

**10206 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
25th August 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion.**

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), J. Claydon, K. Merritt, E. Taylor, J. Walker and J. Wilson, County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead and PC18 Trish Sinclair representing the Police.
Clerk R. Medley.
(County Cllr. J. Midwood and Borough Cllr. D. Redhead left at 8.20pm; PC Sinclair at 7.55pm)

1. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 28th July 2011

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

3.1 Item 15.4 of previous minutes – Demand Responsive Transport. The meeting to discuss area changes had been cancelled through lack of support but the local service would remain unchanged.

3.2 Item 15.6 of previous minutes – Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2012. The information had been passed on to the Parochial Church Council.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Wilson declared an interest in 7.1.1; Cllrs. Claydon, Sammons, Walker and Wilson in 7.1.2.

OPEN SESSION

5. 5.1 Kelly's Meadow. There was no further news.

5.2 County Cllr. Midwood expressed concern about increased graffiti in the skate park and informed Cllrs. that Steve Boore was now in charge of Suffolk County Highways department.

Borough Councillor Redhead outlined the main problems encountered in attempting to increase co-operation between St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath District Councils.

Cllr. Sammons reported on the 'Rural Vision 2031' meeting during which she, Borough Cllr. Redhead and the Clerk had discussed the future development of the village with Chris Rand and Anne-Marie Howell of St Edmundsbury. Cllr. Sammons had pushed for the field below the School to be re-considered as a possible site for the Doctors Surgery, additional parking and affordable housing. The Planning team agreed to look again at the reasons for previous rejection. It was unlikely that the field nearest to Cemetery Road (and opposite the cemetery) would be built on as it 'supports a considerable range of wildlife'. The further field was acceptable as a building site. Other subjects discussed were i) why all development had to be confined to the village centre, ii) existing village problems such as flooding and sewage surcharging, and iii) misunderstandings about creating employment opportunities in the village.

Police Report. PC 18 Trish Sinclair reported on two recent crimes. A suspect was being questioned about the indecent exposure incident and a van had been filled up with fuel at the village stores and the driver left without paying. CCTV was being checked for registration details. Police continue to patrol the area around the MSC. There had been thefts of heating fuel, red diesel and metal in the area.

SESSION CLOSED AT 8.17pm

6. Action to be taken to attract more Councillors.

Cllrs. agreed that all applications should be confirmed in writing. Posters had been placed on notice boards and an article written for the 'Scene'.

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10.5 Children's Swings on Bury Road. Havebury had requested that the Parish Council take over the responsibility for care and maintenance of any new play equipment. Cllrs. were happy with this proposal in principle and awaited further details.

11. Possible divestment of footpaths. Cllrs. agreed not to dismiss the possibility at this stage. The most recent contact with the Rights of Way department suggested that further information would be supplied.

12. Highways Matters.

- 12.1 Vehicle restriction sign on the road opposite the School. A 'No HGVs' had been put in place.
- 12.2 Maintenance of barriers. The cleaning and painting of barriers in the village had been added to the County Council department's work schedule.
- 12.3 Road signs. The faulty signs at the entrance of Thorns Close had been repaired.

13. Reports from representatives of other village organisations.

- 13.1 URC. There had been two applicants for the vacant No. 2 Almshouse. The selected candidate had taken up residence.
- 13.2 MSC. The latest minutes would be circulated. New notice boards had been installed, a start had been made on the double glazing and radiant heating was to follow.

14. Rural Vision 2031

This topic was discussed in the Open Session (see item 5.2 above)

15. Correspondence

- 15.1 Various LAIS titles. No comments.
- 15.2 St Edmundsbury budget meeting 2012/13. Cllr. Sammons offered to attend.
- 15.3 Consultation on Draft National Planning Policy Framework. The paperwork was in circulation and a response would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 15.4 Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 8th September. No-one wished to attend.
- 15.5 Polling District Review. Cllrs. were happy with the current arrangements.
- 15.6 Affordable Housing. An email had been received from Nathan Cole of Iceni Homes expressing concern about the lack of progress in finding a suitable site. Cllr. Taylor felt that local landowners should be contacted to see if they had any suggestions. This suggestion was approved. The Clerk was instructed, as a first move, to contact Chris Rand of St Edmundsbury Borough Council to see if any progress had been made on the proposal put forward at the Rural Vision 2031 meeting.

16. Dates for 2012 meetings.

Dates were proposed for 2012. For Parish Council meetings these were Thursdays 19th Jan., 23rd Feb., 29th March, 26th April, 31st May (Annual Parish Council meeting), 28th June, 26th July, 30th Aug., 27th Sept., 25th Oct., and 29th November. Annual Parish meeting to be held on 15th March. For Estates Committee meetings – Tuesdays 7th Feb., 10th April, 12th June, 7th Aug., 9th Oct., and 4th December.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 29th September 2011 in MSC Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 25th August 2011.

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