

~ WICKHAM SKEITH PARISH COUNCIL ~

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held **MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2022** at the Village Hall, Wickham Skeith.

Present: Cllrs T Thorogood (Chair), K Knights, M Appleby. County Cllr: A. Stringer. District Cllr: R Warboys. Also present: 4 members of the public. Apologies received from R Palmer, J Keable, T Rowe. Clerk: H Roberts.

1. 05/09/22: Chairman's Welcome.
2. 05/09/22: a). To receive members' Declarations of Interest on Agenda items. None received. b). To consider requests for dispensations. None received.
3. 05/09/22: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held 11 July 2022 were not yet available.
4. 05/09/22: Village Forum. The condition of the Grimmer was raised with a request that work be undertaken to remove some of the overgrowth of weed. It was agreed this would be planned within the wider Green work party plan. Councillor Warboys suggested contacting MSDC Environmental Officer for advice.

A resident had raised the issue of Himalayan Balsam along the river Dove and had offered to clear some of this for the landowners. This invitation was accepted by Councillors.

Cllr Appleby informed the meeting that she had followed up reports from the last Village Forum into lack of signs and poor visibility of signs at a number of locations. The Highways Authority responded and have agreed to resolve the lack of signs concerning no bridleway access around Church Meadows. They did not feel action need to be taken re No Through Road sign into Daisy Green Lane.

5. 05/09/22: To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Police, Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors.
 - 5.1 05/09/22: SCC: Cllr Stringer's report. Cllr Stringer sent his report to the council, and a copy is available on the parish council website. In particular Councillor Stringer drew attention to local initiatives to provide warm spaces during the coming winter and that support would be available to Village Halls to offer events as

Warm Rooms. People were advised to contact the County Council if facing difficulties due to energy costs.

5.2 05/09/22: MSDC: Cllr Warboys' report was received. A copy is available on the Council's website. Cllr Warboys reminded the Parish Council that his Locality Budget was open for new bids.

5.3 and 5.4 05/09/22: Parish Clerk's report (including Police report). The Clerk was unavailable to present his final report. The meeting noted the outstanding actions to be undertaken by the new clerk. No Police report was available but it was noted that a break-in had taken place in the village in the period.

6 05/09/22: Correspondence Received. None received

7 05/09/22 Finance. No financial matters available to discuss.

8. 05/09/22: Planning Matters:

8.1 05/09/22 MSDC Planning Consultation Request - DC/22/03870 – RES Detailed Planning Application has been submitted in respect of the 2019 OPP for the two houses next to 1 Grange Road. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond reiterating its previous comments about the placing of the garages to provide buffers between the new houses and neighbouring properties.

8.2.05/09/22 Notification of Planning Appeal - AP/22/00023 It was noted that the applicant re The Orchard site had appealed the decision by District Council to reject the application.

8.3 05/09/22 **Application. No:** DC/22/03417 It was noted that the District Council had given permission for the removal of trees, hedge and shrub in the garden of 124-126 The Green against Parish Council's response.

9. 05/09/22: Matters for next agenda.

Village Green Working Party, Emergency Plan, Locality Budget and CIL funds

10. 05/09/22: Staff Matters

A local candidate had been appointed to the position of Clerk and Finance Officer. He was unable to be present at the meeting. It was agreed to commence his employment from 1 October 2022. It was agreed that he should take up the opportunity for training for his new role.

11. 05/09/22: Next Meeting: **Monday, 7th November 2022, 7.30pm**, in the Village Hall.