



Wickham Skeith Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held **MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022** in the **VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs T Thorogood (Chair), K Knights, R Palmer, M Appleby, J Keable, T Rowe. Clerk: H Roberts.

Also present: District Cllr Warboys and 4 members of the public.

Apologies received from: County Cllr Stringer.

- 1 09/05/22: Election of Chair: Cllr Thorogood was **unanimously elected** as Chair.
- 2 09/05/22: a). To receive members' Declarations of Interest on Agenda items. None received.
b). To consider requests for dispensations. None received.
- 3 09/05/22: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th March 2022 were **approved**.
- 4 09/05/22: Village Forum: a member of the public reported that several fingerposts for footpaths have fallen over. It was **agreed** that the council would compile a list of the fingerposts affected.
- 5 09/05/22: To receive reports from County and District Councillors, Police, Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors:
 - 5.1 09/05/22: SCC: Cllr Stringer – no report.
 - 5.2 09/05/22 MSDC: Cllr Warboys presented his report. A copy will be made available on the council website. Main points:
 - Rising cost of living – support for heating bills
 - New Code of Conduct
 - Net Zero Carbon Toolkit guide for developers and planning applicants. MSDC will be using this as guidance.
 - MSDC parking review – desperate in Needham Market
 - 5.3 09/05/22: Parish Clerk (including Police report). The Clerk presented his report. A copy will be made available on the council website.
 - 5.4 09/05/22: Parish Councillors, including:
 - i. Community Speed Watch. It was reported that someone had been seen in the village with a speed gun. The meeting was told this was most likely a community speedwatch volunteer.
 - ii. General Data Protection Regulation. Waiting on the Clerk to draft the new policies.
 - iii. Community Emergency Plan. Waiting on the Clerk to arrange the debrief.
 - iv. Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that he had briefed Cllr Keable as the Defib Guardian.
- 6 09/05/22: Correspondence Received. A summary of the correspondence received is available in the Clerk's report, a copy of which will be made available on the council website. Correspondence included:
 - CIL money received. There was some discussion about how the money could be used, including a bench on the green. It was **agreed** the ideas would be discussed by the village green committee and at a later council meeting.
 - Resident dialogue with MSDC about brown bin collection. A member of the public gave the meeting an update. Cllr Warboys undertook to resolve the matter.
 - Parish Boundary review. It was noted that the parliamentary North Suffolk boundary change will impact Wickham Skeith, but that changes to the ward boundary are unlikely.
 - East Anglia Green Energy power lines public consultation. The Chair read out a letter from Dan Poulter MP. Cllr Appleby undertook to attend the upcoming public session at Palgrave. It was **agreed** to publicize the public consultation in the village newsletter and the council website. It was **agreed** to hold an extraordinary meeting before the submission deadline of 16th June in order for the council to consider its submission.

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- 7 09/05/22: Finance
- 7.1 09/05/22: The RFO's annual report was received. A copy will be made available on the Council website.
- 7.2 09/05/22: The Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 was reviewed and **approved**.
- 7.3 09/05/22: The Statement of Accounts for the FY 2021/22 was reviewed and **approved**.
- 7.4 09/05/22: The Accounting Statements 2021/22 were reviewed and **approved**. The Statement of Account as of 30th April 2022 was reviewed and **approved**.
- 7.5 09/05/22: The following invoices were **approved**: SALC subscription 2022/23: £189.77, Village Hall hire (Sept-Dec 21): £36, Website hosting 2022/23: £120, and anticipated Internal Auditor fee (not yet invoiced): £150

- 8 09/05/22: Planning Matters: the following planning application was considered:

DC/22/01148: Planning Application - Erection of barn for the covered storage of straw and hay bales for horses and ponies. Location: Land North Of Thwaite Road, The Bungalow, Mill Hill Farm, Wickham Skeith, IP23. It was **agreed** the council had no comment.

The following planning decisions were noted:

DC/22/01483: Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders MS349/T1: Reduce crown volume of 1no Oak by up to 20%. Location: Pear Tree Cottage, Rose Lane, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LU. Granted.

DC/22/01488: Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders MS353/A1: Reduce crown volume of 1no Sycamore by up to 25% and re-pollard willows T2, 3 4. Location: Pear Tree Cottage, Rose Lane, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LU. Granted.

DC/22/01867: Application for a Non Material Amendment following grant of DC/21/02582 – Changes to Brick Plinth due to availability issues; internal amendments and repositioning of rear door to side elevations on Plots 1, 2, 5 & 6 to correspond to Parking areas for better access; Change to garage to be brick from weatherboard. Provision for Solar Panels, if required under incoming building regs. Location: Land West Of, Grange Road, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk. Approved.

DC/21/02582: Full Planning Application - Erection of 3No pairs of semi-detached dwellings, and garages including access. Location: Land West Of, Grange Road, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk. Granted.

DC/22/00518: Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered, all other matters reserved) - Erection of 1no. detached dwelling. Location: 124 - 126 The Green, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, IP23 8LX. Refused.

DC/22/00448: Submission of details for Reserved Matters for Access Position, Appearance; Layout; Scale and Landscaping in relation to the erection of 2 detached dwellings with cartlodes on land. Location: Land Adjacent To Bumbledown , Grange Road, Wickham Skeith, IP23 8NF. Approved.

DC/22/00102 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/04116- Conditions 3 (Schedule of Works) and Condition 8 (Installation of Insulation). Location: Willow House, The Street, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8LP. Discharge of Conditions.

- 9 09/05/22: Working Parties: Village Green and Grimmer

Cllr Appleby reported a conversation with a pest management expert and fisherman who advised the pike population may need to be reduced to protect toads. Also reported the need to reduce the amount of Canadian pond weed. A member of the public told the meeting that the Grimmer was drained many years ago, and the advice at that time was not to put weed in the pond as it will take it over again. It was noted that this might be a potential use of CIL money.

The success of the recent village litter pick was noted, along with thanks to Cllr Stringer for the provision of the litter picking sets.

- 10 09/05/22: Staff matters. The options for a replacement clerk were discussed.

- 11 09/05/22: Matters for next agenda. As agreed earlier, there would be an extraordinary meeting to discuss the East Anglia Green energy public consultation, and further staff matters.

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12 09/05/22: Next Meeting: June 13th 2022, 7.30pm, to be held in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.59 pm

Signed: Date:
Chair

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