

**Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
25th October 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion.**

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), S. Bradbury, J.Claydon, J. Girling, K. Merritt, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson.

Clerk R. Medley.

Fifteen members of the public attended the open session and one person remained for the whole meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. J. Midwood, and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27th September 2012

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

3.1 Item 5 of previous meeting – update on contact numbers for the Police. The Clerk had forgotten to place this information in the ‘Scene’ but would request that it be included in the ‘What’s On’.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Wilson declared an interest in item 7.2.1

OPEN SESSION 7.35pm.

5. A group of skate park users attended with a request for additions to existing equipment. Cllrs. Sammons and Walker and the Clerk would arrange a meeting on site to discuss further details. Jack Couzens said that the ‘over 60s’ Christmas lunch was now fully booked with 62 names accepted. The next Carnival planning meetings would be held on 7th and 28th November. A delegation from the Duddery requested that something be done to discourage speeding vehicles in that area. There were now 3 children under the age of ten and several dogs in the six houses affected and there had been recent instances of vehicles driving into gardens to avoid head-on collisions. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways and add support to the resident’s request for a traffic speed check

SESSION CLOSED AT 8.00 pm**6. Vehicle Speeds on A143.**

In the absence of Mr Sykes this item was postponed to the following meeting.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning applications considered by the Parish Council.

7.1.1 SE/12/11321/HH 2, Bleak Cottages, Cemetery Road. Two storey side extension.

7.1.2. SE/12/1296/FUL Easterwood Bungalow, Baxters Green. Change of use of land.

7.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.

7.2.1 SE/12/1116/FUL Grove Farm, Attleton Green. Retention of dwelling for stud manager
Granted

7.2.2 SE/12/1113/HH Rosedale, Bury Road. Increase in roof height, and addition of front, side and rear extensions.
Granted

7.2.3 SE/12/1031/HHCA Manor House, Bury Road. Single storey side extension and front porch.
Granted

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7.3 Other planning matters

7.3.1 Cllr. Wilson had noticed in a Newmarket paper that the Plumbers Arms was for sale together with planning permission for conversion to a residential dwelling. He asked why the Parish Council had not been informed and why approval for such a change had been given.

8. Clerks Report

8.1. Circulated documents

There were no circulated documents that needed discussion.

8.2 Other matters

8.2.1 Change of broadband provider. The changeover from Tiscali to BT would take place on 1st November. The Clerk thanked Cllr. Bradbury for donating a router.

9. Finance.

9.1 The following payments were approved.

9.1.1	001774	St Edmundsbury Council. Emptying dog bins	82.68
9.1.2	001775	Acacia Tree Surgery Remedial Tree Care	2094.00
9.1.3	001776	British Legion. Remembrance wreath	50.00
9.1.4	001777	R. Medley Salary for October	465.22
9.1.5	001778	R. Medley Petty cash	50.00
9.1.6	DD	TalkTalk Broadband payment for October	41.31

8.2 Recent income (for information)

8.2.1	MSC	MSC portion of Tree Inspection	96.00
8.2.2	Interment	(H.J.Paintin Ltd.)	70.00

8.3 Other financial matters

8.3.1 Expenditure against forecast – April to Sept. Cllrs. accepted the circulated summary.

10. Village Newsletter/s

A copy of the Stansfield/Denston/Stradishall Village and Church News would be placed on circulation.

11. Estates Committee Matters (planned meetings on 9th and 16th October had been postponed)

11.1 Playground Refurbishment. Cllr. Sammons stated that a minimum of £15,000 was still needed. Letters requesting donations had been sent to advertisers in the 'Scene' and to local parish councils. A coffee morning had been arranged for 26th October. An updated pre-application had been submitted to Reaching Communities, part of National Lottery funding.

11.2 Denoting the war memorial area and arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

The Clerk was instructed to carry out further investigation into types of paving stones available. Cllrs. accepted that the planned changes could not now be made until after 11th November.

Cllr. Girling offered to represent the Council at the Remembrance Service. Cllrs. approved the £50 donation to Royal British Legion.

11.3 Litter Pick on Sunday October 21st. This had been well supported by about 20 adults and children and most of the village centre had been cleared of rubbish.

11.4 Other listed topics would be delayed until the next Estates Committee meeting.

12. Reports from representatives of other village organisations.

12.1 Future of MSC Hall. Cllr. Walker said that attendance at the meeting held on 15th October had been encouraging with several volunteers offering to sit on the management committee.

12.2 URC. Cllr. Wilson said that Reverend Stephen Abbott had resigned so there was a vacancy for another trustee.

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13. Facebook. Cllr. Bradbury reported that the Parish Council page is up and running. Cllrs. suggested that there should be 3 or 4 main topics (speeding, skate park and fundraising currently) and that these should be changed monthly

14. Parish Plan Follow up

14.1 Progress on Wickhambrook Emergency Plan. The modified questionnaire had been sent to 52 parishioners who had shown interest (17 of whom had ticked the 'I am willing to participate' box) with the request that they respond by the end of October.

15. Correspondence.

15.1 Previously circulated documents. There were no comments.

15.2 Documents that may need replies.

15.2.1 No members wished to attend the Parish Conference.

15.2.2 The 'Rural Security Day' poster would be placed on the notice board.

15.2.3 There would be no response to the LDF Recreation Facilities consultation.

16. Suggested dates for 2013 meetings.

Two dates had been changed. The updated lists read as follows -

Parish Council Thursdays - Jan. 24th, Feb. 28th, Mar. 21st, Apr. 25th, May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, Aug. 29th, Sept. 26th, Oct. 31st and Nov. 28th. No meeting is planned for December.

Estates Committee Tuesdays – Feb. 5th, Apr. 9th, June 11th, Aug. 13th, Oct. 8th and Dec. 10th.

Annual Parish meeting – 16th May.

These dates are now confirmed.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 29th November 2012 in MSC Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2012.

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