

**10212 Minutes of the meeting of Wickhambrook Parish Council held on
27th October 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the MSC Pavilion.**

Present

Cllrs. K. Sammons (Chairman), S. Bradbury, K. Merritt, E. Taylor, and J. Wilson.

Borough Cllr. D. Redhead.

Clerk R. Medley.

Three members of the public.

(John Norton and Cllr. Redhead left at the end of the open session. Both members of the public stayed for the duration of the meeting)

1. Apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Soren Bradbury as a new member.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Claydon, Girling, and Walker and County Cllr. Midwood.

2. Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 29th September 2011

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising (for information)

3.1 Item 10.6 of previous minutes – a copy of the letter of appreciation to John Norton was tabled.

3.2 Item 16 of meeting of 28th July – Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council’s planning amendments.

The response from Matthew Hancock MP was read out.

3.3 Item 8.1.3 of previous meeting – visit to recycling plant. No further action had been taken.

4. Declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr. Taylor declared an interest in item 10.

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

5.2 Borough Cllr. Redhead reported that the second stage of joint working with Forest Heath District Council had been agreed in principle. This would result in a reduction of the total workforce, including the loss of one Chief Executive, and potential savings of £1.6 million.

County Cllr. Midwood had provided a written report which covered the frustration caused by the slow response of Anglian Water to underground water leaks, the proposed changes to Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries, the dangers of walking along roads in dark clothes at night and the prompt and professional response of the Wickhambrook Fire Crew to a recent call out at her property.

PCSO Packman had sent a written report mentioning just one reported crime of ‘burglary-other building with intent’. The Chairman asked that thanks be recorded for her help with the litter pick.

Steve Sumner updated Cllrs. on progress with the Parish Plan. Questionnaires were being delivered.

Sam Sykes offered to cover the Wickham Street area. It was hoped that there would be an 80% return and that a summary would be available for presentation in February/March.

SESSION CLOSED AT 8.20pm

6. Planning

6.1 Planning applications considered by the Parish Council.

6.1.1 SE/11/1115 Mulberry House, Wash Lane. Change of use of land to install a swimming pool.

6.2 Applications granted/refused/withdrawn by the Borough Council

6.2.1 SE/11/0679 Land Adjacent to Chapel Cottage, Meeting Green. Erection of 4 dwellings.

Granted

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6.2.2 SE/11/1115 Mulberry House, Wash Lane. (see above)

Refused

7. Clerk's Report

7.1 Circulated Documents

7.1.1 Local Foods (Suffolk) Project. Copies had been given to Horticultural Group and the Day Centre

7.2 Any other information

7.2.1 Training for new councillor. Cllr. Bradbury would wait until the New Year before attending councillor training.

7.2.2 Remembrance Arrangements. Cllrs. approved the donation of £50 to British Legion. Cllr. Bradbury offered to attend the service at the war memorial and Cllr. Wilson offered to explain the procedure.

8. Finance.

8.1 The following payments were approved.

8.1.1 001686 Borough of St Edmundsbury. Emptying dog bins	66.30
8.1.2 001687 BDO Annual Audit	342.00
8.1.3 001688 Anglia and Midland Sports Surfaces Tennis courts resurfacing	4,245.60
8.1.4 001689 R. Medley Salary for October	450.93
8.1.5 001690 Petty Cash	50.00
8.1.6 DD TalkTalk Broadband payment for October	32.40

8.2 Recent income (for information)

9.2.1 Donation from Tennis Club	5,000.00
9.2.2 Payment for interment plot	280.00
9.2.3 Payment for headstone (Saxon Monumental Craft)	120.00

9. Estates Committee Matters (draft minutes previously circulated)

9.1 Litter Pick – Success or failure? The chairman reported that 25 adults and 10 children were involved and some 20 bags of litter had been collected. Some people had expressed support for a repeat in Spring 2012.

9.2 Funeral Biers. The Clerk had received an offer to keep the wheeled bier in the village but Cllrs. favoured proceeding with the plan to place the bier in the next Manders auction.

9.3 Cemetery Management on 15th November. Cllrs. approved the Clerk attending the day.

9.4 Fundraising for Playground refurbishment. The Chairman and Clerk gave an update. With the recent offer of £5,000 from Havebury the total stood at £30,000 held or had been promised. Cllrs. gave approval for the Clerk to sign the grant paperwork.

9.5 'Wos Up' Youth Programme. Simon Pickering, Youth Development Officer, would be invited to the 19th January 2012 meeting to give an end of programme report.

10. Parking at the Village School. A letter had been received from the ex Chairman of the School Governors requesting additional parking for staff, particularly on the strip of land beside the lane. Cllrs. delayed making a recommendation until a copy of the school deeds had been forwarded but pointed out that the car park at the MSC Hall was usually empty during the day.

11. Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation. (circulated 19.10.11)

A hard copy would be circulated and a response discussed and agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

12. Affordable Housing.

Cllrs. agreed to await the outcome of the Kelly's Meadow appeal before suggesting further action.

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13. Reports from representatives of other village organisations.

13.1 URC. A faculty from the diocese had been received so work could now begin on installing a french drain around the Alms Houses.

14. Correspondence (most had been previously circulated)

14.1 Various LAIS titles. No comments.

14.2 Suffolk ACRE Update. No comments.

14.3 SALC AGM on 7th November. No-one wished to attend.

14.4 Grit Heaps. (not previously circulated) All grit heaps in the parish had been replenished. Any further requests should be put to the Clerk.

14.5 Grant Surgeries (not previously circulated) Opportunities for further advice from Suffolk County Council were being offered in November. The Clerk and Cllr. Taylor could be interested.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 24th November 2011 in MSC Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2011.

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