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Hello, I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

July was a busy month for meetings, with an Extraordinary meeting for planning preceding the Estates Committee on 8th July, and an ordinary meeting on 27th July.

Parish Council Meetings are open to the public so why not come along? We hope that you will find it interesting and we would like to increase our community engagement. This helps to ensure that the decisions that are reached have the support of local residents. You never know, you may wish to get more involved – there are lots of ways to contribute, from attending meetings and asking questions, to joining in with volunteer events, becoming a lay member on our Estates Committee, or becoming a Councillor! We currently have four vacancies for parish councillors, and are also looking to recruit a lay member to the Estates Committee.

If you would like to find out more, please do call me or one of our councillors, or come along to one of our meetings. If you would like to be considered as a councillor, please take a look at the [website](#), and complete and return a co-option application and eligibility form to Hilary. We look forward to hearing from you!

You can find draft minutes of our July meetings here:

- [Estates Committee](#) – July 6th
- [Parish Council meeting](#) – July 27th

Key decisions and actions from the July parish council meeting include:

- Approval of the [Community Actions](#) for inclusion in the draft [Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- A [review of the budget lines](#) and transfers of funds between revenue budgets and from Earmarked to General Reserves
- Approving a proposal from Suffolk County Council to install a [new bus shelter](#) on Cemetery Road
- [Reviewing charges for clubs](#) using Six Acres (no change for next financial year)
- Agreeing the [specification for the grounds contract](#) for the next financial year

The Estates Committee also approved funding for some additional fencing and markers at the cemetery and Six Acres, and a new Parish Noticeboard (the same size and shape as the existing one) for Shop Hill. A commemorative plaque has also been ordered and installed by the Cherry Trees planted earlier this year commemorating the late HRH the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Work to test safety of Memorials in Wickhambrook Cemetery was also completed in July (if you are a family member of a memorial that has been made safe, [please do contact me](#)), and the pond at Genesis Green has just been cleared.



If there is anything you would like the parish council to consider at a future meeting, [please do get in touch with me](#).

I have updated our Reporting Problems page on the website with much more information and links to different departments and organisations which I hope you'll find useful. I've also added a page to the website on [Support for Local Organisations](#). Thanks go out to our wonderful Webmaster Maria from Mdesign.

Do feel free to forward this message on to neighbours, friends and family in the parish and ask them to get in touch with me at parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk if they would like to be included in our e-newsletter mailing list!

Wishing you all the best, keep safe and well

Hilary Workman
Clerk for Wickhambrook Parish Council