



Wickham Skeith Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held **MONDAY, 8 JULY 2013** at **WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL**

- Present: Cllrs N Merriam (Chairman), B Bloor, H Bowes, D Erett, K Knights, M Appleby, T Goodacre (Clerk) and 7 members of the public
- Apologies: Received from Cllr Kemp, noted for Cllr Stringer (MSDC and SCC) and Suffolk Police
1. Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman opened the meeting.
 2. Declaration of Interest: None received.
 3. Minutes of Meeting held 13 May 2013: The Minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chairman.
 4. Village Forum: The following issues were raised:
 - Equipment used at the Village Fete was still in the main part of the Village Hall. The Chair advised that the equipment was currently being assessed before being stored so that old/not required equipment could be removed from the store cupboard. This should be completed during the week.
 - The overgrown hedge at Cat's Paw is causing concern as this is such a blind corner. The Chair agreed to talk to the relevant landowners.
 5. Reports:
 - 5.1. SCC: Cllr Stringer (no report received)
 - 5.2. MSDC: Cllr Stringer (no report received)
 - 5.3. Suffolk Police: (report received and read by the Clerk)
 - Reported Crimes: There has been one crime reported on 23 June 2013; a cut fuel pipe on a parked car with the fuel then stolen.
 - With the warm weather, residents are reminded to lock all doors/windows when leaving properties.
 - Suffolk Police can now be followed on Twitter.
 - Community Priority Setting Meeting: The next meeting is on 31 September 2013 at Dove Cottage, Debenham, IP14 at 7.00 pm – all welcome.
 - 5.4. Parish Clerk
 - Following the Annual Parish Meeting, reports received from village groups are now posted on village website.
 - 5.5. Parish Councillors
 - The Chair raised concern regarding the amount of ash seedlings on south side of Grimmer. It was agreed that this would form part of action for winter working party.
 6. Correspondence Received:
 - Community Action for Wildlife: Free community action conference being held at Thornham Walks on 29 September 2013. Book via www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/communityconference or 01473 890089.
 7. Finance:
 - 7.1. Financial Position: The accounts as at 30 June 2013 show a balance of £2,725.10.
 - 7.2. Bank Mandate Form: Cllr Appleby is now an additional bank signatory and the cheque for N Merriam (Chair) was signed (see Minutes of 11.3.13, Items 7.3/7.5).
 - 7.3. Annual Return: The internal audit has been completed by R Bassett and will now be submitted to the External Auditors. Thanks to be given to R Bassett.
 8. Planning Matters:
 - 8.1. Application No 0943/13: Sarah's Folly, Grange Road – MSDC refused application for new single storey garden room to existing dwelling.
 - 8.2. Application No 0348/13: Hazelwood, The Street – Demolish existing cottage and erect new detached 4 bed bungalow with integral garage, plus two double garages to rear. (*Following the Parish Council Meeting we have since been advised that this application has been withdrawn and a revised application is anticipated*).
 - 8.3. Application No 0759/12 - Biomass Renewable Energy Plant, Mendlesham. MSDC's Planning Committee is to meet on 17 June 2013. Cllr Bloor agreed to attend, representing the Parish Council.

- 9. Jubilee Oak: The draft wording for the plaque (previously circulated to Councillors) was approved and it was agreed that we would proceed with the order with Whitehouse Enterprises.
- 10. Village Signs: Item to be continued on next Agenda due to absence of Cllr Stringer.
- 11. Footpaths: The Chair has walked all footpaths in and surrounding the village, noting footpaths not accessible. It was agreed that the Chair would telephone landowners where the reinstating of footpaths following harvest would be requested.
- 12. Emergency Plan: Cllrs Erett and Appleby and the Clerk currently undertaking review with intention of involving more groups within the village and incorporating an Emergency Box.
- 13. Matters for next Agenda and Any Other Business: Village Signs, Grimmer Working Party
- 14. Next Meeting: 9 September 2013

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm

- The meeting reopened at 8.45 pm with the arrival of Cllr Stringer.
- Brief discussion was held regarding the planning application for Hazelwood (Item 8.2), Village Signs (Item 10) and the possibility of locality budget funding for the Emergency Box.
- Cllr Stringer advised that Mendlesham Post Office had been broken into on Sunday, 7 July 2013.
- Cllr Stringer also advised that an Education Report has just been circulated and that £1 m is to be spent on the A14 (Cambridgeshire Toll Road).

Meet closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: