

Minutes of the meeting of the Wickhambrook Parish Council Estates Committee 13th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the MSC Pavilion

Present

Cllrs. J. Walker (Chairman), J. Girling, K. Merritt and K. Sammons.
J. Norton and I. Spencer.
R. Medley (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from R. Merry.

2. Declarations of interest in agenda items

None was declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2013

These were accepted as correct and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Item 6.1.4 of previous meeting. The SALC 'Support for Young People' certificate was on display in the MSC foyer.

5. Finance.

5.1. Mowing of recreation ground and six acres. The invoice for the 2013 season (£1609.34) had been paid and the quote for 2014 (£1657.54) had been accepted.

6. Playground

6.1 Main Playground

6.1.1 Safety Inspection. Reports were awaited.

6.1.2 Purchase of notice board/s. The Clerk was asked to check on the materials used. Cllrs. agreed that two Miracle signs be purchased one for each entrance.

6.1.3 Cllr. Sammons had sent letters of thanks to individuals and companies who had donated towards the new equipment.

6.1.4 Smart seat. The Clerk was instructed to return it to the suppliers.

6.1.5 'Wos Up'. Cllrs. were of the opinion that the demise of the village youth club had strengthened the case for a visit by the 'Wos Up' team in 2014.

6.1.6 Insurance. The Parish Council insurers had quoted a premium of £1,687.94 for replacement of playground and skate park equipment and £1,790.53 for both replacement and installation. Cllrs. favoured the latter.

6.1.7 Maintenance. The Clerk was instructed to organise the fitting of a drop bolt and padlock to the double gates.

6.2 Bury Road playground

6.2.1 Progress report. Suffolk County Cllr. Mary Evans was meeting Chris Hollingsworth of Clopton Farms to investigate the ownership of the northern section of the playground.

6.3 Teen Project

6.3.1 Inspections. Reports were awaited.

6.3.2 The Clerk would approach John Crysell with regard to making good the tarmac surface where the curb was removed.

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7. Tree Warden's Report.

- 7.1 Jubilee Oak. Cllr. Girling would contact Cllr. Wilson and offer to install the guard rails.
- 7.2 Acacia Tree Surgery would carry out further remedial work on parish council trees on Thursday 27th March 2014.
- 7.3 A branch was overhanging the seat on Coltsfoot Green. The Clerk offered to remove it.

8. Cemetery

- 8.1 Safety Inspection. Reports had been emailed across.
- 8.2 There were no matters of concern.

9. Churchyard

- 9.1 Inspection. The quarterly inspection was being completed. There was some concern about the collapsing end of one tombstone.

10. Six Acres

- 10.1 The monthly inspection reports were being prepared.
- 10.2 Irresponsible dog owners. Cllrs. agreed that more effort should be made to identify the few errant dog owners either by making a note of their car numbers or by approaching them directly.

11. Village Greens

- 11.1 Inspection reports were awaited.
 - 11.1.1 Moor Green. The hedge around the green would be flailed in the near future.

12. Spring litter pick

Cllrs. selected the date of Sunday 16th March. The clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

13. Notes for Scene.

Cllrs. agreed that because of the recent flooding in the village further publicity should be given to the completion of a Emergency Plan for Wickhambrook.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting Thursday 10th April 2014 in the MSC Pavilion. Cllr. Sammons gave her apologies.

I confirm that the above is a correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2013.

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Chairman

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