

**10158 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
29th April 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Hall**

Present

Cllrs. J Claydon (Chairman), V. Mayes, K. Merritt, K. Sammons, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson.
Borough Cllr. D. Redhead and PC 18 Trish Sinclair (attended the open session only)
Clerk R. Medley.
Fifty members of the public (All but twelve left at the end of the open session)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Jane Midwood

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 25th March 2010

After the addition of 'Because of short notice' to 8.1.1 these were accepted as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

The Clerk confirmed linkage to Suffolk InfoLink.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Sammons in 10.1.4 and Cllr. Taylor in 15.2.

OPEN SESSION

5. Local Development Framework

Chris Rand of St Edmundsbury Planning Department outlined the background to the Local Development Framework. He explained the importance of the documents currently available for consultation. The Development Management Policies documents were in final draft form and could only be challenged on grounds of soundness and being legally compliant.

The Rural Allocations documents and Site Proposals map were open for consultation over the period from 12th April to 10th June, but comments would be appreciated earlier rather than later. Opinions should be supported by the reasoning behind the decision. He explained that the documents could be viewed on line or at local libraries or could be supplied in CD form on request. Comments could be made on line or by post using the response forms. Spare copies were left in the hall.

On being asked about the Key Service Centre status he explained that this decision was now with the Inspector who would be meeting with those who had sent in written objections in the near future. Cllr. Taylor asked about the effect on housing numbers should the Inspector change the status of Wickhambrook from that of Key Service Centre. Mr Rand said he would respond in writing. There had been a change of status for open areas so that all areas, rather than those individually identified, would be protected. It was not known if a change of Government would have any bearing on these developments but this work would continue.

Other points mentioned were the £40,000 allocated for infrastructure improvements, the need to work with the Utilities (with a specific mention of the capacity of the Waste Water Treatment works) and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

5.1 Councillors resolved that an open forum be added to the Annual Parish meeting on 13th May to collate opinions from those members of the public present.

6. Comments by Police representative

PC 18 Trish Sinclair said there had been 17 crimes reported in the last month, these being the theft of garden ornaments and planters from two estates in the village. The next liaison meeting would be held in Whestead village hall on 5th May at 2.30pm.

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7. Kelly's Meadow

Mike Kemp reported that there was no further news of a planning application; this being the next expected move.

CLOSURE OF OPEN SESSION

8. Planning

8.1 The following applications had been considered by Councillors

8.1.1 AB/P/406/504 Preservation Order for retention of trees in Cemetery Road

8.1.2 SE/09/1571 Chapel Cottage, Meeting Green. Erection of 4 dwellings and change of access

8.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

8.2.1 SE/10/0182 Maythorpe, Malting End Retention of fencing and gate Granted

9. Clerk's Report

9.1 Circulated Documents

9.1.1 'Village of the Year' Award. Cllrs. resolved to give the competition serious consideration in 2011.

9.1.2 SALC Training Programme. Cllr. Sammons expressed interest in attending a 'Leadership Skills' course. Cllrs. approved her attendance.

9.2 Other matters

9.2.1. The Clerk gave an update of progress towards the CiLCA award. The portfolio of evidence had been completed and sent in on time. The result was that 22 of the 24 sections were deemed to be of a pass level but two were not. These would have to be retaken. Cllrs. authorised the resit payment of £55.00.

9.2.2 The Clerk had booked a holiday from 5th to 16th June 2010.

10. Finance.

10.1 The following payments were approved.

10.1.1	001569 CPRE Annual Membership	29.00
10.1.2	001570 SALC Annual Membership	351.80
10.1.3	001571 SALC Planning Workshop (Clerk)	29.38
10.1.4	001572 The Rainbird Partnership. Printing	23.93
10.1.5	001573 D.R.King & Son Ltd. Grounds Maintenance (final payment)	1338.30
10.1.6	001574 R. Medley Salary for March	414.84
10.1.8	001565 R. Medley Travel Expenses for 23 rd March course	29.20
10.1.9	D. D. TalkTalk Broadband payment for April	20.33

10.2 The following income was noted.

10.2.1	Payment for memorial (H.J.Paintin Ltd.)	50.00
10.2.2	Bank Interest (Oct. to Dec.) No.1 account	5.23
	No.2 account	0.67
	Bank Interest (Jan. to Mar.) No.1 account	5.02
	No.2 account	0.46
10.2.3	Wickhambrook Football Club Ground Rent	10.00

11. Parish Plan.

The steering group had been formed of 8 members and the first meeting was arranged for Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm in the MSC Pavilion. One of the first tasks would be to seek finance.

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12. Estates Committee

- 12.1 Graffiti on Playground. Cllr. Walker explained that the most offensive image had been covered.. Further thought would be given to the situation at the next Estates meeting.
- 12.2 Chapel Rates. The formal document accepting the lowered rateable value of £700 (as opposed to £1300) had been signed and returned

13. Annual Parish meeting to be held on 13th May 2010

- 13.1 Invited guests. Cllrs. suggested that the Scout Leader be invited and that the programme should include a progress report on the Parish Plan.
- 13.2 Alf Hicks Biscuit Barrel. Cllrs. agreed that Roger Alexander be offered this honour.
- 13.3 Draft Financial Statement. Cllrs. suggested several changes to make the figures more easily understood.

14. United Charities Representatives Report.

Plans for digging a drainage channel to the rear of the almshouses were being considered. One trustee had resigned but a full committee remained.

15. Correspondence

- 15.1 Cllrs. were invited to the 'Last Chance to See' exhibition on Weds. 19th May in the W.I. Hall this being a display of photographs, scrapbooks and ephemera on the history of Wickhambrook.
- 15.2 Wickhambrook Scout Group had requested the use of the recreation ground and 'six acres' for their activities. Cllrs. approved that request.
- 15.3 Wickhambrook Business website. The future of the website would be considered at the next meeting.

16. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

- 16.1 Request for mirror on highway. The Clerk was instructed to reply giving the information supplied by Suffolk Highways.
- 16.2 Hedges. EDF has requested the owner's permission before taking action. In two out of three cases this permission had been handed to the Clerk; one further letter was awaited.
- 16.3 Road Closures. Temporary road closures were planned over the period mid May to mid July. Roads affected would be U7102 between Attleton Green and Bunters Road, U7103 between the School and Mole Hill and U7056 between Meeting Green and Genesis Green.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 27th May 2010 in the MSC Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2010.

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