

**10101 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
26th June 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), K. Merritt, K. Sammons and J. Wilson.
Clerk R. Medley.
Two members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. P. Bevan, E. Taylor and J. Walker and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead.

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parish Council on 22nd May 2008

These were accepted as a correct record and would be signed by the vice chairman.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

There were no matters arising.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

None was declared.

5. 'Affordable Housing'

Louise Wilby of Suffolk Acre and Niki Hollingworth of St Edmundsbury Borough Council commented on the findings of the Housing Survey and suggested ways of progressing the proposal. Their recommendations were that Housing Societies be invited to give presentations at future Parish Council meetings (Havebury/Orwell and Suffolk Housing were local possibilities) and Cllrs. would choose the preferred option. Once that decision had been made the Housing Society would lead on site selection, negotiations for land, planning permission and design of properties. The completed plans would be put on display and a further public meeting would be arranged to discuss the proposals.

6. Comments by Police representative Sgt Neil Ireland and members of the public.

3 minor offences had been reported in the previous month. Cllrs. were reminded about the importance of securing oil tanks and that church lead thefts were still taking place.
A resident expressed concern about the Tuesday evening bikers and asked what further action could be taken. Sgt Neil agreed that enforcement was needed and would make the necessary arrangements.
Mr. R Coe asked that he be allowed to display a notice on the Parish notice board giving details of a service for Havebury tenants. Cllrs. gave permission and suggested additional alternatives for publicity.

7. Community Speedwatch

The recent correspondence would be circulated.

8. Stansted Holding Stacks

Recent correspondence would be circulated.

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9. Proposed expansion of Traveller's Site at Kelly's Meadow.

Details of the planned expansion were explained and discussion took place. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the proposal on the grounds that

- i) there was little casual or seasonal work in the area,
- ii) the Borough Council appeared to have limited control or enforcement powers when dealing with this type of settlement,
- iii) regular use of the proposed entrance to the A143 would increase dangers to passing traffic and
- iv) the use of significant public finance to support, what could be, an individual extended family site could not be justified.

10. Planning

10.1	The following applications were considered on circulation.	
10.1.1	SE/08/0721 Rookery Farm, Genesis Green	No objection
10.1.2	SE/08/0755 Wickhambrook Village Stores	No objection
10.1.3	SE/08/0762 Accommodation for groom. Boyden End	No objection
10.2	Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.	
10.2.1	SE/08/0430 Duddery Spur overhead line	Granted
10.2.2	SE/08/0407 Butlers Hall, Attleton Green	Refused
10.2.3	SE/08/0484 New House Farm, Baxters Green	Granted
10.2.4	SE/08/0595 Land at Doctors Barn, Cloak Lane	Granted
10.2.5	SE/08/0559 Park Gate Barn, Wickhambrook	Granted
10.2.6	SE/08/0721 Rookery Farm, Genesis Green	Granted

11. Clerk's Report

11.1 Circulated Documents.

There were no circulated documents.

11.2 Other information

- 11.2.1 Stour Valley Community College. A meeting to explain this initiative would be held in the MSC Pavilion on July 17th at 8.00 pm. It was hoped that two Cllrs. would attend
- 11.2.2 The Future of Wickhambrook Surgery. Relevant paperwork would be circulated.
- 11.2.3 Increase in rental fee for glass banks. The Clerk would ask for further information.

12. Finance.

12.1	The following payments were approved.	
12.1.1	001418 Wicksteed Leisure. Replacement parts for swings	131.32
12.1.2	001419 Mdsign Internet services March to June	165.97
12.1.3	001420 HMRC Employer payments April to June	298.58
12.1.4	001421 R. Medley Salary for June	384.58
12.1.5	001422 R. Medley Mileage to deliver/collect audit papers	56.00
12.2	The following income was noted.	
12.2.1	100441 Interment	136.00
12.3	Other financial matters.	
12.3.1	Broadband payment for June. Direct Debit	18.00

13. Estates Committee Report.

- 13.1 Unstable headstones in the cemetery. The Clerk explained that progress was continuing but at gentle pace. The contact notices were about to be changed.
- 13.2 Notice Board for cemetery. This had been collected and would be placed on the wall of the Chapel.

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14. United Charities Report

There was no report.

15. MSC matters

There was no further news.

16. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

Correspondence about cutting roadside verges would be circulated.

17. Rights of Way.

Complaints had been received about the state of the village footpaths. The County Councillor had enquired about the programme of cutting.

18. Results of Internal Audit and Approval of Accounts.

The Clerk explained that the internal audit had been completed. Everything had been found to be in order with the exception of cover provided by Fidelity Guarantee insurance. The Auditor had recommended that cover be sufficient for the maximum amount of cash held at the bank plus investments at any one time. Cllrs. authorised the necessary increase in premium.

Cllrs. discussed and approved Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2008 and both sections were signed by the Chairman.

19. Date of next Parish Council Meeting

This would be held on a Thurs. 24th July 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 26th June 2008.

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Chairman

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