

~ WICKHAM SKEITH PARISH COUNCIL ~

DRAFT MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 at the Village Hall, Wickham Skeith

Present: T Rowe (Chair), A Noller and Cllrs J Keable

Interim Clerk: C Hargan

Also present: 12 members of the public.

1. To Elect a Chair.

Resolved to elect Cllr Rowe to chair the meeting

2. Apologies received from Cllrs Palmer and Thorogood

3. Declarations of Interest on Agenda items: There were none

To consider requests for **Dispensations**. There were none.

4. The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2024 were amended in item 7a the word **private** in relation to the lane was removed, The minutes were signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting

5. County Cllr Stringer – no report has been received

6. District Cllr Warboys – no report has been received

Village Forum –

Why is Grange Road repeatedly closed? Chair thinks it may be due to water. It was agreed to ask C Cllr Stringer and provide feedback to next meeting.

Village Hall roof to be discussed under agenda item.

There are issues with water in the road undermining the road surface. Drainage has been blocked opposite Sunflowers resulting in water entering the sewer and a mixture of water and sewage in a small fountain. The odour of sewage is awful and is a public health issue due in part to traffic. Agreed to report via the SCC Highways Reporting Tool and pressure Cllr Stringer and Anglian Water for action.

7. 13/5/24 Planning Matters – the following planning applications were reviewed:

a) DC/24/01368 Household Application 15 Grange Road. Wickham Skeith – Erection of single storey Front/Side/Rear wrap around extension (following demolition of existing front and side structures) **Granted by MSDC**

b) DC/24/01362: Land to the East of The Twynings, Wickham Application for Outline Planning Permission Erection of 1No Dwelling with access into The Entry: Land to the South of The Twynings **Refused by MSDC**

c) DC/24/02549 – Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – proposal to remove T1 Willow Tree and T2 Spruce Tree – No objection:

d) DC/24/01263 Household Application – Erection of single storey extension (following demolition of existing single storey lean-to elements and outbuilding) at 4 Grange Road Wickham Skeith **Granted by MSDC**

e) DC/24/03177 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension and porch. Erection of Log store and rebuild collapsed shed. At Allfield Farm, Daisy Green Lane, Wickham Skeith **Granted by MSDC**

f) Application for Listed Building Consent – DC/24/03178 Erection of single storey extension and porch: Erection of log store and rebuild collapsed shed. Internal and external works as detailed in the Planning and Heritage statement at Allfield Farm, Daisy Green Lane, Wickham Skeith **Granted by MSDC**

g) DC/24/03244: Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry use. Town and Country

Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended
Schedule 2, Part 6 – Erection of an agricultural building for storage of machinery and
some crops (replacing existing building destroyed by fire). At Land at Hall Farm, The
Green, Daisy Green Lane, Wickham Skeith **Refused by MSDC**

- h) Application for Listed Building Consent – [DC/24/03395](#) Repairs to timber frame along
part of the front elevation of the house (sole plate and feet of some studs),
replacement of cementitious render with lime render on wooden lath, internal
replacement in lime at Summerseat, The Street, Wickham Skeith. Eye Suffolk **No
objection sent**

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- i) Application for tree works in a Conservation Area – DC/24/03613 – Fell and remove dead Ash Trees (T1/T2 and T3) due to poor health and overhanging neighbours' driveway. Reduce 1 No Hazel tree (T4) due also overhanging neighbour's driveway and entangled with Sycamore tree (T5) including reduction by up to 30% removing dead limbs at Mill House, The Green, Wickham Skeith **MSDC Raised no objection**
 - j) Mid Suffolk District Council **Dismissed the Appeal** – AP/24/00011. Ref:DC/23/0091 Application for Erection of 1 No single-storey dwelling at Land North of Bumbledown, Grange Road, Wickham Skeith
 - k) Notification from a Statutory Undertaker – DC/24/01835 Installation of a 12m pole for the mounting of LoRaWAN gateway equipment at Wickham Skeith Village Hall, The Green, Wickham Skeith **not consulted by MSDC no comment necessary**
 - l) Household Application – DC/24/03768 Erection of extension to cartlodge to form additional car storage at 136 Grange Road, Wickham Skeith **Resolved no objection**
Additional item Two dead oak trees at Wickham Place. Cllr Rowe to discuss with Tree Warden
- 8. 13/5/24 Finance**
- a. The councillors reviewed and agreed the RFO Report authorising payments made since the last meeting and to be made; noted income received since the last meeting; review the Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statement
 - b. Financial regulations review postponed until a permanent clerk is in place. Temporary Clerk agreed to send Financial Regulations to Cllr Keable as a Word document
 - c. Appoint an RFO once new clerk is in place
 - d. Appoint an internal auditor – Resolved to appoint Heelis and Lodge. Temp clerk to confirm & cc Cllr Keable.
- Payments since previous meeting**
Defibrillator pads £155.14; Clerk Salary £151.20; HMRC £37.80; ICO Subscription £40; MSDC Dog bins £119.18; Village Hall Hire £16.50; Stationery £6.80; Temp Clerk £100; Defib pads £79.20
- 9. Management of the Grimmer –**
- a. It was agreed to set a date for the wet working party to remove the overgrown weeds, and publish on website and newsletter. 5 October 2024 agreed with Cllr Keable
 - b. Update on the fishing sign – defer to next meeting
- 10. Parish Council Biodiversity Policy –** Temp clerk queried whether a policy was required, unless to manage the group. Chair to discuss with wildlife group and defer until next meeting
- 11. Litter bins in the village –** defer to next meeting. New clerk to apply for locality budget
- 12. Village Information Board –** History and information on village - Cllr Rowe to speak to Peter Davidson regarding content report back and resolve at next meeting.
- 13. White Elm Solar Farm –** may not happen.
- 14. Norwich to Tilbury pylons in the village –** consultation complete decision awaited.
- 15. Resilience & Emergency Plan –** Previous clerk was to progress further There is potential to take a draft plan from SALC website
- 16. Village Hall Roof –** Funding in the region of £70,000 is required to improve the roof and porch. MSDC met the Village Hall Committee on site and refused funding. The committee will gain an independent survey of the roof and request CIL money from the PC to assist. The committee is applying to several different sources.

17. **Village footpaths** – access difficult because of overgrown undergrowth and other obstructions, grass has now been cut. A tree has fallen on land believed to belong to Blacks' Farms. Cllr Keable to request removal from farm manager
18. **Dodmans Pightle** – update re: dead hedge and water leak continued reporting. There is also an issue with speeding and water leak. Email to Cllr Warboys and Cllr Stringer - issue appears to be caused by collapsed ditches caused by builders' lorries parking on the grass verges and/or may be due to filling in a pond that was fed by a spring. Cllr Noller to email safety camera team.
19. **Reports from Councillors** – items for discussion for future agendas
Concern about speeding throughout the village. Maybe PC could write to farmers about speeding and driving tractors while on mobile phone. Especially a problem at corner near Green Farm and along Broadway. Concern for safety of children.
CIL money – maybe buy an additional SID.
Appeal for more Councillors.