

**10176 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
28th October 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion.**

Present

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), K. Merritt, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson. County Cllr. Midwood, Borough Cllr. Redhead, and PCSO 3218 D. Matchett.

Clerk R. Medley.

Three members of the public were present (Everyone, apart from Parish Council members, left at 8.32pm)

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Mayes and Sammons.

2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 30th September 2010

After the addition of 'no later than 8.30pm' to Closure of Open Session the minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

Copy correspondence was tabled ref: Grit heaps, Scouts and Modernisation of the Registration Service. This would be circulated.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Taylor declared an interest in 8.1.4.

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5. Report from Mike Kemp on Kelly's Meadow.

Mike reported the contents of two communications recently received. The first from the Department of Communities and Local Government confirmed that the grant of £730,000 had been paid to St Edmundsbury District Council on 17 February 2009 and it 'did not include any conditions requiring the authority to use the grant in a particular way and neither did it include any provision enabling the Secretary of State to reclaim the grant should specified circumstances arise'.

The second from the Borough of St Edmundsbury gave specific details of how much public money had been spent on mediation, planning consultant fees and the highway survey and gave the information that the planning application could be submitted before the end of November.

Report from Police representative PCSO D. Matchett

Only one crime had been reported during the last month – that of moving a motor vehicle without permission. Thefts from outbuildings were still taking place in the local area and the Police were still keen to receive reports of any drivers with transit van type vehicles acting suspiciously.

Report from County Cllr. Midwood.

Cllr. Midwood mentioned a recent instance when she wished to contact the Police as a matter of urgency and failed to get a response on three separate telephone numbers including the Police headquarters at Martlesham Heath. She had been successful in updating the local contact numbers in the Wickhambrook 'Scene'.

Report from Borough Cllr. Redhead.

Cllr. Redhead asked for a response to the proposal that the Ladys Green area of the parish be moved across to Ousden. Cllrs. were against the suggestion and could think of no reason for it being made.

Complaints about the 344 bus service from Haverhill to Bury. John Norton and Gillian Cooper related recent unsatisfactory experiences in using this service. Bus drivers did not adhere to the timetable and seemed to be unsure of the route and the service was unreliable. Cllrs. suggested that more copies of the timetable should be put on display and that these complaints be discussed with the Network Planners.

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CLOSURE OF OPEN SESSION at 8.32 pm

6. Planning Matters

6.1 The following applications were considered

6.1.1 SE/10/1266 The Poplars, Meeting Green. Single storey rear extension

6.1.2 SE/10/1298 Treetops, Ladys Green, Ousden. Single storey side extension and carport

6.2 No applications were granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council.

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Circulated Documents

7.1.1 Rural News – September 2010. Cllr. Mayes had offered to attend the Parish Council conference on 22nd November. Cllrs. supported this offer.

7.1.2 Possible change to parish boundary between Wickhambrook and Ousden. Cllrs. felt that no reason had been given for the proposal and instructed the Clerk to respond listing reasons for the existing boundary to remain unchanged.

7.2 Other matters

7.2.1 Remembrance Sunday arrangements. The Chairman agreed to represent the Parish Council at the ceremony at the war memorial on 14th November at 12 noon.

8. Finance.

8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1	001609 SALC Clerks Networking Day	17.62
8.1.2	001610 Rainbird Partnership Printer cartridges	58.12
8.1.3	001611 Donation to British Legion	50.00
8.1.4	001612 Donation to Wickhambrook Scout group	300.00
8.1.5	001613 R.Medley Salary for October	424.10
8.1.6	DD TalkTalk Broadband payment for October	14.15

8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1	Donations to Playground Improvement Fund	Anonymous	400.00
		Oriel Securities	50.00
8.2.2	Rebate on Chapel rates		72.04
8.2.3	Saxon Monumental Tablet on cremated remains plot		50.00
8.2.4	NatWest Quarterly interest on accounts	No.1 account	7.41
		No.2 account	.15

8.3 Other financial matters

8.3.1 Following advice from the Auditor, Cllrs. resolved to increase the indemnity cover from the existing £50,000 maximum to £75,000.

8.3.2 The six month budget to actual expenditure summary was accepted without query.

8.3.3. Preliminary thoughts on the annual budget. Cllrs. raised the topics of costs of a possible election, possible replacement of notice board and the provision of further funding for playground improvement.

9. Estates Committee meeting of 19th October (minutes circulated previously)

Cllrs. approved the rise in fees for the Cemetery but were against the suggestion that a community woodland be considered for an area of the 'Six Acres'. The Clerk confirmed that the additional dog bins would have to be paid for and that the written quote for the large skate park sign was £148.00 plus vat.

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10. Parish Plan.

Cllr. Sammons had provided a written update. The application for 'Awards for All' funding was in first draft form and Annette Grey from Suffolk ACRE will give advice on the final version at the meeting on 1st November.

11. MSC meeting on 4th October.

Minutes would be circulated and the MSC was still seeking volunteers for a range of duties.

12. Reports from representatives of other organisations.

12.1 United Charities.

The planned meeting for the following week was likely to be postponed.

13. Correspondence

13.1 NATS October letter. This would be placed on circulation.

13.2 Vacancies for parish representatives on standards committee. Copied to Cllr. Sammons.

13.3 Suffolk Foundation grants. Copied to 1st Wickhambrook Scouts.

13.4 Letter from Robin Richardson ref: Countryside Access. Funding for this initiative had been withdrawn so if parish councils wished to produce leaflets of walks around their village they would have to pay full costs.

13.5 SALC AGM on 8th November. No-one wished to attend.

13.6 Bury Christmas Fayre on 26th to 28th November. To be displayed on the notice board.

13.7 Parish Conference on Monday 22nd November (see 7.1.1. above). The Clerk was willing to attend.

14. Progress on registration of village greens

Copies of the Commons Commissioner's decisions regarding the five village greens had been obtained from the County Council and forwarded to the Land Registry. Further advice was awaited. There was likely to be a charge for final registration.

15. Highways Matters – Road closures and repairs

The C659 Church Road between the A143 and Wash Lane would be closed for drainage and carriageway repairs between 8th and 19th November. Information would be put on the website.

The temporary closure of the Street in Poslingford between 29th November and 3rd December could result in increased traffic at the Denston/Wickham Street junction.

16. Proposed dates for 2011 meetings

Parish Council – Thursdays 20th Jan., 24th Feb., 31st March, 28th April, 19th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th Aug., 29th Sept., 27th Oct., and 24th November.

Estates Committee – Tuesdays 8th Feb., 12th April, 14th June, 9th Aug., 11th Oct., and 13th December.

Annual Parish meeting on 17th March and Annual Parish Council meeting will be on 19th May.

Elections should take place on 5th May.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 25th November 2010 in the MSC Pavilion at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 28th October 2010.

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