

**10141 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
24th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion**

Present

Cllrs. J. Claydon (Chairman), V. Mayes, K. Merritt, K. Sammons, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson.
Clerk R. Medley.
Fifteen members of the public

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Midwood. Most members of the public left at the end of the open session.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council on 27th August 2009

With the addition of a record of Cllr. Taylor's late arrival these were accepted as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

3.1 Item 9.1.2 of the previous meeting – Vacancy for Emergency Officer. Posters had been prepared and notes had been placed in village newsletters.

3.2 Item 9.2.3 of previous minutes – 'Suffolk Access' training day. The Clerk had attended and found the session both useful and enjoyable.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Walker declared an interest in items 8.1.1. and 8.2.2, Cllr. Wilson in items 8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.2 and 10.1.1, Cllr. Claydon in Items 5 and 8.1.3 and Cllr. Sammons in 10.1.3.

5. Local Development Framework.

Cllr. Claydon declared this item open for discussion and then left the room. Cllr. Sammons took the chair.

Comments from the public were mainly concerned with the fear of overdevelopment, the lack of publicity concerning meetings about the Local Development Framework and a reluctance to accept the status of Key Service Centre for the village. The Borough Councillor, D. Redhead, said that a firm proposal would be put forward by the Borough for further consultation in 2010.

The Chairman suggested that everyone consider supporting the Parish Plan public meeting as a way of agreeing the future direction of the Parish.

Cllrs. agreed that a summary of the Local Development Framework be sent out with the 'What's On' which was to be delivered over the following weekend.

In principle Cllrs. agreed with the suggestions made in the L.D.F. documents but felt that future building should be limited to small estates, 15 houses of different designs as in Croft Close, and in keeping with the character of the village.

Cllr. Claydon returned to the room but Cllr. Sammons retained the Chair.

6. Kelly's Meadow

The representative from the Steering Group checked on the progress of meetings between the Parish Council and the mediator.

7. Comments by the Police representative, County Cllr. Midwood, Borough Cllr. Redhead and members of the public.

PC 520 Amos Owen gave details of recent crimes and warned of the increase in distraction burglaries and thefts from outbuildings. Wickhambrook was on the list for a speeding check and a visit from the mobile police station.

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The open session was closed and members returned to the formal agenda. Due to time constraints some agenda items were curtailed and others postponed to the next meeting.

8. Planning

8.1 The following applications were submitted for consideration

8.1.1 SE/09/0996 Crows Cottage, Malting End – two storey extension.

8.1.2 SE/09/1018 Alyssum Cottage, Coltsfoot Green – single storey extension.

8.1.3 SE/09/1051 Gaines Hall, Attleton Green – erection of barn

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

8.2.1 SE/09/0768 Sparrows Nest, Lady’s Green – rear extension

Granted

8.2.2 SE/09/0996 Crows Cottage, Malting End (see above)

Granted

9. Clerk’s Report

9.1 Clerk’s holiday - 8th to 18th October. Cllr. Taylor agreed to offer cover.

10. Finance.

10.1 The following payments were approved.

10.1.1 001516 Mdsign Website services June to August 162.44

10.1.2 001517 HMRC Employer payments 320.25

10.1.3 001518 The Rainbird Partnership Printer cartridges, etc 71.86

10.1.4 001519 R. Medley. Mileage to attend training day on 12.9.09 26.80

10.1.5 001520 R. Medley. Salary for September 409.44

10.1.6 D. D. Tiscali Broadband payment for August 20.44

10.2 The following income was noted.

10.2.1 Interment (Private) 125.00

10.2.2 Interment (Saxon Monumental) 50.00

11. Estates Committee Report

11.1 Ratification of minutes of Estates Meeting held on 8th September. These minutes were approved by the full Parish Council.

11.2 Removal of diseased tree at Attleton Green and tidying of trees along the footpath that runs from the School to Coltsfoot Green. An estimate for this work had been received. The Clerk was instructed to obtain an alternative quote.

Items 12 to 15 of the original agenda were not discussed.

16. Chapel Rates – Grounds for Appeal.

Contact with the Appeals Officer can be made at any time. The Clerk asked for further guidance on grounds for appeal.

17. Promotion of local services on website.

Cllrs. agreed that there should be no change to the existing arrangement i.e. that no commercial Services be advertised on the Parish Council website.

Date of next meeting.

Thursday 29th October 2009 at the MSC pavilion at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2009.

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Chairman

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