

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 7th July 2010.

Started 7.30pm

Present: Mr. P Ivens (Chairman), Mrs. L. Clark, Mr. R. Edmondson, Mr. J. Maloney, Mrs. C. Franklin, Mr. A. Cartwright, Cllr. D. Aaronson. Cllr. A. Walker.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr. J. Williams, Mr. R. Clapham.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

These minutes were agreed as a correct record.

3. Items raised by members of the Public.

No matters were raised.

4. Matters Arising.

- The Parish Council welcome Mr. A. Cartwright as a member of the Parish Council. SNC have said that as we have our quota, that Mr. A. Cartwright can be elected onto the Parish Council but has no voting rights. Mr. A. Cartwright has agreed to this.
- It is noted that the refurbishment work has started on The Old School House.
- The seat around the tree on Cross Tree Road should be completed by mid July 2010.
- Cllr. A. Walker said that the new 'car wash' site next to the Murco Garage had been asked to cease trading and had a 'stop notice' enforced upon The Hotel by SNC, as it is unauthorized use of hand washing cars, and that no planning had been put in for this. The land is being sub let from The Hotel for this unauthorized use of land. The correct measures are now being taken for the car washing business to run.
- In Mr. J. Williams absence he has asked that the subject of village notice boards be discussed. He can supply two the same as the new one on the Sports Field. This will be discussed at the next meeting in his presence.

5. Planning.

- 29 Deanshanger Road - The Parish Council rejected the proposed plans and made it clear that they don't want it converting into an Annex. Cllr. A. Walker said that we could get a Planning Enforcement Officer in if plans were not abided to. When a site meeting was held, the question was asked, 'Do you want to use this as living accommodation'? The answer was no. The original plans go back to 2005. The new neighbours are not happy with this building going up and are keeping an eye on this.
- Planning to The Beeches in Deanshanger - Cllr. D. Aaronson said there is no further news on this at the moment.
- The variation to the foot path that Mr. J. Williams had done to the Manor - It was noted that this is not very well publicised. Mr. Williams did put a 'SF14 Notice' up on his driveway two weeks ago for the public. It was said that maybe this should have a mention in the Wicken News so more people are aware of this.

6. Finance.

- Chq No. 00450 £519.35 A-on Insurance.
- Chq No. 00452 £373.18 E-on Street Lighting.
- Accounts for the Village Hall were circulated.

7. Matters of Repair & Administration.

- Pot Holes - some have been repaired around the village and Cllr. A. Walker said that some will be done at a later date. Mr. R. Edmondson noted that they have been repaired to a better standard than previously. Clerk to keep onto Street Doctor about the pot holes, in particular Helen Howard.
- Leckhampstead Road - Mr. A. Cartwright reports that CCTV of the drains shows that tree roots are the problem and that some have collapsed. Apparently funding is required and approving before the work can start on this.
- The new problem of a water leak on Leckhampstead Road has been reported to Anglia Water by Mr. A. Cartwright and this should be seen to shortly.
- The leak outside Pound Close - Anglia water are also aware of this.
- The hedge by the Old Bakery - Clerk had a request to contact owners and ask them to trim this back as it's very over grown. Clerk has contacted owners who will do this in due course and apologized that they hadn't got round to it sooner in the year.
- The hedge outside the Bedford's house on Leckhampstead Road - Clerk to contact them and ask them to cut this back as tractors and big machinery are finding it an obstruction.
- HS2 - there is no more news on this from SNC at this present time. Cllr. A. Walker has a meeting to discuss this in further detail on 29/7/2010 so we will have further information at the next Parish Council meeting.
- External Audit was circulated & signed at 7.50pm.

Any other Business.

- It was noted that the Donation to the Sports Club for cutting of grass should be made more clear that it's for the cutting of grass to the play area.
- The Conservation Society thanked the Clerk for obtaining the BT phone box on behalf of them and Clerk will hand over relevant paperwork at next meeting to Mr. R. Edmondson.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Next Meeting is 7.30pm Weds, Sept 1st 2010.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____
Chairman.