

**Minutes of Wickhambrook Annual Parish Meeting
12 May 2016 in the MSC Pavilion**

The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr K Sammons.
Present Cllrs J Barton, J Midwood, J Walker and J Wilson.
Clerk S Thorburn
8 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Chairman Cllr P. Couzens, Cllrs J Claydon and K Merritt
County Councillor M Evans and Borough Councillor C Pollington

2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.

With the approval of the meeting these were taken as read and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Annual presentation of the Alf Hicks Crystal Biscuit Barrel.

The Parish Council had unanimously decided that the Biscuit Barrel be awarded to Mrs Valerie Orange.
Cllr Midwood made the presentation and Mrs Orange thanked the Parish Council for the award.

5. Report from Police representative.

A written report was presented by PC Darren Marshall, a member of the Haverhill Safer
Neighbourhood Team (SNT). The period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 recorded 29 crimes compared
to 27 in the previous period. A breakdown of the crimes was given and news of the recently
introduced Local Policing Model with the merging of Haverhill SNT and St Edmundsbury Rural South
SNT being a significant change.

The Police representative left the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

6. Report by Chairman of the Parish Council

Vice Chairman Cllr Sammons was chairing the meeting and, as Chairman of the Parish Council Estates
Committee, had prepared and presented a report to cover items 6 and 7 on the agenda.

The May elections returned 8 elected Councillors and a Chairman and Vice Chairman had been
appointed although these positions were re-elected in January 2016 due to health problems.

The number of full Council meetings was 11 with an additional 6 Estate Committee meetings and
22 planning applications had been considered.

The Bury Road playground had now been transferred to the Parish Council and thanks was given to
all those who attended the litter picks.

Donations to charities were acknowledged together with a donation towards the refurbishment of the
Kitchen to the MSC committee.

Plans for the new cemetery Memorial Garden were outlined. Other ongoing topics were flooding in
the village, care of village greens, lighting on the footpath from MSC to Browns Close, speeding in
the village monitored by a VAS machine, online highway problem reporting and the issue of dog
fouling.

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A change of Clerk had taken place during the period and thanks were given to the previous Clerk, Roger Medley.

Looking forward the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations were to take place on 11 June.

Thanks were given to Councillors for their support over the period, on behalf of the Chairman.

7. Report by Chairman of the Estates Committee

See item 6.

8. Parish Council Financial Report.

Copies of the Financial Statement comparison for the previous two years were on display. The Clerk stated that the budget for the year had been carefully monitored against spending resulting in an increase in funds held at the bank of £2250. Income and expenditure figures with noticeable variances were explained and earmarked funds. Two additional projects had funds allocated, the Memorial garden and the fees for neighbourhood planning.

9. Reports by County and Borough Councillors

The report from Borough Councillor C. Pollington had been given at the Parish Council meeting on 28 April 2016 and there was nothing further to report at this stage.

County Councillor M. Evans would send a report to be attached to the minutes.

10. Report from village clubs and societies.

A report was presented by a representative from the MSC committee outlining the planned refurbishment of the kitchen and other projects that may follow. Hiring out facilities was the main source of income and it was hoped the improvements would increase this demand.

Cllr Wilson gave a report on the Wickhambrook United Charities (WUC). Two Alms Houses were maintained by the WUC with a re-decoration of the interior on No 1 planned. One trustee had resigned and a replacement was being sought. The Community Land Trust was to have a management team put in place.

Cllr Midwood reported on Wickhambrook Primary School in her capacity as a Governor and outlined conversion to Academy status by joining the Samuel Ward Multi Academy Trust, which would be beneficial to the school.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

I confirm the above to be a true record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2016.

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