

## **Wicken Parish Council Meeting 03.07.2013 at 7pm**

**Present:** Chairman Mr P. Ivens, Mrs L. Clark, Mrs C. Franklin, Mr R. Edmondson, Mr. A. Cartwright, Mr G. Maloney, Cllr. Aaronson, Cllr. A. Walker.

**Apologies:** Mr B. Clapham, Mr. J. Williams.

### **Minutes of previous meeting.**

Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

### **Items raised by members of Public.**

There were no items raised by any member of the public.

### **Matters Arising.**

The Chairman introduced Ruth Millard to the Parish Council. She will take over the role of Clerk as of September 2013.

The trees that were planted on the Village Green to mark the Queens Jubilee in 2012 are looking well.

The Village Hall has now signed a commercial lease with a nursery (called 'Bamboo') and the new residents have already moved in. The residents have kindly agreed to let the Parish Council still use the hall for meetings every two months. In turn we will still donate £20.00 per meeting to the Village Hall bank account. The Nursery opens in September later this year. The commercial let is for five years and after such time, if they still require possession of the hall we would look at a rental increase. The age group for the nursery is 2 – 5 year olds. There was a meeting with village residents to discuss the Village Halls best options in letting it. The main complaint was that there was a lack of advertising to the said meeting and that the Parish Council hadn't notified residents of its intentions to let the hall. It was agreed unanimously in the end that letting the hall was the best option.

Mrs Franklin asked if there was any possibility that the resident in the School House could park her car in the Village Hall car park? Chairman said it would be best if the resident liaised with the nursery people.

Inland Revenue Issue with regards to fine. Mr Cartwright has been in touch with Tearle & Carter who are helping with the issue but they have not heard anything back from HMRC. There is an appeal process going on and he will report back at the next meeting.

### **Planning.**

It was agreed that when the new clerk takes over she would normally receive planning for consultation via email first and the hard copies should be sent to the Chairman at Sparrow Lodge Farm. Future plans will be circulated amongst Cllr's via email and should they wish to see hard copies they can download images of SNC website or ask the Chairman for the hard copies. In turn Cllrs will submit their thoughts to the new Clerk accordingly.

Planning circulated for S/2013/062/FUL 12 Deanshanger Rd, Wicken. Roof light to be fitted to dormer window. No objections.

Planning circulated for S/2013/0779/FUL 4 Pound Close, Wicken. Two storey rear extension. No objections.

### **Finance.**

The Clerk submitted the VAT return for the past two years and a refund is now in the account for over £600.00

Cheques raised:

520 £72.34 E-on Street Lighting 038058

521 £28.80 A H Contracts Dog Bin Maintenance 6805

522 £21.60 AH Contracts Dog Bin Maintenance 6755

### **Matters of Repair & Administration.**

Insurance on Village Hall – this will still maintain to be the Parish Councils responsibility but the new nursery will be in charge of contents insurance and of course utility bills. The Chairman will check the insurance details before the next meeting.

Water leak at Pightle Farm – Mr. Cartwright looked at this with Anglia Water but it is likely to be a spring as per previous minutes.

Chairman to chase Mr. Williams for the Pac testing certificates for the Village Hall and invoice.

Leckhampstead Road Drains Issue – Mr. Cartwright is still in talks on this. He is to find out if the work will be actioned this financial year or the next. It is noted that there is a list of jobs 1 – 10 to be done and apparently Leckhampstead Road is number 5 on the list of repair jobs.

Western Power are starting works on Cross Tree Road on 15.07.2013. This is the taking down of overhead cables and putting them underground. They have said they will notify residents accordingly.

Japanese Knotweed – there are some signs of this coming back around the village in places. One being the middle section of the stream. Clerk to contact Environmental people at SNC as it requires treating.

The resident of the first bungalow on Cross Tree Road as you come down from Leckhampstead Road has been throwing waste into the brook. Chairman and Mr. Maloney to talk to the said resident when they see him next before Clerk is asked to contact SNC Homes.

### **Any other business.**

Waste recycling is changing imminently in the SNC area. Residents will receive full literature on the matter.

Congratulations to Mrs Franklin on the success of the Wicken Dog show raising £3,000.00.

Next meeting Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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