

DRAFT MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2024 at the Village Hall, Wickham Skeith.

Councillors present: T Rowe (TR), R Palmer (RP), T Thorogood (TT) and A Noller (AN).

In attendance: David Rayner (DR) (Wickham Skeith Parish Clerk), R Warboys (RW) (District Councillor) and 8 members of the public. Andrew Stringer (AS) (Suffolk County Councillor) joined the meeting later.

1. 11/11/24 It was resolved that R Palmer (RP) be elected chairman.
2. 11/11/24 RP welcomed DR to the meeting as the new Parish Clerk.
3. 11/11/24 The councillors approved Jeanette Creasey (JC) application to become a councillor and she was Co-Opted unanimously onto the council and took her place at the table.
4. 11/11/24 All Councillors were present therefore no apologies received.
5. 11/11/24 a). To receive members' Declarations of Interest on Agenda items- None received b). To consider requests for dispensations. None received.
6. 11/11/24 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 September 2024 were approved and signed
7. 11/11/24 District Cllr Warboys report was circulated to the Councillors.
8. 11/11/24 Village Forum – The only item raised was the siting of a container for the village hall which is on the agenda later.
9. 11/11/24 **Planning Matters** [see full version of Minutes on Noticeboard & website]
10. 11/11/24 **Finance** [see full version of Minutes on Noticeboard & website]
11. 11/11/24 **Removal of branches from phone and power lines – It was agreed the quote for the work should be accepted and paid for out of CIL funds.** There is also a quote to remove the limb from the willow tree over the Grimmer. TR to talk to a local contractor who has offered to do the work and check if they are

- insured. This also to be paid from CIL funds. Further discussions relating to the trees in the power/phone line on the South side of The Broadway. DR to investigate with service providers.
12. 11/11/24 County Cllr Stringer report was circulated to the Councillors.
 13. 11/11/24 White Elm Solar Farm - This was discussed as to its impact in general.
 14. 11/11/24 Parish Council Biodiversity Policy – DR to check what is required and find a suitable document.
 15. 11/11/24 Litter bins in village – No update available.
 16. 11/11/24 Village Information Board – History of Wickham Skeith board to be created and displayed by the Grimmer.
 17. 11/11/24 Container for village hall – A member of the Village Hall committee asked if a container could be sited and paid for by the Council for storage of items currently held in individuals' homes. As the hall is in a Conservation area planning permission is likely to be needed. AS to check. The hall committee have been asked to come back with a fully costed proposal for a container, base, electrical connection, and ramp for the next meeting.
 - 18./19 omitted for space
 20. 11/11/24 Village Hall Roof – Village Hall committee meeting RW next week to look at what other grants are available. WSPC are willing to make a donation and would like to know the cost of the roof repairs at the next meeting.
 21. 11/11/24 Speeding through the village – The ANPR camera is being deployed soon on the Finningham Road. It has been reported that it cannot face Finningham due to a road junction within 100m of the camera. TR to investigate it. The old SID is available if anyone wants to put it down the Grange Road end. They would have to monitor it themselves after being shown how. The SID would need two new batteries at £35 each.
 22. 11/11/24 Dodmans Pightle – The leak seems to have gone. The dead hedge is the owner's responsibility. RW to check planning permission.

Please note due to lack of space some items have been left out of these draft Minutes. Please check noticeboard or website.