



Wickham Skeith Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY, 11 JULY 2016 at WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs P Wright (Chair), B Kemp, B Bloor, K Knights, H Bowes, M Blair, T Goodacre (Clerk), Cllr Stringer (MSDC and SCC (part of)) and 6 members of the public

Apologies: Accepted from Cllr Merriam

1. Chair's Welcome: The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming everyone in attendance.
2. Declaration of Interest: None received.
3. Minutes of Meeting held 9 May 2016: The Minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
Extraordinary Meeting held 2 June 2016: The Minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.
4. Village Forum:
 - Suffolk's Heritage: The Suffolk Preservation Society (SPS) recently held a training session on heritage related planning applications. Mr David Trincherro (member of SPS) attended this session and kindly gave an overview on what was covered. Cllr Knights requested information be obtained on the Conservation Area boundaries and number of Listed Buildings within village.
 - Broadway: The issue of parking in the layby along Broadway, opposite Kitchen Close, was again raised and it was reiterated that the layby was public and available to all residents.
5. Reports:
 - 5.1. Cllr Stringer – Bournemouth LGA Conference
 - EU Referendum: This year's conference began with trying to come to terms with impacts of EU Reference result, for Britain to leave the EU. Local Government fear that funding received from EU will not find its way to regions currently relying on these funds to develop economy.
 - Electoral Reform: Although referendum in 2011 decided alternative vote system should not be followed, there still remains a gap on political representation becoming positive vote for political outcome.
 - Housing Companies: Session looking into issues regarding future housing delivery and trend for Councils to set up housing companies to make better use of funds arising from new housing growth.
 - Devolution: Cllr Stringer directly lobbied Greg Clark, Local Government Minister, regarding devolution settlement for Suffolk/Norfolk regarding issue that counties will have an elected Mayor as part of combined authority deal.
 - 5.2. Suffolk Police (via Parish Clerk):
 - Reported Crimes: The website for Suffolk Police is currently stating that, during May, there were 39 reported crimes within the area of Mid Suffolk, none of these being within Wickham Skeith.
 - 5.3. Parish Clerk:
 - HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal: 19 children registered for Village Fete presentation and a further 14 purchased, making total of £28.00 (33 medals). Monies passed to Cllr Kemp for banking.
 - Grange Road: Condition of Grange Road at entrance to St Andrew's Close was reported in May and SCC has advised that severity and level of useage does not warrant action at this time. Condition will be monitored and report logged, should issue need to be raised in future.
 - Allocation of Topics to Parish Councillors: Following review at Extraordinary Meeting in June, revised copy circulated. It was agreed that updated version could be adopted and a copy made available on village website.
 - 5.4. Parish Councillors:
 - Thwaite Road: Cllr Knights requested for pot holes on Thwaite Road to be reported.
 - The Old Post Office: M Appleby, Tree Warden, has been approached regarding Tree Works. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed Tree Works and were of the opinion that the Sycamore opposite Ayton was within boundary of The Old Post Office.
 - Chicken Farm, Daisy Green Lane: The Parish Council has been copied in on correspondence to Cllr Stringer regarding the odour experienced from the Chicken Farm. Following discussion, the Parish Council considered this to be an occurrence experienced when living in the countryside.

6. Correspondence Received:

- Devolution Consultation: The following website link is to the public consultation on devolution proposal for Suffolk/Norfolk, which will end on 23/08/16: <https://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk/consultation/>. Devolution is the redistribution of power and funding from central to local government. More decisions could be made locally by combined authorities, eg Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. For info, the link to the Cambridgeshire/Peterborough public consultation is: <https://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough>.
- All other correspondence which has not been circulated via email is included within Agenda Items or in Circulation File.

7. Finance:

- 7.1. The accounts as at 30 June 2016 were presented by Cllr Kemp and showed a balance of £3,029.44.
- 7.2. Cllr Kemp advised that Annual Audit documentation has been passed through to external auditors for finalisation, appropriate signs posted on village Notice Board and copies of forms available on village website.
- 7.3. The following invoice was agreed for payment: MSDC (Emptying of Litter Bins) @ £108.00.

8. Planning Matters: Application No: 1849/16 – Kisumu, The Street - Conversion of barn from storage to annexe accommodation. No objections were raised and it was agreed to support this application.

9. Village Green/Working Party: Cllr Knights to liaise with Cllr Merriam and put forward action plan.

10. Broadband for Village Hall: The Chair had obtained initial costings for Broadband which was discussed with Cllr Stringer, who advised that exact costings/requirements should be submitted in order for SCC to assist.

11. Parking Review: Discussion was held on resident/fisherman parking and, in the absence of Cllr Merriam who was liaising with residents, item to be included within September's agenda.

12. Matters for next Agenda and Any Other Business: Village Green/Grimmer Working Party, Parking Review.

13. Next Meeting: 12 September 2016

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:

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