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**Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council
27th July 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

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

1. Apologies for absence.

Community Beat Officer P.C. McKenna.

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 29th June 2006

These were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

The Clerk confirmed:

7.1.4 Cllr. Bevan had replied to the School Organisation Review questionnaire.

7.1.5 Planning for the Future. No further meetings were planned at the moment.

7.2.1 P. C. McKenna had agreed to update councillors on investigations into any crimes in the village. Details of the ‘Turn up and Play’ events had been put on the website and given to the Youth Club.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items.

Cllrs. Harrison and Merritt declared an interest in item 16 and Cllr. Walker in 6.2.2.

5. Reports from County Cllr, Borough Councillor, Community Beat Officer and Neighbourhood Watch representative.

5.1 The County Cllr reported on the following:

5.1.1 Progress on her discussions with the County Council on the footpath that runs from Browns Close to MSC and her concern over an open hole in the footpath area and the general condition of the Bunters Row land.

5.1.2 Her recent involvement in judging the Village of The Year competition and the fact that she had noticed many villages organised regular litter picks.

5.1.3 Her willingness to consider funding up to £2000 from Locality Funding to help pay for the path to the playground and skatepark.

Councillor Wilson expressed concern about recent use of the police helicopter.

5.2 The Borough Councillor reported:

5.2.1 The Public Service ‘village’ was coming to fruition. The Council could be joined by the Police and the Courts

5.2.2 Work had started on the Cattle Market. Early excavation work had revealed a Saxon well.

5.2.3 He advised that the Parish Council consider an early application under the ‘Capital Funds for Rural Projects’ scheme. He was happy to support local deserving causes.

5.2.4 He reported on a visit to a recycling complex where he had watched items separated and stored for onward delivery. It had turned out to be an informative visit.

5.3 PC McKenna had sent in a written report.

5.3.1 Over the period from 28th June to 25th July there had been 2 burglaries and 1 criminal damage.

5.4 There was no report from Neighbourhood Watch.

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6. Planning

- 6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.
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| 6.1.1 SE/06/1898 Brook Cottage, Cloak Lane
(minority comments reported) | No objection |
| 6.1.2 SE/06/1943 Cherray, Mill Road | No objection |
| 6.1.3 SE/06/1975 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green
(minority comments) | Objection |
| 6.1.4 SE/06/1996 Rolfes Farm, Wickhambrook | No objection |
| 6.1.5 SE/06/2010 Moatwood, Giffords Lane, Clopton
(minority comments) | No objection |
| 6.1.6 SE/06/2015 Easterwood Farm, Baxters Green
(minority comments) | No objection |
| 6.1.7 SE/06/2012 Coopers Row, Ashfield Green
(minority comments) | No objection |

The Clerk read the confirmatory guidance received recently from the Senior Planning Officer.

- 6.2 The following applications considered by the Borough Council were noted.
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| 6.2.1 SE/06/1771 Layham Place, Shop Hill | Refused |
| 6.2.2 SE/06/1804 Crow Cottage, Maltings End | Withdrawn |
| 6.2.3 SE/06/2012 Coopers Row, Ashfield Green | Withdrawn |
| 6.2.4 SE/06/1943 Cherray, Mill Road | Granted |
| 6.2.5 SE/05/1674 Easterwood Farm, Depden | Granted |
| 6.2.6 SE/06/1739 Farley Green Farmhouse | Granted |
| 6.2.7 SE/05/1341 The Shambles, Attleton Green | Granted |
- 6.3 Serendipity, Coltsfoot Green.. The comments by the Enforcement Officer would be circulated.

7. Clerk's Report

- 7.1 Previously circulated documents.
- 7.1.1 Drafts Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The Clerk was instructed to reply giving comments from the Councillors.
- 7.1.2 Cemetery Fees. Councillors agreed a 10% increase in fees across the board.
- 7.2 Other information.
- 7.2.1 The Clerk had reported a water leak outside the 'Greyhound'
- 7.2.2 The Clerk asked for help in determining ownership of the land opposite the 'Old Bank House', Malting End. A name was given and the Clerk would follow it up.
- 7.2.3 Havebury had organised a meeting on 5th September promoting Community Involvement.

8. Finance.

- 8.1 The following payments were approved.
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| 8.1.1 001259 Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Annual subscription. | £30.00 |
| 8.1.2 001261 S.A.L.C. training events | £41.13 |
| 8.1.3 001262 Heelis & Lodge. Internal Audit fee. | £75.00 |
| 8.1.4 001263 R. Medley - salary for June | £327.09 |
| 8.1.5 001264 R. Medley - mileage for collecting audit papers | £38.08 |
- The Clerk was instructed to request a breakdown of the D. R. King supplementary charge of £600 for 'tree work'.
- 8.2 The following income was noted.
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| 8.2.1 Funeralcare (memorial and inscription) | £55.00 |
| 8.2.2 H.J.Paintin (memorial) | £40.00 |
| 8.2.3 Interest from Business Reserve – April to June '06 | £143.31 |

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9. Estates Committee Report.

9.1 The minutes of the inquorate meeting of 4th July had been circulated and approved.

9.2 The purchase of the skate park sign and filing cabinet was noted.

9.3 Wickhambrook Players would be asked to help with clearing out the Chapel.

The Clerk was instructed to check the insurance situation and Cllr. Sumner would ask a colleague about the wording of the agreement.

10. United Charities Representatives Report.

Cllr. Wilson had been unable to attend the most recent meeting but understood that the committee was trying to get the properties registered.

11. MSC Representatives Report.

Recent minutes would be circulated.

12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

12.1 The Suffolk Highways official had visited the sites of both recent footpath complaints and had responded by saying that no resources would be available until September. The only way of expediting action was to claim that there was a health and safety issue and contact the landowner direct. The Clerk was instructed to pursue this course of action.

13. Rights of Way.

Cllr. Bevan expressed concern about the regular use of footpath 22 (behind Coltsfoot Close) by a motor vehicle being driven to the horse paddock. He was advised that little could be done until there was firm evidence of damage to path surface.

14. Consideration of Standing Orders.

This item would be held over to the next meeting.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 24th August 2006.

16. The village shop.

Cllr. Merritt explained the latest situation with possible purchasers then he and Cllr. Harrison left the meeting.

It was agreed that once the plans had been discussed with Barbara Merritt (Cllr. Wilson offered to do this) the questionnaire would be delivered to all homes in the village. Approval was given for 500 copies and freepost envelopes. Cllr. Sumner would organise delivery through the 'What's On' distribution system.

Consideration would be given to neighbouring villages at a later date.

Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 27th July 2006.

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