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**Minutes of the Meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council
24th November 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. S. Sumner (Chairman), P. Bevan, J. Claydon, A. Harrison, K. Merritt, J. Walker, J. Wilson.
Borough Cllr. D. Redhead. Community Police Officer B. McKenna.
Clerk R. Medley.
P. Miller.

1. Apologies for absence
County Cllr. J. Midwood.
2. Minutes of Meeting of 27th October.
The previous issued minutes were read and after two slight amendments were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising
5.1.3 Cllr Bevan confirmed that the staff at the School fully supported the proposed 20 mph speed limit.
4. Declarations of interest in agenda items.
Cllrs Sumner and Wilson declared an interest in item Mdsign payment, minute 7.1.4.
5. Reports from County Cllr., District Cllr. And Community Beat Officer.
 - 5.1. County Cllr.
Cllr Midwood had phoned the clerk prior to the meeting to report -
 - 5.1.1. The potholes on the road between Attleton Green and Farley Green had been reported.
 - 5.1.2. The huge puddle and collapsing bank between Attleton Green and the Shop would be reported.
 - 5.1.3. A large number of complaints about the reliability of the local bus services had been received.
 - 5.2. Borough Cllr.
 - 5.2.1. The new cinema complex at Bury St Edmunds was now open. Some councillors had attended a preview.
 - 5.2.2. Extra funding was available for some rural projects. A leaflet was given to the Clerk
 - 5.2.3. Rubbish had been cleared from between Little Monks and Attleton Green. A request had been put in to clear other deposits around that area.
 - 5.3. Community Beat Officer
 - 5.3.1. A breakdown of reported incidents in the Wickhambrook area between May and November revealed 28 crimes; these being mainly criminal damage to Buildings and Vehicles (12), Theft (8) and Burglary (3).
 - 5.3.2. PC McKenna gave a warning about the vulnerability of diesel tanks and outbuildings.
 - 5.3.3. PC McKenna advised that the alarm at the Village Hall should be used as recommended. He offered to visit any residents who have complained about its use.
 - 5.3.4. PC McKenna requested more local intelligence about potential offences and reminded that the Crimestoppers number was available for anonymous reporting.
 - 5.3.5. Helen Lindfield, Community Safety Officer for St Edmundsbury, (01284 757620) has some funding to assist the development of facilities for youth in villages. A shelter was mooted.
 - 5.3.6. Community Police had received training in the use of speed gun and their presence could now be requested although any request would need to be in an area where there was a suitable place to stop an offending vehicle.
 - 5.3.7. In answer to a question P.C. McKenna said he was happy to be called to deal with youths riding motor bikes on footpaths and public areas and it would be most helpful if he could be told as much detail about the bikes as was possible, specifically licence plates, if present. Also it was asked that people call as soon as possible at the time they have seen it happening as it would enable PC McKenna to aim to attend the village as soon as he could if on duty, which would improve the chances of action being possible to stop the activity.

- 5.3.8. In response to a question from the Chairman, PC McKenna clarified that Police contact should be directed to one of two numbers,

999 if an emergency and immediate police presence is required
01284 774100 non-emergency and to pass information to PC McKenna

PC McKenna further explained that when using the non-emergency number, callers can ask to be put through to PC McKenna and the switchboard will route the call to his handset if he is on duty, otherwise it will go to his handset voicemail system.

6. Clerk's Report

- 6.1. Recycling credit payments. There had been a delay in responding to the most recent recycling credit payment request. The Clerk was instructed to complete and return the claim form. There was a possibility that this payment be made direct to the Memorial Social Centre in due course.
- 6.2. Bus service changes. This was a general note explaining recent changes. Future notes will be more local.
- 6.3. Letter re. Remembrance Sunday. A misunderstanding had occurred which resulted in what appeared to be non attendance at the service. A wreath had been purchased and laid and the Parish Council had been represented. A letter of explanation would be sent to B. Fairhall by the Chairman.
- 6.4. Standards Committee papers distribution. These had been circulated and there had been no response.
- 6.5. Several documents had been previously circulated but full details were not available.

7. Finance

- 7.1. The following payments were approved
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| 7.1.1. | Anglian Water | Bowls Green Supply | £100.62 |
| 7.1.2. | Saxon Monumental | War Memorial maintenance | £381.88 |
| 7.1.3. | SALC | Clerk's training 16 th November | £29.38 |
| 7.1.4. | Mdsign | Website maintenance – Sept to Nov | £141.25 |
| 7.1.5. | P. Miller | RFO salary November (half month) | £59.02 |
| 7.1.6. | R. Medley | Clerk's salary November (half month) | £155.81 |
- 7.2. The following income was received
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| 7.2.1. | Burial fees | Southgate of Newmarket | £100.00 |
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- 7.3. Water supply costs. Cllr's attention was drawn to the significant increase in water costs for the bowling green, thought to be because of the dry season. After some discussion it was agreed that this bill should be paid.
- 7.4. Powergen disputed account. Another letter had been received but there was no change in the overall situation
- 7.5. The following donation appeals were approved
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| 7.5.1. | Local History Recorder (photographic costs) | £30.00 |
| 7.5.2. | Rethink Disability (now Optua) | £20.00 |
| 7.5.3. | East Anglian Air Ambulance | £50.00 |
| 7.5.4. | St Edmundsbury Newstalk | £50.00 |
| 7.5.5. | Royal British Legion (this includes cost of memorial wreath - £16.50) | £50.00 |
- 7.6. Grant request from WicKids Youth Club. Cllrs. agreed that £500.00 be donated against the request for funding assistance for a youth leader for the forthcoming year. Cllrs. were reminded that £226.00 remained from the current year's grant and it was agreed that this sum be earmarked for Youth Club use and carried into this year's budget to give a total available fund of £726.00. It was resolved that an adjustment be made to the budget and precept to accommodate this amount.

8. Planning

- 8.1. The following applications had been considered by the Parish Council on circulation:
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| 8.1.1. | SE/05/02440 | Ashfield Green Cottage – extension | no objection* |
| 8.1.2. | TCA05/1226 | Glebe House – fell two trees | no objection* |
| 8.1.3. | SE/05/02343 | White House – change of use | no objection |
| 8.1.4. | SE/05/02487 | 1, Bury Road – rear extension and garage | no objection |
| 8.1.5. | SE/05/02509 | Sunnydale, Wash Lane – two storey dwelling | no objection * |

* comments filed with planning authority

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8.2. Notice of planning appeal hearing:

8.2.1. SE/05/1445/P Paddocks, Giffords Lane – erection of single dwelling noted.

9. Estates Committee

The Borough Councillor had earlier drawn attention to grants available. Details would be given to the Estates Committee to consider in respect of the possible provision of a path to the playground and teen project.

10. MSC Representative's Report

A special meeting has been called for Monday 5th December to decide the future of the village hall. All village organisations are requested to attend.

11. United Charities Representative's Report

11.1. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th December.

11.2. Cllr Wilson reported that there had been discussions with PowerGen over a disputed bill.

12. Roads, Hedges, Verges and Drains.

12.1. The clerk was instructed to check if the marker lines at the end of Coltsfoot Close could be repainted

12.2. The clerk was instructed to check if the junction at Croft Close and Nunnery Green was still an emergency exit (access obscured by telegraph pole).

12.3. Discussion took place about the height of the speed restriction humps that could be placed outside the school. The plans showed a maximum height of 0.25 metre. The clerk was instructed to check.

13. Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

14. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 19th January 2006 in the Church Rooms.

15. Date of subsequent meetings.

As already agreed with the exception of the meeting planned for 26th January 2006 which would now be cancelled.

Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 24th November 2005

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Chairman

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Date