 |
| 8.1.9 | DD | BT Phone rental in April | | 26.14 |
- * Missed payment to MSC to be ratified at next meeting
- 8.2 The following income was noted.
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| 8.2.1 | Vat Refund | | | 1370.80 |
| 8.2.2 | NatWest | Interest on bank accounts until March | No.1 a/c | 5.12 |
| | | | No.2 a/c | 1.10 |
| 8.2.3 | Interment (Clutterham and Son) | | | 52.00 |
- 8.3 Other financial matters
- 8.3.1 Budget to Actual expenditure and resulting Financial Statement. There were no comments.

9. Meeting with Jessica Hulbert, Communities Officer.

A meeting had been arranged on 1st May. The clerk was instructed to write to the Wic-Kids and Day Centre organisers and suggest that the remaining funds from both organisations be placed in ring fenced accounts with the Parish Council.

10. Highway Matters

- 10.1 Flooding in the village. County Cllr. Evans had requested a visit by a member of the County Council Flood Team to inspect the brook. A date was awaited.
- 10.2 Pothole Repair. Some potholes had been repaired yet neighbouring potholes had been ignored. The repair policy was unclear.
- 10.3 Footpath from MSC to Browns Close. The County Council lighting specialist was researching bollard style lights.
- 10.4 Leaning wall at Thorns Corner. A repair had been carried out and had removed the danger of the wall collapsing on to the pavement.
- 10.5 Disappearing footpath between the Church and A143. The contractor had carried out some exploratory work.
- 10.6 Letter to School. The response from the Headteacher, Jason Austin-Guest, was encouraging. He would discuss the proposal that children design and produce 'no parking here' posters at the next staff meeting.

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11. Estates Matters

11.1 Bury Road playground update. Documentation concerning the northern section had been passed recently to the solicitor. A transfer document for the southern section was awaiting approval and signatures. Cllrs. Sammons and Walker would consider the detail.

11.2 Signs for Playground. The type of wood to be used for the backing board would be decided at the next Estates Committee meeting.

11.3 Remedial tree work. It was assumed that this work had been carried out on 16th April and an invoice was awaited.

11.4 Moor Green. Cllr. Girling had met Mr Rowe and had agreed the details of the restitution of Moor Green. Cllrs. agreed that the line of posts to run parallel with the road should be placed one metre in from the metalled surface.

12. Future of the Bowls Club. A letter had been received from Steve Taylor, Chairman, warning that the Club was unlikely to function for much longer. Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to enquire if the Tennis Club would be interested in the area as a grass court and to contact the Borough play specialist to see if he could make any suggestions for alternative use. Cllrs. were against making any further donations.

13. Annual Parish meeting. Cllrs. agreed that the agenda be similar to 2013 but an update on Community First Responders be substituted for the Playground item. Cllrs. agreed that Diane Haywood be nominated for the Alf Hicks Biscuit Barrel.

Paperwork relating to the planning application DC/14/0579/FUL, the proposed expansion of Gaines Hall, Attleton Green, would be on display from 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

14. Scene update. Becky Baldwin outlined the MSC vision for the future of the Scene and requested a one-off payment of £500 to cover the additional costs. Cllrs. agreed that this sum be approved.

15. Reports from representatives from other village organisations

United Reform Charities. Cllr. Wilson reported that the outside of the Alms Houses would be painted in May.

16. Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported a conversation he had with Keith Parker concerning the field next to the School. There seemed little chance of building on that site.

17. Vacancy on Parish Council

As neither candidate was able to attend on the evening Cllrs. agreed that the deadline for applications be postponed to the next meeting.

18. Correspondence

18.1 The Chairman asked for any further names for the 2014 Parish Conference on 28th April which was to be held in Wickhambrook. Cllrs. Claydon, Girling and Wilson showed interest

Date of next meetings. Annual Parish meeting on 8th May

Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 22nd May 2014 in the MSC Pavilion at 7.30 pm. Cllr. Girling offered his apologies.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 24th April 2014.

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