

**10126 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), K. Merritt, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson.  
Clerk R. Medley.  
Four members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Claydon and V. Mayes. County Cllr. Midwood and Borough Cllr. Redhead arrived after the start of the meeting and left before the end.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

These were accepted as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

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

All matters would be covered under agenda items.

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

Cllr. Wilson declared an interested in item 7.1.1.

**5. Kelly's Meadow**

Messrs Pollington and Pettingale summarised progress to date. The next move depended on the outcome of meetings between the mediator and the Steering Group on 6<sup>th</sup> May and the mediator and members of Wickhambrook Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May. It was believed that the planning application would come from the Goodey family rather than the Borough Council.

**6. Comments by the Police representative, County Cllr. Midwood, Borough Cllr. Redhead and members of the public.**

PCSO 3140 Alex Foster explained some of the difficulties of practical policing and how contact time with Parish Councils was best used. She confirmed the appointment of Neil Paterson as Acting Inspector for St Edmundsbury Rural District.

County Cllr. Midwood expressed concerns about newly formed Residents Association and the fact that some of their 'complaints' were being made in ignorance of previous history. There was a possibility of confusing messages if members of the organisation started to contact the authorities.

A saturated brine plant had been installed at Depden.

Borough Cllr. Redhead said that the Western Way 'village' was slowly being filled but there was some concern about lack of facilities. Recent house building requests from central Government (a target new build of 3000 per year) had been described as impracticable whereas 300 a year was realistic.

Jane Moatt, of 19, Nunnery Green and a colleague from the Residents Association outlined the aims of the Association and stressed that they wished to work with other representative organisations in the village.

**7. Planning**

7.1 The following applications were submitted for consideration

7.1.1 SE/09/0340 Beechwood House, Meeting Green

7.1.2 SE/09/ Wickhambrook Primary School

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7.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.

7.2.1 SE/07/1964	Barns at Manor House, Wickham Street	Granted
7.2.2 SE/09/0248	The Cottage, Baxters Green	Refused
7.2.3 SE/09/0239	Crows Farm, Malting End	Granted
7.2.4 SE/09/0240	White Gables, Wickhambrook	Granted
7.2.5 SE/09/0340/1	Beechwood House, Meeting Green	Granted

Cllrs. agreed that future copies of agenda should include brief details of each application.

**8. Clerk's Report**

Circulated Documents

8.1.1 'Vitalising Rural Communities for 21st Century'. Cllrs. approved the attendance of Cllr. Mayes at this conference on 13<sup>th</sup> May at Elmswell.

8.1.2 'Connected Villages'. Following a suggestion from Cllrs. an application for laptop and broadband had been made on behalf of the Memorial Social Centre trustees.

8.1.3 'No excuses' litter campaign. This initiative had been mentioned in the most recent edition of the 'Scene'.

Other Information

8.2.1 Details of training courses for Cllrs. were tabled.

8.2.2 Cllrs. agreed that a poster for the Suffolk Show be placed on PC notice boards.

8.2.3 Nomination forms were available for a County Councillor for Clare and for the European Elections.

**9. Finance.**

9.1 The following payments were approved.

9.1.1 001484 CPRE Annual subscription	29.00
9.1.2 001485 SALC Annual subscription	341.80
9.1.3 001486 R. Medley Salary for April	409.64
9.1.4 D.D. Tiscali Broadband payment for April	18.70

9.2 The following income was noted.

9.2.1 Wickhambrook Football Club 'ground rent'	10.00
9.2.2 Interment of cremated remains (H.J.Paintin Ltd.)	75.00
9.2.3 Bank Interest No.1 account £150.38 (Dec) and £16.79 (Mar)	167.17
No.2 account £ 33.01 (Dec) and £1.86 (Mar)	34.87

9.3 Other financial matters

9.3.1 Rates for Chapel. An invoice had been received for £52.65 (the first of six instalments)

Cllrs. heard that an appeal against the rating had been lodged and they were reluctant to authorise any payment until the result was known.

**10. Estates Committee Report.**

10.1 Cllr. Walker reported on the attempted forced entry at the Chapel.

10.2 The repairs to the playground fence had been completed and the safety gates were in use.

10.3 Cemetery. Saxon Monumental had repaired eight of the oldest and/or most dangerous headstones. Cllr. Wilson sought information about further repairs.

**11. United Charities Report**

Cllr. Wilson gave a verbal report.

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**12. MSC matters**

Nothing to report

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

13.1 Clearing of grips. This work was imminent.

13.2 Hedges. The landowner of the hedge beside the B1063 was hoping to cut the hedge back in the first week in May.

13.3 Coltsfoot Close and Thorns Close were due to be surface dressed in the next few weeks.

**14. Rights of Way.**

14.1 Footpath hierarchy correspondence. This would be circulated.

14.2 Footbridge 22. Damaged slats would be replaced on the footbridge across the brook.

**15. Annual Parish meeting**

15.1 Invited guests. All those involved in previous years would be invited again plus a spokesman for the Kelly's Meadow steering group. Cllr. Sammons offered her apologies.

15.2 Presentation of Biscuit Barrel. Steve Taylor was the nominated recipient.

15.3 Financial statement (draft). This was accepted.

**16 Standing Orders**

The updated Standing Orders were approved.

Cllr. Sammons suggested that as these were based on the model standing orders an annual review was all that would be necessary for the future.

**17. Affordable Housing Working Party.**

Membership was Cllrs. Taylor and Sammons and the Clerk, and Mrs Osborne and Mrs Matson. The first meeting with Icen Housing and Rural Housing representatives would be held on Thursday 7th May

**18. Parish Council Conference**

Cllr. Sammons recommended contact with Stephanie Edmons – the newly appointed Borough Playlady. It was felt that she may be able to help with grants for playground development.

The template for the 'Village Welcome Pack' would be given to MSC.

The 'Community Chest Fund' was explained.

**19. Date of next meetings.**

Annual Parish meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009

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

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

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