

**10080 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), K. Merritt, K. Sammons, and J. Wilson.  
Clerk R. Medley.  
County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead.

**‘Affordable Housing’ meeting**

Louise Wilby (Rural Housing Enabler Suffolk ACRE) gave a presentation, to an audience of some 35 parishioners, on the alternative types of, and stages in developing, affordable housing in a village. The initiative received unanimous support and it was agreed that a Housing Needs Survey be undertaken.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs. P. Bevan and J. Walker

**2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

These were signed as a correct record.

**3. Matters Arising (for information)**

No matters arising.

**4. Declarations of interest in agenda items**

Cllr. Wilson declared an interest in 6.1.1.

**5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors**

The County Councillor expressed further concern about litter and fly tipping in the village. She reported on the recent meeting with representatives of the Highways Department (see Item 12 below), a new Police initiative and the next stage of the School Organisation Review.

**6. Planning**

- 6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.
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| 6.1.1 SE/07/1453 Farley Green – Diversion of Overhead Line | No objection |
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- 6.2 The following applications considered by the Borough Council were noted.
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| 6.2.1 SE/07/1267 4, Moor Green Close     | Granted |
| 6.2.2 SE/07/1368/9 Innisfree, Park Gates | Granted |
- 6.3 Planning Appeal to Secretary of State
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| 6.3.1 SE/07/0494 Crows Cottage, Malting End – erection of single storey extension to north elevation |  |
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**7. Clerk’s Report**

- 7.1 Circulated Documents.
- 7.1.1 Grit heaps. The Clerk explained progress to date and asked for further guidance. This was provided and the Clerk agreed to complete and return the survey

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7.2 Other information.

- 7.2.1 Information had been received about recent bus timetable changes.
- 7.2.2 The request for a street light at Nunnery Green was discussed. Councillors were not convinced of the need.
- 7.2.3 The Clerk read the letter about Emergency Planning Preparedness. Cllr. Sammons outlined the next steps towards completing a Parish Emergency Plan.
- 7.2.4 The Clerk briefed councillors on the recent enquiry about the Parish Councillor vacancy.

**8. Finance.**

- 8.1 The following payments were approved.
  - 8.1.1 001364 SALC Budget training on 11.10.07 (R. Medley) 29.38
  - 8.1.2 001365 MSC Hire of MSC Pavilion from Nov. '06 to Sept. '07 171.40
  - 8.1.3 001366 British Legion donation (including wreath) 50.00
  - 8.1.4 001367 R. Medley Salary for September 452.45
  - 8.1.6 001368 R. Medley Mileage expenses on 11.10 (70 miles x 40p.) 28.00
- 8.2 The following income was noted.
  - 8.2.1 100393 J. Sargent Neighbourhood Watch signs 175.00
  - 8.2.2 100394 Messrs Hanchets. Payment for headstone Wickhambrook Tennis Club 45.00
  - 8.2.3 Interest from Bank Accounts 10.50

The Chairman confirmed that expenses could be claimed for attending approved meetings

**9. Estates Committee Report.**

- 9.1 Path to playground and 'Teen Project'. The alternative path proposal would be voted on at the MSC AGM.
- 9.2 The MSC complaint about recent repairs to Bowls/Tennis Clubs car park. Unless members of the Football Club expressed concerns in the near future the matter would be considered closed.
- 9.3 Insurance of the whole green area. There was no further news.

**10. United Charities Representatives Report.**

A meeting would be held in the near future.

**11. MSC Matters**

See Estates Committee Report above.

**12. Roads, hedges, verges and drains.**

At the meeting with Highways representatives on 11 October the following action was agreed –  
Coltsfoot Green bridge – Two large grips to be cut to allow road water into the brook.  
Flooding on track to Australia Farm - Install french drain and fill potholes  
Restricted gully under road outside 'Joelanda' – Dig exploratory hole  
Meeting Green junction – Trim back hedge. Clean out grips  
Nunnery Green – Investigate poor drainage and repair if necessary  
Boyden End junction – Refer to Road Safety Team  
Meeting Green to Coltsfoot Green ditches – Request landowners clean out ditches. Two man gang to clear grips. Pressure jet pipes under gateways.  
If the above programme does not have the desired results then further remedial work will be suggested.

**13. Rights of Way.**

The Rights of Way department plans to replace the culvert at the end of Footpath 42.

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**14. Standing Orders.**

These were in circulation. The current version had been formally adopted on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**15. Hedgerow Survey.**

The Clerk said that 250 hedges had been surveyed. Little more would be done this season. To date all landowners had been extremely helpful.

**16. Bowls Club.**

It was agreed not to advertise in the Wkepstead village magazine but a note could be put in the Stansfield/Denston/Hawkedon newsletter.

**17. Draft Budget and Precept calculation**

This would be circulated. Extra finance could be needed for cemetery maintenance, playground replacement and funding the Youth Club.

**18. Date of next meeting – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

The Clerk explained the 2008 dates included 27<sup>th</sup> May which was a Tuesday. This should have read 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.**

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

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