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**Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

**Present**

Cllrs. P. Bevan (Chairman), A. Harrison, K. Merritt, J. Walker and J. Wilson.  
County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead.  
Clerk R. Medley.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs. Claydon and Sumner and Community Beat Officer P. C. McKenna.

**2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

These were signed as a correct record.

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

The Clerk confirmed that actions from the previous meeting had been completed.

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

Cllrs. Harrison and Merritt declared an interest in 17.

**5. Reports from County Cllr, Borough Councillor and Community Beat Officer.**

Cllr. Midwood updated Cllrs. on latest thinking on methods of waste disposal; burning waste to produce energy and pelleting prior to landfill were gaining favour.  
Cllr. Redhead explained progress on the Bury Cattle Market development saying that structure costs would be £16 million and ‘fit out’ costs estimated at £8 million.  
The written report from PC McKenna gave crime figures for the previous six weeks – 1 burglary, 2 within-family assaults, 3 criminal damage (including damage to bench at the Surgery), and 1 sexual activity with female under 16.  
There was no representative from Neighbourhood Watch.

**6. Planning**

- 6.1 The following applications were considered on circulation.
  - 6.1.1 SE/06/2204 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green (Revised scheme) No objection
  - 6.1.2 SE/06/2308 Easterwood Farm, Baxters Green (Minority comments) No objection
  - 6.1.3 SE/06/2211 Homeleigh House, Thorns Corner No objection
- 6.2 The following applications considered by the Borough Council were noted.
  - 6.2.1 SE/06/2164 Lane Cottage, Coltsfoot Green Approved
  - 6.2.2 SE/06/1765 Heybridge, Post Office Hill. Approved
  - 6.2.3 SE/06/2010 Moatwood, Giffords Lane Approved
  - 6.2.4 SE/06/2204 Samples Farm, Ashfield Green Approved
- 6.3 Other Planning Matters
  - 6.3.1 SE/06/1355 Sadlers Cottage, Wickham Street, Denston Appeal
  - 6.3.2 SE/06/2184 Paddocks, Giffords Lane. Awaiting contact by Planning Officer.

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**7. Clerk's Report**

- 7.1 Previously circulated documents.  
None had been returned.
- 7.2 Other information.
  - 7.2.1 Bus service changes were noted.
  - 7.2.2 Details of an 'Employing People' seminar were presented.
  - 7.2.3 Brief mention was made of a flier for closed circuit television.
  - 7.2.4 The Clerk asked for guidance on the procedure for wreath purchase for Remembrance Day in conjunction with British Legion. Councillors were reminded about the confusion last year about the time of attendance and the message on the card.
  - 7.2.5 It was noted that a fairground was present on the Six Acres. Cllr. Sumner would be asked to check that permission had been given by the Memorial Social Centre.
  - 7.2.6 The Clerk presented a financial summary showing that Income from 1st April 2006 was £21,251 and Expenditure £6,787.

**8. Finance.**

- 8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1 001270 R. Medley. Salary for August	£327.09
8.1.2 001271 R. Medley. 'Home as office' allowance	£45.00
8.1.3 001272 R. Medley. Part payment of private line	£20.00
8.1.4 001273 Petty Cash	£50.00
8.1.5 001274 R. Medley - stationery purchase	£61.23
8.1.6 001275 M. Sumner (Kalkwik invoice)	£53.46
8.1.7 001276 Mdsign - internet services (June to August)	£141.25
8.1.8 001277 Mdsign - envelopes for shop questionnaire	£25.02
8.1.9 001278 Powergen - electricity use in Chapel	£84.56
- 8.2 The following income was noted.

8.2.1 R. Claydon (Interment)	£70.00
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**9. Estates Committee Report.**

- 9.1 Dogs on Recreation Ground/Six Acres. It was agreed that a note be put in the Scene to encourage dog owners to clear up after their dogs. Two new dog litter bins had been ordered and would be placed on the Six Acres.
- 9.2 Football Goals. The large rusting goalposts had been removed. The Environmental Health Officer would be taking enforcement action over the remaining 'suspect' goals.

**10. United Charities Representatives Report.**

Nothing to report.

**11. MSC Representatives Report.**

Nothing to report.

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

- 12.1 The overgrown hedge between Wash Lane and Cloak Lane had been trimmed.
- 12.2 Hedges at Malting End had been reported to Highways Department. They were scheduled to be cut back before 10<sup>th</sup> September. This had not been done and the Clerk was instructed to check the situation.
- 12.3 Other overgrowing hedges included Poets House on Thorns Corner (Cllr Walker would remind the owner) and Willow Cottage in Coltsfoot Close (The Clerk would send a note)

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**13. Rights of Way.**

13.1 Bunters Row complaint. Havebury Housing had contacted the Clerk to say that their contractor would make good the surfaces of both the parking area and the path in the next few weeks.

**14. Consideration of Standing Orders.**

14.1 These were still being circulated so this item would be held over to the next meeting.

**15. Gift for Retired Clerk.** It was agreed that money refunded from the faulty gift be given to the retired Clerk.

**16. Date of next meeting – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006.**

**17. The Village Shop.**

Cllr. Merritt gave the latest information with regard to possible sale then he and Cllr. Harrison left the meeting.

17.1 Progress on Questionnaires. Most had been returned. The final total could be around 300. Cllr. Sumner was analysing the results.

17.2 Other Matters. Cllr. Sumner had booked the MSC hall for the open meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m. and the Pavilion for a 'steering committee' meeting on the previous Sunday (3.00 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> October ). Mrs. Merritt would be briefed on these developments. Once the steering committee had been formed contact would be made with the various advisory bodies such as Suffolk ACRE.

**Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.**

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006.

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