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**Minutes of the Meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on 28 June 2018  
at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion of MSC Hall**

**Present**

Cllrs. J. Barton (Vice Chairman, chairing the meeting), M. Jolland, J. Midwood, K. Merritt,  
and J. Wilson

County Cllr. M. Evans

Borough Cllr. C. Pollington

Clerk S. Thorburn

One member of the public present until 8.10 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. P. Couzens (Chairman), J. Claydon and K. Sammons

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 31 May 2018.**

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

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

13.3.1 The Annual Return and supporting documents had been sent by recorded delivery to the external auditors.

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

10.3 Cllr Midwood

**5. OPEN SESSION 7.35 pm**

County Councillor M. Evans gave a report as follows:

Suffolk County Council had a change of Chief Executive Officer, Nicola Beech, who had experience of highways matters. There had been drug related issues in parts of Suffolk with Ipswich sustaining some of the violence associated with these offences and the Councils and Police were working together to offer young people an alternative to being on the streets. The County Councillor had received a promotion and was now responsible for Highways and Rural Affairs. A review of the highways maintenance operations was taking place with the utilities access to their networks beneath the roads being assessed as the repairs were not necessarily long lasting. Special Educational Needs children were the subject of a consultation, working with parents.

Cllr Midwood requested support to ensure the railings at Attleton Green were replaced after damage sustained by a large vehicle which the County Councillor agreed to investigate. The flooding at Attleton Green was also discussed.

The letter from a resident requesting support for wild flower verges had various safety aspects to consider but Suffolk County Council would look at different sites if the Parish wished them to be left uncut. The verges in Wickhambrook were due to be mown in the next two weeks and a schedule would be sent to the Clerk. Concern about the verge near the school was expressed as the long grass was encouraging parents to bring their children onto the road from their cars.

Borough Cllr. C. Pollington gave a report as follows.

The Borough Council had obtained £245k from the Government to alleviate the problem of rough sleeping. The consultation regarding boundary changes was ongoing with the consultation starting on 3 July. There was no further news regarding Kelly's Meadow.

**CLOSURE OF OPEN SESSION 8.10 p.m.**

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**6. Planning**

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6.1 Applications considered by Parish Council.

6.1.1 DC/18/0934/FUL Giffords Hall, Giffords Lane. Extend pond, create island plus footbridge. No objection

6.1.2 DC/18/0891/HH 25 Nunnery Green. Porch and single rear extension. No objection

6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

6.2.1 DC/18/0632/FUL amended scheme to previously approved DC/17/1297/FUL The Hedges, Ashfield Green. Replacement dwelling and garage, alterations to existing access. Approved

**7. Clerks Report**

7.1 Circulated document

Police report. This had been submitted too late for the Annual meetings but had been subsequently circulated to all Councillors.

**8. Finance**

8.1 The following payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Merrit

	Cheque no	Detail	Amount
8.1.1	002384	MSC recycling credit	1081.12
8.1.2	002385	Anglian Water – Bowls club	11.70
8.1.3	002386	No Butts Bin Co – Bury Road bench	452.40
8.1.4	002387	JRB dog dispenser refill bags 3 cases (800 per case)	90.54
8.1.5	002388	SALC Cllr training	123.60
8.1.6	002389	John Norton – teak oil for bench	7.49
8.1.7	002390	History Society – Donation centenary celebration	200.00
8.1.8	002391	Eon – chapel electricity	9.27
8.1.9	002392	S Thorburn (Clerk) salary for June	544.96
8.1.10	002393	S Thorburn (Clerk) home as office April-June	45.00
8.1.11	002394	Wickhambrook Carnival Committee First Aid Donation	250.00

**9. Highways matters**

9.1 Vehicle Activated signs plus new sites update

The signs had been moved to the school area and the data was being assessed. The sign had been tampered with and turned round but was undamaged. The delay for posts at the new sites now had support from County Cllr M Evans and it was hoped that this would be resolved shortly. 'Kill your speed' signs had been offered to place on the poles when the VAS machine was elsewhere. All agreed these would be beneficial. A resident had made a complaint about speeding on Bunters Road and suggested the formation of a Speedwatch group but as this had already been investigated in depth all agreed to continue to support the VAS machine project.

9.2 Wild flowers in verges project correspondence from resident. After discussion the Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact the resident and request areas to protect around the village rather than verges which may be dangerous to maintain.

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**10. Estates Committee matters**

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10.1 Litter Pick – Sunday 15 July at 10.30 a.m.

10.2 Cemetery update on condition of new grave and damage to adornments on existing grave  
The Funeral Directors had been contacted and agreed to rectify the condition of the grave and supply turfs. The Councillors discussed the damage to adornments and all agreed to extend the fencing to the rear of the cemetery to prevent it being used as a way through to the recreational field.

10.3 Complaint to Footpaths Officer incorrect cutting of footpaths causing crop damage. Update on procurement of second copy of the definitive map. The map had been secured and passed to Cllr Midwood. The report from Mr Glyn French the Rights of Way Officer would be awaited prior to further discussion.

**11. Silver Sunday** – 7 October 2018. Request from Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP to host an event for older people in the community to fight loneliness and isolation. This would be discussed and possibly acted on in 2019.

**12. Bowls Club** – update on quotation request for maintenance from contractor. The Bowls Club would be awarded a £500 donation to assist with the maintenance for the remainder of this season.

**13. Church wall** – advice from SALC regarding damage to the churchyard wall.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Warden that the Parish Council acknowledged responsibility for the wall and ask that the invoice be sent direct to the Parish Council from the contractor.

**14. Fireworks** – request for funding to cover the insurance cost from the Fireworks Committee. An amount of £300 was agreed as a contribution to be paid near the date of the event. Future Fireworks events may be run by the Parish Council which could be discussed at the end of this year.

**15. Clerk's resignation** – received by the Chairman 11 June 2018 latest leaving date of 30 September 2018. Recruitment discussion (Clerk to leave the meeting). The Chairman would contact the Clerk regarding advertising the post.

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm.**

**Date of next meeting.** Thursday 26 July 2018

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on 28 June 2018.

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