

**10095 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), P. Bevan, K. Merritt, E. Taylor and J. Walker.  
Borough Cllr. D. Redhead  
Clerk R. Medley.  
No members of the public were present.

The chairman welcomed Cllr. Taylor to her first meeting as councillor.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Sammons and J. Wilson and County Cllr. J. Midwood.

**2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

These were signed as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising (for information)**

There were no matters arising.

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

Cllr. Taylor declared an interest in item 5 (Insurance)

**5. David Price was due to give a presentation on the role of Independent Monitoring Boards but for domestic reasons was unable to attend.**

**Report from Borough Councillor**

Borough Councillor Redhead gave the latest information on boundary changes saying that any system of three tier government was not an option. Two alternative proposals were being considered. One was for an authority to cover most of Suffolk the other was for east and west authorities. In the latter case the west area would only cover 228,000 of 789,00 population and this may not be enough. Three areas of a similar size may be preferred. The new structure had to be in place by 2009. Concern was expressed about the amount of additional work that could be delegated to parish councils. The Borough Council had responded to the proposed changes in stacking for Standsted saying they were surprised that the stack was being moved to quiet rural areas but they had no objection.

**Request from Jim Field**

Jim Field suggested that the MSC and the Parish Council could be duplicating payment of insurance particularly for public liability. He asked that this be checked.

**6. Planning**

6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.

6.1.1 SE/08/0332 New House Farm, Baxters Green	No objection
6.1.2 SE/08/0391 28, Boyden Close	No objection
6.1.3 SE/08/0430 Statutory Undertakers Notification	No objection
6.1.4 SE/08/0407 Butlers Hall, Attleton Green	No objection
6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.	
6.2.1 SE/08/0119 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green	Granted
6.2.2 SE/08/0241 Great Mill Cottage, Mill Lane	Granted
6.2.3 SE/08/0240 Aspenden Cottage, Coltsfoot Green	Granted

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6.2.4 SE/08/0131 Black Horse Farm, Ashfield Green	Granted
6.2.5 SE/08/0289 Black Horse Farm, Ashfield Green	Granted
6.2.6 SE/08/0259 Little Timbers, Ashfield Green	Granted
6.2.7 SE/08/0293 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green	Refused

**7. Clerk's Report**

7.1 Circulated Documents.

7.1.1 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation. Cllrs. agreed that there should be no immediate response to this consultation document.

7.1.2 Guide to becoming a Quality Council. Cllrs. felt that no action was needed in the short term but they were pleased that progress had already been made towards meeting many of the basic requirements.

7.1.3 St Edmundsbury Core Strategy Consultation. Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to summarise the comments already made on the circulated document and to explain how much time was needed to do justice to such a document.

7.2 Other information

7.2.1 Bus Shelter. A meeting to discuss possibilities had been planned for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am at the MSC. The Clerk agreed to inform other interested persons.

7.2.2 Mobile Library timetable changes. The Clerk was instructed to check publicity and see what else needed doing.

7.2.3 Changes to aircraft stacking for Stansted. Cllrs were given details of a meeting at Kirtling Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

7.2.4 Removal of village phone boxes. Cllrs. agreed that all three should remain if possible; if not, then the one at Thorns Corner should be retained.

**8. Finance.**

8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1 001405 Rates for Chapel 2008/9	92.49
8.1.2 001406 Saxon Monumental Craft – Cemetery Inspection	211.50
8.1.3 001407 SALC- Annual Membership	325.80
8.1.4 001408 CPRE – Annual Subscription	28.00
8.1.5 001409 R. Medley Salary for April	475.18
8.1.6 001410 R. Medley Salary for March	430.23
8.1.7 001411 R. Medley Petty Cash	50.00

8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1 100439 Headstone (private)	45.00
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8.3 Other financial matters

8.3.1 SLCC – CiLCA registration paid on 26.03.08	70.00
8.3.2 Inland Revenue – 2007/8 PAYE and N.I. paid 17.04.08	75.89
8.3.3 Tiscali – broadband payment for Feb. and March	22.92

8.3.4 Cllrs. agreed that the annual allowance for 'use of home as office' should remain unchanged.

**9. Estates Committee Report.**

9.1 Progress on playground improvements. Pam and Peter Miller had agreed to take responsibility for any short term improvements needed including applying for grants. Cllrs. were agreed that an ambitious long term plan should also be considered.

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9.2 Progress on Cemetery. Twenty letters had been sent to next of kin and about half had responded. The Clerk explained that it would be difficult to trace relatives going further back than 1982. Notices would be posted on the website and at entrances to the Cemetery asking that the owners of the marked headstones to make themselves known to the Clerk.

**10. United Charities Representatives Report.**

No report was available.

**11. MSC Matters**

There was nothing to report.

**12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.**

12.1 Road repairs. The B1063 was due for inspection and repair in the near future and several village roads would be surface dressed in the next month.

**13. Rights of Way**

There was nothing to report.

**14. Annual Parish Meeting**

14.1 Invitations and agenda. Guests would be invited and asked to restrict their contributions to five minutes.

14.2 Presentation of Biscuit Barrel. Cllrs. unanimously agreed that this be awarded to Jim Fieldsend.

14.3 Financial Statement. Copies of the provisional statement were circulated.

**15. Community Speedwatch.**

Cllrs. agreed that this subject remain on the agenda to await further developments.

**16. Hedgerow Survey.** The Clerk explained that this survey would start again in June and asked councillors for their approval. Messrs Claydon, Redhead, and Walker asked that they be warned before being visited.

**17. Date of next meetings Annual Parish meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Annual Parish Council meeting on Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008.**

**Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.**

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

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