

**10105 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
28th August 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. E. Taylor (Chairman), K. Merritt, and J. Walker.
Clerk R. Medley.
County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead
Fifteen members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Claydon, Sammons and Wilson.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 24th July 2008

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

3. Matters Arising (for information)

There were no matters arising.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

None was declared.

5. Comments by County Councillor and Police.

Cllr. Midwood gave further information on the NATS consultation, the proposal for a bus shelter outside the MSC hall and Boundary Commission deliberations.
She said that there was unlikely to be any significant change in the proposals for flight paths and stacking despite the many objections. She was having difficulty in gaining approval for a site for the bus shelter but the MSC had suggested the grass area in front of the car park. The County Council favoured the one Suffolk unitary structure because many of the existing services were already organised on a county wide basis.
A brief report from the Police explained that Tuesday evening 'biker' visits were still a possibility and speed checks, and contact with residents, had been carried out in Bunters road and Cemetery road.

6. Kelly's Meadow

Cllrs agreed that the Clerk would write to the Borough to request further information on points to be suggested by those against the proposal and to the Enforcement Officer to list the assumed breaches of planning conditions.
The Clerk was instructed to check spending allowances and restrictions under Parish Council powers.

7. Affordable Housing - Contact with Housing Associations

The Clerk had provisionally arranged presentations from Greg Dodds of Orwell Housing (Havebury) for the meeting of 25th September and a representative from Suffolk Housing (Iceni) for 23rd October. The Clerk was instructed to confirm both bookings.

8. Planning

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| 8.1 | The following applications were considered on circulation. | |
| 8.1.1 | SE/08/0871 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green | No objection |
| 8.1.2 | SE/08/0908 Queens House, Ousden | No objection |
| 8.1.3 | SE/08/1128 Oak Cottage, Ashfield Green | No objection |
| 8.1.4 | SE/08/1134 Three Gables, Thorns Corner | No objection |
| 8.1.5 | SE/08/1121 White Gates, Bunters Road | No objection |

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

8.2.1	SE/07/1755	Land next to 'Paddocks', Giffords Lane	Appeal
8.2.2	SE/08/0293	Samples Farm, Ashfield Green	Appeal
8.2.3	SE/08/0549	Plumbers Arms, Wickham Street	Refused
8.2.4	SE/08/0871	Samples Farm, Ashfield Green	Refused
8.2.5	SE/08/0332	New House Barn, Baxters Green	Granted
8.2.6	SE/08/0755	Post Office & Stores, Thorns Corner	Granted
8.2.7	SE/08/0762	Boyden End Stables	Refused
8.2.8	SE/08/0908	Queens House, Ousden	Granted
8.2.9	SE/08/0483	Paddocks, Giffords Lane (see above)	Granted

9. Clerk's Report

9.1 Circulated Documents.

9.1.1 Boundary Commission changes. The most recent document would be circulated. This seemed to suggest that there was still the possibility of an east/west divide.

9.1.2 Rental fee for glass banks. The increases in rental and emptying charges had been noted and accepted

9.1.3 'Play Your Part' pack. Cllrs. felt that they were already reporting examples of anti social behaviour. Nothing further could be done until the initiative was put on 'general release'.

9.2 Other information

9.2.1 'Big Tidy Up'. Cllrs. felt current priorities would detract from this work and suggested that the topic be raised again in the new year.

9.2.2 'WOS UP' Rural Youth Project. Details had been delivered to the Wic-kids youth club.

9.2.3 St Edmundsbury Countryside Forum. Cllrs. gave approval for the Clerk to attend this meeting to be held on 24th September in the Borough Offices.

9.2.4 Consideration of Parish Plan. Another attempt at a parish plan could be considered but only after finding a team of volunteers.

9.2.5 Road Safety Campaigns. Cllrs. wished to support this initiative but felt that regular requests to the 'Whats-On' organiser and distributors would not be welcome. Posters could be displayed on notice boards, the website and in village publications and postcards could perhaps be left in MSC hall and village shop.

9.2.6 Minerals Specific Site Allocations Submission Documents. Cllrs. felt that there was no need to respond again as the nearest proposed site was some fifteen miles away.

10. Finance.

10.1 The following payments were approved.

10.1.1	001426	MSC Hire of MSC Hall Feb. – Aug. 2008	134.24
10.1.2	001427	E-On Electricity use in Chapel	24.72
10.1.3	001428	D.R.King & Son Grounds maintenance	3525.00
10.1.4	001429	BT Phone calls May to July	42.97
10.1.5	001430	Suffolk Wildlife Trust Annual subscription	30.00
10.1.6	001431	R. Medley Salary for August	384.58
10.1.7	001432	R. Medley 'Home as office' allowance	45.00

10.2 The following income was noted.

10.2.1	100442	Interment and headstone	113.00
10.2.2	100443	Headstone and plot	146.00
10.2.3	100444	Inscription (H.J.Paintin)	17.00
		Wayleave – EDF Energy	36.97
10.2.4		Bank interest No.1 account	267.42
		No.2 account	33.30

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10.3 Other financial matters.

10.3.1 Broadband payment for June. Direct Debit 21.23

10.3.2 Broadband payment for July. “ “ 19.43

10.3.3 Changes to NatWest reserve accounts. It would be possible to lift the interest rate from the current 2.5% to 3.00% by using a Bonus Saver account but the issue of cheques is severely restricted. After discussion it was agreed that no changes would be made to existing arrangements.

10.3.4 Fidelity Guarantee insurance. The Clerk was instructed to seek further information on the cover needed.

11. Estates Committee Report.

11.1 Unstable headstones in the cemetery. Eight headstones had been repaired and a further six would be repaired in the next few weeks.

11.2 Progress on Playground improvements. Metal gates and safety tiles had been ordered and it was hoped that the work could be started in September.

11.3 Vestey Estates hedges on B1063. This would be cut back manually in the Autumn.

11.4 Questionnaire ref. Capacity of cemetery. This had been completed and returned.

12. United Charities Report

There was no report.

13. MSC matters

There was no further news.

14. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

There were no matters of interest

15. Rights of Way.

15.1.1 The annual programme of footpath cutting revealed that only 50% were trimmed and they should be visited in June and August.

15.1.2 Complaints had been received about the ‘closure’ of footpath 20 between Home Farm and A143. The Clerk would ask for further information.

16. Vacancy for Parish Councillor

16.1 A poster advertising the vacancy had been placed on parish notice boards and the website. Those interested were asked to contact a councillor or clerk before 16th September 2008.

17. Date of next Parish Council Meeting

This would be held on a Thurs. 25th September 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 28th August 2008.

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