

**10155 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
25th March 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion**

Present

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

Twenty six members of the public (All but three left at the end of the open session)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from the Police representative

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 25th February 2010

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. Claydon declared an interest in Item 17, Cllr. Sammons in 9.1.4 and Cllr. Wilson in 9.1.2.

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5. Kelly's Meadow

John Pettingale outlined the most recent developments. He mentioned the letter from Bob Neill MP explaining Conservative policy with regard to 'Unauthorised Development' but said there was no news on the changes to the site entrance proposed by the County Highways Authority or of a planning application.

6. County Cllr. Midwood was concerned about offensive graffiti on the Skate Park (this was obvious during a recent visit of representatives from Clare) and about dog muck being bagged and thrown in the hedge in Attleton Green area.

District Cllr. Redhead explained the background to the Local Development Framework proposals and why Wickhambrook was being viewed as a Key Service Centre.

Members of the public expressed concern about the number of houses which could be built in the village and were unhappy that Wickhambrook was likely to be confirmed as a Key Service Centre. They were advised to attend the forthcoming LDF consultancy meetings and the 'Parish Plan' open meeting. Cllrs. resolved to arrange for more information about the LDF proposals to be circulated.

CLOSURE OF OPEN SESSION

7. Planning

7.1 The following applications had been considered by Councillors

7.1.1 SE/10/0169 Sunnyside, Church Road. Change of use of land.

7.1.2 SE/10/0182 Maythorpe, Malting End. Retention of fence.

7.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

7.2.1 SE/10/0169 Sunnyside, Church Road. See above.

Granted

7.2.2 SE/05/01674 Easterwood Farm, Depden. Minor amendments.

Accepted

8. Clerk's Report

8.1 Circulated Documents

8.1.1 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign. Because of the short notice Cllrs. resolved not to get involved this year.

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- 8.1.2 Draft Fire Action Plan. Cllrs. gave support to any improvements in efficiency.
- 8.1.3 Suffolk Infolink. Cllrs. favoured making local information available but were concerned about possible costs. The Clerk was instructed to make further enquiries.
- 8.1.4 Parish Council Conference. Cllr. Mayes agreed to attend
- 8.1.5 'Green Communities'. Cllrs. resolved to join this initiative.

9. Finance.

- 9.1 The following payments were approved.

9.1.1 001561 Suffolk ACRE Annual Membership	25.00
9.1.2 001562 Mdsign Internet Services Dec. to Feb.	165.97
9.1.3 001563 Oce UK Ltd Printing services	70.00
9.1.4 001564 The Rainbird Partnership. Printer cartridges	65.98
9.1.5 001565 HMRC Employer Payments Jan. to March	346.82
9.1.6 001566 Suffolk County Council. Map of Coltsfoot Green	5.00
9.1.7 001567 R. Medley Salary for March	414.64
9.1.8 001568 Aon Insurance. Annual Premium	2105.00
9.1.9 D. D. TalkTalk Broadband payment for March	21.49
- 9.2 The following income was noted.

9.2.1 Wickhambrook Tennis Club. Ground rent.	10.50
9.2.2 Payment for memorial (Saxon Mounmental)	50.00
- 9.3 Additional financial matters
 - 9.3.1 Cllrs. considered expenditure against target for April to December 2009
 - 9.3.2 Cllrs. reviewed both the risk assessment and the effectiveness of the internal audit and expressed confidence in the detail of the checking procedures.

10. Annual Insurance.

Having compared the costs and the cover provided by the two companies Cllrs. resolved to continue with Aon, the existing insurer.

11. Parish Plan meeting on 30th March 2010.

Cllrs. resolved that tea/coffee/biscuits would be provided and accepted an offer from Barbara Merritt to purchase the required provisions. To accommodate the maximum number of participants the Pavilion chairs and tables would be replaced by those from the main MSC hall.

12. Chapel Rates.

Cllrs. resolved to accept the revaluation offer of £700 rateable value (as opposed to the existing £1300) for the period from 2005 to 2010. It was understood that from 2010 the rateable value would increase to about £710.

13. Estates Committee Report

- 13.1 The minutes of the Estates Meeting of 16th March had been circulated and these were ratified by the full Parish Council.
- 13.2 'Easement' across Coltsfoot Green. Cllrs. had queried the need for a formal easement document, and associated costs, and the Clerk had asked SALC if such an agreement was necessary.

14. United Charities Representatives Report.

Further work was being considered with regard to the damp in Number 2 Almshouse.

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15. Correspondence

15.1 BT Payphone consultation. A recent letter from the Borough of St Edmundsbury had supported the Parish Council's wish to retain the phone boxes at Thorns Corner and Wickham Street.

15.2 Derek Pope's 'Goodbye' meeting on 27th March . The Parish Council would be represented by Cllrs. Merritt and Wilson.

15.3 The Borough intended to repeat the 'Wos Up' Youth Project in 2010. This information had been passed on to Roz Clarry.

16. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.

16.1 Hedges. The main hedges along the Duddery had been trimmed. It was hoped that EDF would trim the remainder.

16.2 Flooding. Several accidents had been caused by the flooding on the C659. The Highways Authority had been forced to take action and rod the drains.

16.3 Road Repairs. Complete resurfacing of sections of the B1063 would take place once the weather had improved.

17. Local Development Framework consultation.

As there was likely to be considerable interest in both the 'Drop-In' session and the presentation by the Borough Planning Department, the Clerk was instructed to explore the possibility of moving the meetings of 29th April into the main hall. The Clerk was instructed to enquire if neighbouring parishes should be invited.

Cllrs. Taylor and Sammons offered to prepare a briefing document for delivery to every home in the Parish.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 29th April 2010 in the MSC Pavilion (or main hall) at 7.30 pm (or 7.00pm).

Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 25th March 2010.

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