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**Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council
30th March 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

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

1. Apologies for absence.

Community Police Officer B. McKenna.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd February 2006

These were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

The Clerk reported

Item 6.6 - no further action had been taken by the Borough Council.

Item 6.7 - Suffolk County Council had been given contact details for the Village Hall.

Item 13 - the landowner who obstructed footpath 18 had been made aware of his responsibilities.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items.

Cllrs. Harrison and Merritt declared an interest in items 8.1.1 and 17.

Cllr. Sumner declared an interest in 7.1.6

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

5.1 Cllr. Midwood reported that:

5.1.1 Multi-county amalgamation of Police Authorities would be taking place but details were uncertain. Primary Care Trusts would go through a similar process.

5.1.2 Following extensive consultation improvements were being made to the mobile library service.

5.1.3 Details of potholes in parish roads should be given to the Clerk for further action.

5.1.4 Vehicle surveys carried out recently in the locality showed that many vehicles exceeded the speed limit.

5.1.5 Concern about the state of the footpath between Browns Close and the MSC (inadequate lighting and uneven surface) would be discussed with Jim Nunn, West Areas Highways Manager.

5.1.6 Those involved in Neighbourhood Watch were to be congratulated on making such rapid progress in so small amount of time.

5.2 P. Lister of Neighbourhood Watch reported:

5.2.1 7 schemes were now in existence. Some co-ordinators were being re-organised.

5.2.2 The National Neighbourhood Watch was about to be disbanded due to limited funding but this was unlikely to affect local schemes.

5.2.3 The first of the 'surgeries' with P.C. McKenna had taken place and 9 parishioners attended. The next would be held on 27th April 2006.

5.3 PC McKenna had provided a written report.

5.3.1 Over the last month there had been no reported incidents.

5.4 Cllr. Redhead reported that:

5.4.1 The Cattle Market development was at the stage of detailed planning. Decisions were being taken on the materials to be used etc.

5.4.2 The new cinema was reporting some 11,000 customers a week and the associated eating places were equally well supported.

5.4.3 The Cllr. requested that 'parking outside the school' should be a future agenda item.

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6. Clerk's Report.

The following information had been received.

- 6.1 A supply of Bird 'flu fact sheets. These were available for any poultry keepers within the Parish.
- 6.2 A letter from the Wick-kids Club informing the PC of their intention to employ a youth leader from the end of March
- 6.3 Details of the closure of U 7105 Malting End to junction with B 1063 on 3rd and 4th April.
- 6.4 A letter giving the levels of Parish Election Costs over the next two years - to be circulated.
- 6.5 Details of the St Edmundsbury Parish Conference on 20th April 2006.
- 6.6 Village of the Year Award. It was agreed that this be considered in 2007.

The Clerk reported:

- 6.7 On behalf of the Parish Council he had signed up for the Suffolk Preservation Society's 'Whose Master's Voice' initiative.
- 6.8 The Clerk and Chairman had attended The SALC Quality Lunch and 'End of Year' financial training events.
- 6.9 The mobile library service questionnaire had been completed and returned.
- 6.10 The Clerk had attended the Network Training Day and drew councillor's attention to the new health and safety legislation on the control of machinery vibration.

7. Finance

7.1 The following invoices were approved.

7.1.1.	001233	R. Medley - Payment for 'End of Year' training	£10.00
7.1.2.	001234	R. Medley - Clerk's salary for February	£311.60
7.1.3	001235	R. Medley - Expenses for attending training	£49.01
7.1.4	001236	S. Sumner - Expenses for attending training	£28.00
7.1.5	001237	R. Medley - Petty cash	£50.00
7.1.6	001238	Mdsign - Website maintenance	£141.25
7.1.7	001239	Memorial Social Centre - Hire of pavilion	£82.00
7.1.8	001240	St Edmundsbury Borough Council - Rates on chapel	£68.06
7.1.9	001241	Allianz Cornhill – Insurance for '06/'07	£1737.89

7.2 The following income had been received

7.2.1	Payment for change of inscription from Hanchets	£15.00
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7.3 The following quote was approved with the proviso that alternative quotes be sought from the middle of the season.

7.3.1	D.R. King & Sons. Grass and hedge cutting for 2006/7	£6407.35
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8. Planning

8.1 The following applications were circulated:

8.1.1	SE/06/1318	1, Thorns Close - extension	No objection
8.1.2	SE/06/1319	Plot of land, Ashfield Green - two storey dwelling	No objection

9. Estates Committee Report.

Cllr. Walker expressed concern about the Football Club continuing to use the Six Acres despite not having adequate insurance cover. Cllr. Wilson and the Clerk would compose another letter.

Cllr. Claydon reported that the grindbox in the skatepark had now been fixed.

Jim Field was unable to attend the last Estates meeting so the committee was unaware what improvements members of the MSC were planning.

10. United Charities Representatives Report.

Nothing to report

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11. MSC Representatives Report.

Cllr. Sumner reported the following:

- the Carnival would be held on 8th July and instead of the usual procession the theme would be a Scarecrows Day Out.
- the corner spaces in the car park would be restricted to disabled users,
- the MSC now has a full drinks licence and can supply drink at retail prices for hall events, and
- to date the intruder alarm remains inactivated.

12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

The Clerk reported that village roads were swept on 27th February 2006 and the next visit was due at the end of May.

13. Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

14. Annual Parish Meeting

15.1 Cllrs. agreed that Julian Gardner be nominated for the Alf Hicks Biscuit Barrel for his work on the restoration of the Church. The Clerk was instructed to invite him to the Annual Parish Meeting.

15. MSC Matters

The information from Steve Taylor would be circulated.

16. Date of next meeting

This would take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th April 2006 in the Pavilion.

Cllrs. Merritt and Harrison and P Lister left the meeting at 10.00 pm.

17. The Village Shop.

Cllrs. discussed gathering information about how other villages had dealt with similar situations and the most effective means of publicity.

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 30th March 2006.

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Chairman

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Date