

**10089 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
14th February 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), P. Bevan, K. Merritt, K. Sammons, J. Walker and J. Wilson.
County Cllr. J. Midwood
Clerk R. Medley.
Seven members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Borough Cllr. D. Redhead

2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 10th January 2008

These were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

- 3.1 Correspondence. The clerk had written to Thurlow Estates ref: overgrown hedges and had completed the Suffolk Climate Action Plan questionnaire.
- 3.2 Broadband Provision. After some investigation it was decided to sign up with Tiscali. Connection was expected before the end of the month.
- 3.3 Independent Monitoring Boards. Mr. Price had accepted the invitation to the March meeting to discuss their role.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Sammons declared an interest in item 6.3.1 and Cllr. Wilson in 6.1.4

5. Report from County Councillor

Cllr. Midwood reported on the following items –
The proposed changes to the short stretch of dual carriageway on the A143 between the Plumbers Arms and Stradishall crossroads were likely to be carried out in the Spring.
The School Travel Plan was almost complete.
Clare School was still hoping that Option 3 (conversion to an Upper school) would be approved.

6. Planning

- 6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.
 - 6.1.1 SE/07/1963 Barns, Manor House, Wickham Street No objection
 - 6.1.2 SE/07/1936 Pound House, Wickhambrook No objection
 - 6.1.3 SE/07/2000 Badmondishfield End Cottage, Lords Lane No objection
 - 6.1.4 SE/08/0073 Poplar Hall, Genesis Green No objection
 - 6.1.5 SE/08/0093 The Surgery, Boyden Close No objection
- 6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.
 - 6.2.1 SE/07/1890/3 Plumbers Arms, Wickham Street Refused
 - 6.2.2 SE/07/1921 Keswick, Park Gates Granted
 - 6.2.3 SE/07/1936 Pound House, Wickhambrook Granted
- 6.3 Planning Applications under consideration
 - 6.3.1 SE/08/0119 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green No objection

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7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Circulated Documents.

7.1.1 Bus Shelter. County Cllr. Midwood agreed to explore the possibility of a shelter at the road end of the footpath from Browns Close to the MSC Hall

7.1.2 Football Club Insurance. Cllrs. requested a copy of the renewal document – due on 1st May 2008

7.1.3 Annual Insurance. The Clerk was instructed to make Allianz Cornhill aware of any changes in the playground.

7.2 Other information

7.2.1 Emergency Parish Contact. Cllr. Sammons volunteered to take on this role.

7.2.2 The Clerk had completed a Suffolk ACRE survey of facilities in the village.

7.2.3 The contract for External Auditor for the next five years has been awarded to BDO Stoy Hayward LLP.

7.2.4 Suffolk Housing Society had sent details of a recent allocation of 12, Emily Frost Close.

8. Finance.

8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1	001392	MSC Hire of Hall (Oct. '07 to Jan. '08)	55.00
8.1.2	001393	R. Medley Salary for January	463.63
8.1.3	001394	R. Medley Use of home as office (Dec.'07 to Feb.'08)	45.00
8.1.4	001395	R. Medley Part payment of private phone (Dec. to Feb.)	20.00
8.1.5	001396	BT Phone rental (Nov. '07 to Jan.'08)	60.00
8.1.6	001397	E-On Electricity use in Chapel (Nov.'07 to Jan. '08)	22.31

8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1	BACS	Reclaim of Vat for 2007	1865.44
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8.3 Other financial matters

Cllr. Sammons pointed out that the Clerk's salary was now sufficient for employer's NIC and PAYE to be deducted.

9. Estates Committee Report.

9.1 The Suffolk County Council grass cutting quote for 2008 had been approved.

9.2 Playground repairs. Arrangements were being made for removal of the senior climber. Grants and possible replacement equipment were being considered.

9.3 Future of the Bowls Club. D. King had been asked to supply a quote for maintaining the area for the next twelve months. Cllrs. were asked to consider offering a 'roll up' evening at the start of the new season.

9.4 Quotes were being sought for a notice board for the cemetery.

10. United Charities Representatives Report.

There was nothing to report.

11. MSC Matters

There was nothing to report

12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

12.1 Road repairs. Patching of the road between Meeting Green and Ashfield Green was underway. Repairs would then be carried out on the road to Plumbers Arms

12.2 Further details of the planned A143 changes (see Item 5) were supplied, complete with plans.

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13. Rights of Way

The footbridge on Footpath 30 was due to be replaced in March

14. Standing Orders.

Cllrs. were of the opinion that the Model Standing Orders needed little alteration.

15. Community Speedwatch.

Cllrs. agreed that a decision on this initiative be postponed until an explanation had been published in the 'Scene'.

16. Affordable Housing.

The Clerk explained that all 500 questionnaires had been distributed on time. He thanked the volunteers for helping to prepare the inserts and stuff the envelopes and the members of 'What's On' team for actual delivery.

17. School Travel Plan.

This summary of how children travelled to school and what changes could be introduced to discourage delivery by individual cars and encourage more walking was almost complete. Cllrs. asked that the final version be circulated.

One of the recommendations was that 'children crossing' signs be installed in the area of the MSC Hall and the footpath to Browns Close. Cllrs. supported this suggestion.

18. Councillor Vacancy.

The 2008 Register of Electors included the names of all three parishioners who had shown interest in the vacancy. Mr. J. Norton and Mrs E. Taylor were invited to explain why they were interested in joining the Council. The Chairman thanked both applicants. Mr M Divall had yet to confirm his interest so it was decided to leave the decision until the next meeting.

19. Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th March 2008

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2008.

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