



Wickham Skeith Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held **MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2021** at the Village Hall, Wickham Skeith.

Present: Cllrs T Thorogood (Chair), K Knights, R Palmer, M Appleby, J Keable. Clerk: H Roberts.
Also present: District Cllr Warboys, County Cllr Stringer. Apologies received and accepted from: Cllr Rowe.

- 1 13/09/21: Chairman's Welcome.
- 2 13/09/21: a). To receive members' Declarations of Interest on Agenda items. Cllr Knights declared a non-pecuniary interest in the discussion about the Land West of Grange Road.
b). To consider requests for dispensations. None received.
- 3 13/09/21: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th July 2021 were **approved**. It was noted that future minutes should be clearly marked as 'draft' prior to approval (for example, if published in the village newsletter).
- 4 13/09/21: Village Forum
 - 4.1 13/09/21: A representative from the architects for planning application DC/21/02582, Land West of Grange Road, attended and presented some alternative designs for possible amendments to the application. Councillors summarised their previously expressed concerns about the previous applications for the development of the site, several of which it was felt would still apply to the amended designs presented. The Council did not, and could not, give a final view on the proposed amendments.
- 5 13/09/21: To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Police, Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors:
 - 5.1 13/09/21: SCC: Cllr Stringer's report was received. A copy is available on the Council's website, along with these minutes. Main points:
 - An update on the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
 - Review of Special Educational Needs and Disability provision
 - Suffolk's expression of interest in discussions with Government on Devolution for Suffolk
 - Zero carbon battle bus visiting SuffolkCllr Appleby noted that in the climate change strategy there seemed to be little promotion to encourage changes in behaviour, such as turning central heating down.
 - 5.2 13/09/21: MSDC: Cllr Warboys' report was received. A copy is available on the Council's website, along with these minutes. Main points:
 - MSDC announcement of help for Afghan refugees
 - Taxi licensing review
 - Solar carport in Stowmarket
 - Compost giveaway events in September
 - Locality awards
 - Mental health and wellbeing campaign
 - Reporting anti-social behaviour
 - Local Energy showcase events in October.Cllr Knights said he hoped it would be noted that the lack of infrastructure, such as no bus route, was having an impact on the ability of the District Council to house refugees.
 - 5.3 and 5.4 13/09/21 Parish Clerk (including Police report). The Clerk presented his report, including actions since the last meeting: an update on the village green land registration, the

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options for electric vehicle charge points, the Automated Number Plate Recognition pilot, and the defibrillator. A copy is available on the Council website.

5.5 13/09/21: Parish Councillors, including:

- 5.5.1 13/09/21: Community Speed Watch. This was already discussed under the Clerk's report. It was **agreed** the Clerk would approach two households near the Speed Indicator Device post for their consent for the Automated Number Plate Recognition pilot.
- 5.5.2 13/09/21: General Data Protection Regulation. The Clerk reported he was still working on new drafts of these policies having received notes from Cllr Palmer.
- 5.5.3 13/09/21: Community Emergency Plan. This was discussed under the Clerk's report. It was **agreed** the Clerk would arrange a video conference meeting of councillors and village volunteer reps to review the Emergency Plan. Cllr Keable suggested the inclusion of more information on flooding risk, and that the plan might recommend the purchase of sandbags by the Council.
- 5.5.4 13/09/21: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022. Cllr Knights asked if there as any funding available. Cllr Stringer there may be free road closures. It was noted that the Queen's Canopy scheme would fund tree planting. Several ideas were discussed: a pop-up pub, moving the power wires from over the village green and planting trees. The Chair asked councillors to give thought to more ideas.

6 13/09/21: Correspondence Received. A summary of the correspondence received is available as part of the Clerk's report on the Council website. Main points:

- The Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation new deadline was noted.
- Registration of defibrillator with NHS database.
- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Notice of Commencement of Examination Hearing, 22nd September.
- MSDC: Parking Strategy Consultation. Published on website.

7 13/09/21 Finance

7.1 13/09/21: The RFO presented the Statement of Account as of 31st August 2021 (along with a copy of latest bank statement), which was reviewed and **approved**.

7.2 13/09/21: RFO report and insurance review. The RFO presented their report. A copy is available on the Council website. The insurance cover and renewal was reviewed and **approved**.

7.3 13/09/21: Invoices for Approval. The following invoice was **approved**:

- Insurance reviewal: £210.67

8 13/09/21: Planning

8.1. 13/09/21: Planning application DC/21/04804: Erection of 1no. two storey dwelling and construction of new vehicular access. Location: The Orchard, Kitchen Close, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk. After some discussion about the preservation of views of the Church, the open green space, and access visibility, the Council **supported** this application.

8.2. 13/09/21: Planning application: DC/21/04539: Householder application - Installation of air source heat pump heating system. Installation of 2no external units of 0.55 cubic metres volume. Location: Jacks Barn, The Green, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LX. After some discussion, the Council **supported** this application.

8.3. 13/09/21: The Council noted planning application: DC/21/04103: Householder Planning Application - Erection of two bay cartlodge, Erection of single storey extensions (following demolition of lean to building), external alterations as detailed in the Schedule of Works and Design and Access Statement. Alterations to existing vehicular access. Location: Willow House, The Street, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LP.

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8.4. 13/09/21: The Council noted planning application: DC/21/04116: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey extensions (following demolition of lean to building), internal and external alterations as detailed in the Schedule of Works and Design and Access Statement. Location: Willow House, The Street, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LP.

9 13/09/21: Working Parties: Village Green. Cllr Knights reported that there would be an update at the next meeting.

10. 13/09/21: Matters for next agenda

- Cllr Appleby raised the issue of blocked footpaths and footbridges. Cllr Stringer agreed to report the two instances to Suffolk Highways and notify the Clerk of the report numbers. Cllr Appleby suggested a footpath map might be displayed on the village noticeboard.

11 13/09/21: Next Meeting: Monday, 8th November 2021, 8pm, to be held in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.46 pm

Signed: Date:
Chair

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