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**Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. S. Sumner (Chairman), P. Bevan, A. Harrison, K. Merritt, and J. Wilson.  
County Councillor J. Midwood and Borough Councillor D. Redhead.  
Clerk R. Medley.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs. J. Claydon and J. Walker.

**2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006**

These were signed as a correct record.

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

There were no matters arising

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

Cllrs. Harrison and Merritt declared an interest in 7.2.3 and 17.

**5. Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr. Redhead outlined the confusion that was likely to follow a proposed Government directive suggesting that the developer or applicant discuss plans with the Parish Council before sending them to the Borough.

Cllr. Midwood said she had been involved in discussions with officials concerning several local matters. These included the servicing of a street light at Thorns Close, discussions with Rights of Way Officer about excessive use of RUPP 31 by 'off-roaders', the overflowing manhole at Nunnery Green and poor discipline on school buses.

There was no representative from Neighbourhood Watch but Cllr. Sumner reported that the local version of the 'Antiques Roadshow' had raised £164.50 which would be used to refurbish the existing signs.

**6. Planning**

6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.

6.1.1 SE/06/2751	Three Gables, Nunnery Green	No objection
6.1.2 SE/06/2820	Have-a-Rest, Attleton Green	No objection
6.1.3 SE/06/2816	3, Wickham House Bungalows, Giffords Lane	No objection
6.1.4 SE/06/2875	Farley Green House	No objection

6.2 The following applications considered by the Borough Council were noted.

6.2.1 SE/06/2542	Easterwood Farm, Baxters Green	Granted
6.2.2 SE/06/2657	Wakelins, Genesis Green	Granted
6.2.3 SE/06/2695	Farley Green Farmhouse	Granted
6.2.4 SE/06/2684	Park Gate Barn	Granted
6.2.5 SE/06/2308	Easterwood Farm, Baxters Green	Approval of modifications
6.2.6 SE/05/2439	Ashfield Green Cottage	Approval of amendments

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**7. Clerk's Report**

## 7.1 Circulated Documents.

7.1.1. Draft Statement of Community Involvement. This questionnaire was completed and returned on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

7.1.2 Planning Applications Guidance. The Clerk was instructed to email a summary of the written responses from Councillors.

## 7.2 Other information.

The Clerk gave the following information.

7.2.1 Laptops for Councils. The Parish Council had been unsuccessful in their recent application but had been encouraged to try again in April.

7.2.2 Letters of thanks had been received from all organisations that had received donations from the Parish Council.

7.2.3 The Parish Council had been notified of the re-opening of the Village Post Office.

7.2.4 Councillors were made aware of the continuance of the Rural Areas Community Initiative Grant Scheme.

7.2.5 Councillors were updated about the recent communications from Suffolk Witness Care.

7.2.6 Two local policy motions going forward to NALC were read out.

7.2.7 The Clerk asked for suggestions for 'Notes for the Scene'. It was agreed that the forthcoming Parish Council election would be publicised.

**8. Finance.**

## 8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1	001300	A. Electrics – updating electrics in the Chapel	444.46
8.1.2	001301	St. Edmundsbury Council – installation of 2 dog bins	159.07
8.1.3	001302	SALC – Clerk's Networking Day on 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2006	8.22
8.1.4	001303	R. Medley. Salary for November and December	654.18
8.1.5	001304	R. Medley. Purchase of printer cartridges	70.97
8.1.6	001305	R. Medley. Mileage to SALC for Networking day	38.08
8.1.7	001306	Memorial Social Centre. Recycling payment (paper/glass)	567.78

## 8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1	Annual Rent from Bowls Club	10.50
8.2.2	Annual Rent from Tennis Club	10.50
8.2.3	Bank Interest (Sept. to Dec.)	205.09
8.2.4	County Councillor Locality Funding	2000.00

**9. Estates Committee Report.**

The Clerk explained that four quotes had been received for Grounds Maintenance, the Chapel electrics had been updated and grants towards the path from car park to Teen Project now amounted to £5,500.

**10. United Charities Representatives Report.**

There was nothing to report

**11. MSC Representatives Report.**

Next trustees meeting would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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

12.1 The Highways department had been reminded about the hedge at Meeting Green and the white lines outside the Plumbers Arms.

12.2 It was noted that many hedges had been cut back but several did not allow easy access to high sided vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the landowner whose hedge bordered the C7105 at Malting End.

**13. Rights of Way.**

There was nothing to report.

**14. Consideration of Standing Orders.**

Final amendments were agreed. The Clerk was instructed to update a master copy.

**15. Date of next meeting – Thursday February 15th 2007.**

**16. Dates of future meetings.**

Thursdays 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council), 17<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish), 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Estates Meetings were likely to be held on Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 (subject to confirmation)

**17. The Village Shop.**

There was nothing to report.

**Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.**

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

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