



# Wickham Skeith Parish Council

## MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held **MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2015** at **WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs M Appleby, N Merriam, B Kemp, B Bloor, T Goodacre (Clerk), Cllr Stringer (MSDC and SCC) and 6 members of the public

Apologies: Accepted from Cllrs Knight, Bowes and Wright; noted from Suffolk Police

1. Chairman's Welcome: The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming everyone in attendance.
2. Declaration of Interest: None received.
3. Minutes of Meeting held 13 July 2015: The Minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
4. Village Forum: M Mason had previously approached the Chair requesting permission for parking on the small village green for a family celebration on 25 September and this was put to the Parish Council - all Councillors were in agreement.
5. Reports:
  - 5.1. SCC: Cllr Stringer
    - Leave Your Cap On: To increase the recycling of aluminium screw tops and collars, Suffolk Waste Partnership has launched campaign to encourage residents to screw tops back onto empty bottles before recycling.
    - Bacton Middle School: SCC actively investigating all avenues regarding future development of this site, including development of playing fields.
    - Broadband: Remodelling of Superfast Extension Programme (2nd contract) is moving along but not as quickly as proposed. Once signed-off model is available, Cllr Stringer will circulate revised map.
    - J Harvey asked Cllr Stringer about the land behind Kitchen Close and he advised the he will provide an update once available.
    - R Elsdon queried the new bus timetable. Cllr Stringer is aware that the timetable is not adequate and will look into this further.
  - 5.2. MSDC: Cllr Stringer
    - MSDC has launched details of "one-off" Locality Budget announced in 2013 budget with bids being collated in January 2016. Item to be included at next meeting.
    - Joint Development Proposal: MSDC agreed to move forward with Old Engine Meadow/Horsefair Close proposal in Mendlesham, avoiding vehicular access from Ducksen Road.
    - 5 Year Land Supply: MSDC currently have 3.3 year supply and this position is unlikely to change soon. Due to challenges of applications that may be received, Cllr Stringer is organising Planning Training Sessions with Mendlesham/Cotton/Wickham Skeith.
  - 5.3. Suffolk Police: Report received and read by Parish Clerk
    - Reported Crimes: There has been one crime in the village since last report; an unoccupied house was broken into and items stolen.
    - SNT priorities: Youth Engagement - to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, instances of young people becoming victims of crime or sustaining life changing/life threatening injuries; SNT officers to conduct high visibility patrols of MS Central Policing Area and facilitating variety of activities for young people during school holidays; During Autumn Term, SNT officers to undertake work with primary and secondary schools, addressing internet/social media use and road safety; SNT officers will also be undertaking educational visits into schools, addressing ASB in relation to Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night, and also liaising with local retailers regarding crime reduction measures in lead up to both nights.
  - 5.4. Parish Clerk:
    - Thanks were given to the cutting of overgrown verges at the triangle of Broadway/Wickham Road following the July meeting.
    - The Pothole on corner of Broadway/Homeleigh/Green Farm has now been repaired.
    - Permission was granted by owners of Homeleigh for overgrown hedges to be cut. It is hoped the outbuilding, which is being built off-site, will be erected shortly and a pre-planning meeting has taken place regarding the main property.
    - The owners of Green Farm have kindly cut down the tree which had been lying on BT wires on corner of Broadway/Green Farm.
    - Thorndon School: Cllr Stringer advised that a new classroom is now available at the school to aid with the increased number of children being enrolled.
    - Stoke Ash School: Cllr Stringer advised that a planning application has been received for change of use.

- 5.5. Parish Councillors:
- Cllr Merriam advised that he had been approached by residents of The Green regarding concerns of people camping on the Village Green overnight and that he had spoken to the offenders at the time.
  - Cllr Merriam advised that the manhole close to the Village Hall on FP12 is broken. R Elsdon is aware and the area has been cordoned off by Cllr Merriam.
  - The Chair advised that the development at Hazelwood, The Street, is progressing but, due to flooding of the foundations, further works have been required.
6. Correspondence Received: All correspondence included in Agenda items or in Circulation File.
7. Finance:
- 7.1. The accounts as at 31 August 2015 were presented by Cllr Kemp and showed a balance of £2,764.55.
- 7.2. The following invoice was authorised for payment: Village Hall Hire – May/July Meetings @ £15.00.
- 7.3. Annual Accounts: 2014/15 Annual Accounts have been returned following external audit by BDO LLP. The Notice of Conclusion has been displayed and a copy of the accounts will be made available on the village website.
8. Planning Matters: No planning matters to report.
9. Village Green/Working Party: Cllrs Appleby, Merriam and Knights still to assess priority of work required around the Grimmer/Village Green – item to be included at next meeting.
10. Footpaths:
- The Clerk advised that comments had been received about overgrown footpaths – thanks were given for the cutting of The Entry.
  - FP28 - Rose Lane to Knoll Farm: The new owners of Knoll Farm were in attendance and advised that the footpath had now been cleared.
  - Footpath Officer: SCC has advised that Alastair McVail will be replaced by Francesca Clarke within the West Area Rights of Way Team on 22 September 2015. Clerk to invite Francesca to the village and Plum Pudding Walk.
11. Matters for next Agenda and Any Other Business: Locality Budget, Village Green/Grimmer Working Party, Precept
12. Next Meeting: 9 November 2015

Meeting closed at 8.37 pm

Signed: .....  
Chair

Date: .....

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