

**10149 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
21st January 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Rooms**

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), V. Mayes, K. Merritt, J. Walker and J. Wilson.
County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead (both attended the open session only)
Clerk R. Medley.
Two members of the public (attended the open session only)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received Cllr. J. Claydon and Cllr. E. Taylor.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 26th November 2009

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

Cllr. Merritt declared an interest in Items 7.1.3 and 7.2.1.

OPEN SESSION

5. Kelly's Meadow

The Steering Group had arranged a meeting for 22nd January. Attendees would include Richard Spring MP, County Cllr. Midwood, C. Hollingsworth, R. Carter (surveyor) and Nigel Egger (Savills) but there would be no representative from the Borough of St Edmundsbury.

It was now thought that the planning application would not be submitted before the General Election. The Steering Group borrowed the Parish Council's copy of 'Gypsy and Traveller sites Grant guidance 2009/10'.

- 6.** County Cllr. Midwood updated members on the progress of the Speedwatch Scheme in local villages; on the contract for out-of-hours healthcare (this had been awarded to Harmoni but full details of the service were not yet available) and gave favourable reports of the Haverhill walk-in Health Centre. Borough Cllr. Redhead asked how to get more parish councillors to attend the twice yearly Rural Conferences and reported that the potholes on the B1063 had been filled.

There was no report from the Police.

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7. Planning

7.1 The following applications had been considered by Councillors

7.1.1 SE/09/1464 9, Thorns Close – rear extension

7.1.2 TPO256 (1998)3 Gaines Cottage, Bunters Road crown reduction of single chestnut.

7.1.3 SE/09/1546 Thorns Corner House Erection of 4 new dwellings and extension to existing property (re-submission)

7.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

7.2.1 SE/09/1270 Thorns Corner House (see above) Refused

7.2.2 SE/09/1305 1, Hill Cottages Erection of two-storey side extension Refused

7.2.3 SE/09/1464 9, Thorns Close (see above) Granted

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8. Clerk's Report

8.1 Circulated Documents

8.1.1 Parish Council presence at Wickhambrook Show. Cllrs. resolved to accept this invitation and pay the booking fee if necessary.

8.1.2 Minutes of MSC Management meeting of 5th October. Cllrs. resolved not to attempt to correct the misleading information about the bus shelter as the situation had since changed.

8.2 Other Information

8.2.1 'No Excuses' campaign update. Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to explore the possibility of getting financial help towards more dog bins.

8.2.2 Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. The Clerk was instructed to compile another letter to support this cause.

8.2.3 Police Pledge. Cllrs. discussed this questionnaire and agreed that a brief written report prior to each meeting would be best use of Police time. The Clerk was instructed to complete and return a response.

8.2.4 Possible change of date of March Parish Council meeting. Cllrs. resolved that a change of venue would be more acceptable than a change of date.

8.2.5 Post Office Consultation. This document would be circulated.

9. Finance.

9.1 The following payments were approved.

9.1.1	001540	Suffolk County Council	Grass cutting in 2009	1,285.64
9.1.2	001541	SALC	Set of NALC Legal Topic Notes	37.00
9.1.3	001542	MSC	Hire of Pavilion Sept. to Dec.	48.00
9.1.4	001543	Newstalk	Donation	50.00
9.1.5	001544	Marie Curie Nurses in Suffolk	Donation	35.00
9.1.6	001545	East Anglian Children's Hospices	Donation	35.00
9.1.7	001546	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	Donation	50.00
9.1.8	001547	Suffolk Family Carers	Donation	50.00
9.1.9	001548	Village Recorder	Donation	30.00
9.1.10	01549	R. Medley	Salary for December	409.44
9.1.11	01550	R. Medley	Salary for January	462.24
9.1.12	01551	HMRC	Employer payments Oct. to Dec.	320.05
9.1.13	D. D.	Tiscali	Broadband payment for December	22.90
9.1.14	D. D.	Tiscali	Broadband payment for January '10	28.01

9.2 The following income was noted.

9.2.1	The Players	Use of Chapel in 2009	145.38
9.2.2		Vat refund for expenditure in 2009	2,100.05

10. Transport Questionnaire follow up meeting on 2nd February.

Cllrs. resolved that Cllr. Mayes be asked to attend and she confirmed that she was able to go.

11. Parish Plan meeting arranged for 30th March 2010.

Cllrs. were happy with the suggested arrangements – 7.30pm start and 9.00pm finish, power point presentation, prioritisation exercise – but instructed the Clerk to seek further information about the provision of refreshments.

Further publicity, including a leaflet drop, should be considered.

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12. Estates Committee Report

- 12.1 Cllrs. approved the Suffolk County Council quote of £1471.10 for grass cutting in 2010
- 12.2 Orchard Survey. Cllr. Sammons would attend a seminar of 6th February to collect further details.
- 12.3 Borough Council offer of trees. No requests would be placed for the current winter.
- 12.4 The new lay member of the Estates Committee was Marion Cowan
- 12.5 The appeal hearing on Chapel rates had been arranged for 5th March at 10.30am. Cllrs. resolved that the Clerk should be accompanied.

13. United Charities Representatives Report.

Further information was being sought on the damp in Number 2 Almshouse.

14. MSC matters.

Cllr. Walker would seek further information on the availability of the laptop.

15. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

- 15.1 Hedges. There had been some trimming of overhanging hedges. Where no action had been taken the Clerk was instructed to send reminder letters.
- 15.2 Grit heaps. During the recent cold weather there had been several requests for additional grit heaps. The Clerk was instructed to check the previous recommendation from the Parish Council and sort out any differences.
- 15.3 Flooding. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries about the flooding that regularly appears along the C659 between the Church and Marrows Corner.

16. Rights of Way.

There were no matters to discuss.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 25th February 2010 in the MSC Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2010.

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