

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 1st July 2009.

Started 7.30pm

Present: Mr. P Ivens (Chairman), Cllr. Aaronson, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. R. Edmondson, Mr. B. Clapham.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr. J. Maloney, Mrs. L. Clarke, Cllr A. Walker, Mrs. C. Franklin.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 6th May 2009.

These minutes were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

- No Matters Arising.

4. Planning.

- Pig & Whistle Farm, Whittlebury Road – Cllr. Aaronson reported that a meeting had been held and that the planners were recycling some stone to keep the original authenticity of the new dwelling. South Northants are happy with the Planning Committee.
- Burial Space – This is going to Council at the end of July so by the next meeting Cllr. Aaronson will be able to tell us more.
- 28 Cross Tree Road, Wicken – All plans look fine and South Northants Council are keeping an eye on this property as it is a listed building.

5. Matters of Repair & Administration.

- The Council have a few concerns with the roads and highways. Clerk to contact Highways Department for a program of works to be done to the village so this can be discussed at the next meeting.
- Chairman read out a letter from Mr. I. Bridge of the Sports Club, thanking Wicken Parish Council for their generous donation towards the restoration of the Sports club.
- Accounts from Wicken Village Hall were circulated.
- Clerk to get 'Declaration of Interest' forms for next meeting and / or forward them via email.
- The road has been weakened by the gateway to Pightle Farm and Larks Lane. Clerk to report this.
- Village Signs – some need repairing / renewing. Especially Church Close.
- The Conservation Society asked if the Parish Council would consider having a landmark 'Wicken Sign' on entry to the village. Not a 'Welcome Sign' but a

landmark sign. Clerk to speak to Cllr. Alan Dott for an idea of the costs. It was suggested that this could be erected upon The Green. Clerk to find out who would pay for this also.

- Chestnut trees on The Green – who looks after these? Clerk to find out and get them tidied. Cllr. Aaronson suggested to contact Ian Lawman.
- It was asked if a seat / bench could be put on Cross Tree Road, opposite Mrs. J. Hart and Mrs. P. Lodges house where the tree resides. Chairman to talk to Mrs. J. Hart regarding this as this is where she parks her vehicle.

6. Finance.

- E-On £69.32 Chq No. 000429 Street Lighting
- Wicken Conservation Society Chq No. 000430 Donation
- Bank statements were checked and agreed all activity normal.
- VAT return – Clerk to chase this up.
- Clerk overpaid Wickstead Toys – Clerk to contact them and get refund.

Any other Business.

- Mr. R. Edmondson asked for a Donation on behalf of Wicken Conservation Society and the Parish Council granted this and the cheque can be seen in Item 8 above.
- The Conservation Society want to adopt the Red Payphone. Clerk to contact the Conservation Society with the right contact information to enable them to do this.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm.

Next meetings - September 2nd 2009 & November 4th 2009. Time 7.30pm.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____
Chairman.