

**10086 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
10th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. P. Bevan (Chairman), K. Merritt, K. Sammons, and J. Wilson.
Borough Cllr. D. Redhead
Clerk R. Medley.
Four members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

County Cllr. J. Midwood and Cllrs. Claydon and Walker

2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 29th November 2007

These were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

No matters arising.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

None was declared.

5. Report from Borough Councillor

Cllr. Redhead gave a progress report on the Bury Cattle market and Haverhill centre developments. He asked that councillors respond to the recent request from Clare Parish council about the future of Clare School. The favoured option was that Clare became a third upper school (there were two at Haverhill) or a village college under trust status.

6. Planning

6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.

6.1.1 SE/07/1822 Wickhambrook Stores & Filling Station	No objection
6.1.2 SE/07/1834 Great Mill Cottages, Mill Lane	No objection
6.1.3 SE/07/1893 Plumbers Arms, Wickham Street	No objection
6.1.4 SE/07/1921 Keswick, Park Gates	No objection
6.1.5 SE/07/1936 Pound House, Cloak Lane	No objection

6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.

6.2.1 SE/07/1607 Wickhambrook Stores & Filling Station	Granted
6.2.2 SE/07/1822 Wickhambrook Stores & Filling Station	Granted
6.2.3 SE/07/1755 Land next to the Paddocks, Giffords Lane	Granted
6.2.4 SE/07/1834 Great Mill Cottages, Mill Lane	Granted

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Circulated Documents.

- 7.1.1 Draft Climate Action Plan. The Clerk was instructed to complete a response.
- 7.1.2 Clerk's Contract of Employment. Cllr. Sammons requested a copy.
- 7.1.3 Schools Organisation Review. Cllr. Bevan agreed to discuss the proposals with staff at the village school before suggesting that they complete a response.
- 7.1.4 St Edmundsbury Annual Parking Charge Review. No response.
- 7.1.5 Proposed local safety scheme (A143 dual carriageway) The Clerk read out recent correspondence including the comments by the County Councillor.
- 7.1.6 SALC Pack. Cllr. Wilson confirmed that the village greens had been registered.

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7.2 Other information

- 7.2.1 The request from D. Price, Independent Board Member for HMP Edmunds Hill was read out. Cllrs agreed that he be invited to the March meeting.
- 7.2.2 Letters of thanks had been received from all organisations which had recently received donations.
- 7.2.3 The Clerk explained that he had received a request that the Council consider placing a bus shelter in the area of the MSC. Relevant paperwork would be circulated.

8. Finance.

8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1	001386	Anglian Water	Water use from May to November	25.48
8.1.2	001387	D.R.King & Son	Grounds maintenance (2 nd payment)	3055.00
8.1.3	001388	R. Medley	Salary for November and December	927.26
8.1.4	001389	R. Medley	Mileage for training on 28 th November 2007	8.00
8.1.5	001390	Messrs. Fulchers/Dignity	Return of duplicate payment	40.00

8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1	100433	Wickhambrook Players	Electricity use in Chapel	40.46
8.2.2	“	Wickhambrook Football Club	Ground rent	10.00
8.2.3	100434	Interment (Messrs. Southgate)		55.00
8.2.4	100435	SALC	Grant for broadband connection	120.00
8.2.5	100436	Interments (private)		120.00
8.2.6	BACS	Borough of St Edmundsbury	Neighbourhood Watch signs	175.00
8.2.7		NatWest	Quarterly interest from accounts	342.97

The Clerk explained that the purchase of signs for Neighbourhood Watch had been completed. The Parish Council had paid out £350 in September and had since received payments of £175 from Neighbourhood Watch (in the name of J Sargent) and £175 from Borough of St Edmundsbury.

9. Estates Committee Report.

- 9.1 A copy of the insurance cover for Wickhambrook Football Team had been received. This would be circulated.
- 9.2 Community Payback Team. The group had completed the exterior painting of the Chapel and had cleared the footpaths down the side of the skatepark and behind the hedge up Shop Hill.
- 9.3 Future of Bowls Club. A member of the public asked about trimming of the hedges and Cllrs. explained that David King would be asked to maintain the whole of the area until a decision was made.

10. United Charities Representatives Report.

Boilers in the Alms houses were about to be serviced.

11. MSC Matters

There was nothing to report

12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

- 12.1 Grit heaps. The Clerk explained that all heaps had been replenished but those no longer needed would be removed before next season.
- 12.2 Hedges. The Clerk was instructed to send another letter to Vestey Estates requesting action on the hedges at Willis Farm.
- 12.3 Cllrs. were shown photos of the roots removed from the drain at Nunnery Green and the obstruction of the under road pipe at Coltsfoot Green.

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13. Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

14. Standing Orders.

A resolution to adopt 12(2) was proposed by Cllr. Sammons, seconded by Cllr. Merritt and adopted. This gives members with a prejudicial interest the same rights as members of the public to speak on an issue but then leave before the main discussion and vote.

15. Community Speedwatch.

Cllrs. agreed that a note be put in village newsletters asking for support and volunteers for this scheme.

16. Updating of website.

A note from M. Sumner explained the changes that were currently taking place.

17. Affordable Housing.

The Clerk summarised the actions to be taken and approximate costs. The paperwork would be delivered by 22nd January and the collation meeting would be arranged for 23rd or 24th. Total costs were likely to be about £40. Cllrs. completed a questionnaire on village facilities.

18. Parish Council Computer Equipment

The laptop and scanner/copier/printer had been delivered. Guidance was given on the choice of broadband provider.

19. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14th February 2008

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2008.

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