

~ WICKHAM SKEITH PARISH COUNCIL ~

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY,

13 JANUARY 2025 at the Village Hall, Wickham Skeith.

Councillors present: T Rowe (TR), R Palmer (RP), A Noller (AN) and J Creasey (JC).

In attendance: David Rayner (DR) (Wickham Skeith Parish Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

1. 13/01/25 It was resolved that T Rowe (TR) be elected chairman.
2. 13/01/25 T Thorogood (TT) sent his apologies which were accepted by all Councillors.
3. 13/01/25 a). To receive members' Declarations of Interest on Agenda items- None received b). To consider requests for dispensations. None received.
4. 13/01/25 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 November 2025 were approved and signed
5. 13/01/25 Village Forum: The village hall committee confirmed that the hall roof project was a non-starter due to the costs involved. Also raised was the siting of a container for the village hall. The village hall committee have approached AS who, on advice, said they do not need planning permission to site a container at the hall. They were asked for three quotes as they are seeking CIL funding for the project. A point was raised that, as they want to connect the container to mains electricity, would AS change his advice regarding planning permission? A member of the public raised a concern regarding two piles of weeds from the Grimmer. TR stated they were left there to dry and he would chase up their removal. Also, a comment regarding dog bins. DR to look into two new bins with lids.
6. 13/01/25 Planning Matters:
 - a) DC/24/05283 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/03395 - Condition 3 (Timber Frame Works), Condition 5 (Materials) and Condition 6 (Limewash and Paint Finishes) Summerseat The Street Wickham Skeith Eye Suffolk IP23. Noted by WSPC
7. 13/01/25 Finance
 - a) The bank position was agreed by all councillors and payments to DR for 3 months' salary and expenses, cheque for DR February salary

post-dated and cheque to TT for expenses were agreed. DR to obtain second signature on cheques when convenient.

- b) The amended bank mandate was agreed and RP signed the mandate at the meeting. DR to contact TT and to obtain the second signature.
 - c) The finance papers were discussed and it was agreed that the History Recorder Fund and the Grimmer fund, which haven't moved since at least 2011, should be transferred to general reserves.
 - d) The draft budget was discussed and, after some adjustments, the budget and precept were unanimously agreed at £5,900 for 2025/26.
 - e) DR to contact the auditor from last year and authority was granted to book the audit up to a cost of £160.
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- 8. 13/01/25 Power and BT lines in the trees: TR to chase up. Also, will walk round the village to identify any places where trees are significantly in the BT lines.
- 9. 13/01/25 Parish Council Biodiversity Policy: DR to check what is required and find a suitable document.
- 10. 13/01/25 Litter bins in village: Covered in Public forum.
- 11. 13/01/25 Annual litter pick: Date in March to be decided.
- 12. 13/01/25 Village History Board: History of Wickham Skeith board to be created and displayed by the Grimmer. Quotes are being sought to agree cost.
- 13. 13/01/25 Village Hall storage container: Covered in Public forum.
- 14. 13/01/25 Norwich to Tilbury pylons adjacent to the village: No further updates available at this point.
- 15. 13/01/25 White Elm Solar Farm: There will be a consultation in summer of 2025 and a planning application in Spring of 2026. It was suggested that the four affected Parishes should get together and put forward a cohesive plan.
- 16. 13/01/25 Resilience and Emergency Plan Update: RP to update councillors' details and local contact details.

17. 13/01/25 Village Hall Roof: Covered in Public forum.
18. 13/01/25 Speeding through the village: No update available from the recent ANPR camera in the village.
19. 13/01/25 Dodmans Pightle: No updates available.
20. 13/01/25 Councillor's Reports: TR to have a CIL committee meeting.
21. 13/01/25 Next Parish Council meeting: The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 10 March 2025 at 7.30pm**