

**10164 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
24th June 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), V. Mayes, K. Merritt, J. Walker and J. Wilson. County Cllr. Midwood, Borough Cllr. D. Redhead and PC Ruth Horton

Clerk R. Medley.

One member of the public (Only the Parish Cllrs. and Clerk remained after the closure of the open session)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been accepted from Cllrs. Claydon and Taylor

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting on 27th May 2010

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

3. Matters Arising (for information)

The Clerk confirmed that Maria Sumner was considering the future of the Wickhambrook business website.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Sammons declared an interest in 9.1.6 and Cllr. Wilson in 7.2.1 and 9.1.1.

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5. Kelly's Meadow.

Mike Kemp said that the Steering Group had written to Carole Herries asking for an update, including information about the promised finance, and was awaiting a reply. A meeting had been arranged with the local M.P. Matthew Hancock on 30th July.

6 Report from County Cllr. Midwood.

She felt that the response of the Police to recent local thefts had been disappointing.

The Police information update for mid Suffolk, rather than west Suffolk, had been circulated locally.

Cllr. Midwood had complained about this.

£1,000 could be available for playground improvements from Locality Funding.

Report from Borough Cllr. Redhead.

Cllr. Redhead was concerned about the money wasted on recent consultations and suggested that in future professional guidance on the particular topic could be beneficial.

Match funding for playground improvements could be made available from St Edmundsbury but a detailed estimate would be required.

Comments by Police representative PC704 Ruth Horton

The current priority was dealing with thefts from outbuildings. A motor vehicle had been stolen overnight on 8th June from Malting End area. PCSO Foster has returned to duty and is regularly patrolling the shop and skate park areas. PCSO Kayla Packham is updating Farmwatch. The Tuesday night bikers would be contacted by Traffic Police.

The effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch was queried and PC Horton explained that if a member of the public requested 'no publicity' then details of that offence could not be released.

In response to a question on Police procedures P.C. Horton explained that messages left at the call centre were likely to be given to the local officer when he/she was next back on duty which explains why there is not always a prompt response. If Cllrs. feel that this system could be improved they should write to the Chief Constable.

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7. Planning

7.1 The following applications had been considered by Councillors

- 7.1.1 SE/10/0640 Beechwood House, Meeting Green – side/rear extension
- 7.1.2 SE/10/0666 Crows Farm House, Malting End – side extension
- 7.1.3 SE/10/0621 56 – 76, Nunnery Green Installation of air source heat pumps

7.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

- 7.2.1 SE/10/0447 Little Monks Farm, Malting End Change of use of arable land to residential garden Granted
- 7.2.2 SE/10/0410 Chapel Cottage, Meeting Green Erection of four dwellings Granted
- 7.2.3 SE/10/0621 56 – 76, Nunnery Green (see above) Granted

Cllrs. were concerned about the apparent disregard of comments made in their responses to the SE/10/0410 planning application in January and May. The Clerk was instructed to email a ‘holding’ response and circulate all the previous papers.

8. Clerk’s Report

8.1 Circulated Documents

- 8.1.1 Police ref: National Initiatives. Cllrs. resolved to consider a village litter pick in 2011.
- 8.1.2 1st Wickhambrook Scout Group. Cllrs. resolved to consider a donation if a request was received.

8.2 Other matters

- 8.2.1. Bury road notice board. Cllrs. authorised expenditure of up to £50 on repairs to the hinged window.

9. Finance.

9.1 The following payments were approved.

- 9.1.1 001591 Mdsign Internet services March to May 165.95
- 9.1.2 001592 HMRC Employer payments 339.11
- 9.1.3 001593 Suffolk Acre Ltd. Parish Plan Stage 2 1410.00
- 9.1.4 001594 E-On Electricity in Chapel 17.70
- 9.1.5 001595 CiLCA Resit fee 55.00
- 9.1.6 001596 The Rainbird Partnership Printer cartridges 64.81
- 9.1.7 001597 R. Medley Salary for June 2010 443.22

9.2 The following income was noted.

- 9.2.1 Open Garden at Giffords Hall 1103.00

The Clerk was instructed to place a letter in the ‘Scene’ thanking the many people involved in both the preparation for and the helping out on the actual day.

10. St Edmundsbury Core Strategy DPD. Cllrs. considered the draft response to the Inspector’s ‘Schedule of Significant Changes – Wickhambrook’ guidance note dated 19th May 2010. Cllr. Sammons and the Clerk would agree the final version and return it before the deadline of 28th June.

11. St Edmundsbury Local Development Framework – Abolishment of Regional Strategies. Cllrs. considered the contents of the letter dated 3rd June. Guidance was given to the Clerk on formulating a response before the deadline of 1st July.

12. Wickhambrook Show on Saturday 3rd July. Arrangements had been made to borrow Cllr. Claydon’s gazebo. Available Cllrs. would meet at 10.30 am to help set up the stand. The material displayed would include Parish Plan information, suggested playground designs, parish maps and it was hoped that a can crushing demonstration could be organised.

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13. Parish Plan.

Cllr. Mayes gave an update. The Wickhambrook Parish Plan Steering Committee now has a constitution and aims and objectives. Keith Harrison is temporary chair. Daryl Griffiths is preparing a summary of progress for the website and the 'Scene'.

14. Correspondence

Information was made available for the following events/changes

- 14.1 Bury St Edmunds Vintage Market on 26th June
- 14.2 Suffolk Acre AGM on 14th July
- 14.3 Newmarket Primary School Olympics on 30th June
- 14.4 Changes to opening hours at Police Stations
- 14.5 Community Governance review (copies of letter distributed)

15. Estates Committee meeting of 1st June

15.1 Graffiti on Youth Facilities. Cllr. Walker explained that any graffiti that was 'racist, personal or very offensive' would be overpainted as a priority. Inspections were carried out weekly.

15.2 Chapel Rates. The Clerk explained that overpayment of rates in 2009/10 (rateable value of £1300) was sufficient to cover any payment due in 2010/11 (rateable value £700).

15.3 Tree opposite the 'Greyhound'. The Clerk was still seeking confirmation of ownership of this piece of land. A cursory inspection by David King gave the impression that this tree imposed no greater risk than others in the neighbourhood and that remedial treatment would be costly. Cllrs. resolved that a decision be delayed pending the outcome of ownership investigations.

15.4 Easement at Bridge House. Further technical advice had been circulated. Cllrs. Sammons, Walker and the Clerk would progress the matter.

The Clerk was instructed to check that village greens were registered with Land Registry.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 29th July 2010 in the MSC Pavilion at 7.30 pm. Cllrs. Mayes and Wilson offered their apologies

Meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 24th June 2010.

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