

Wicken Parish Council Meeting 6th July 2011.

1. Apologies.

- Cllr Alan Walker, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. R. Clapham, Mrs. L. Clark.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- Were agreed as a correct record.

3. Items Raised by Members of Public.

- PCSO Gemma Webb attended on behalf of South Northants Police and read out a Policing Report to the Council. We were informed that as a village Wicken comes under Deanshanger as a Policing area. Should villagers need to contact their local Police Dept they should call 03000 111222.

4. Matters Arising.

- Elections - with regards to recent discussions with SNC, we are hoping that matters are now dealt with accordingly.
- Dog Fouling Bins - it was reported that dog fouling on the Sports field is still a problem. Clerk now has signs and will put up accordingly. Chairman to write a letter to residents about this.
- Larks Lane - with regards to the triangular grass junction on Wicken Park Road. Chairman has spoken to Helen Howard at SNC regarding this plus other issues that we would like addressed in the village. He will address all matters when he meets her.
- Church Grass Mowing - Mrs. C. Franklin to propose a figure to the Parish Council for their contribution.
- Diversions - Mr. A. Cartwright has made good progress with this.
- Drains on Leckhampsted Road - the drains were not seen to in June as apparently it is a bigger job than originally thought, so nothing may happen this year. Mr. A. Cartwright was advised that the road should be regularly gritted in winter months to avoid any accident. Again, it was mentioned about the school bus in the winter of 2010 that got stuck at the bottom of Leckhampstead Road. Mr. A. Cartwright to contact 'May Gurnerys' regarding this. It was noted that the drains near the Manor House were cleaned out by 'May Gurnerys' in recent months.
- Village Hall - at the AGM in May all members of the Committee stood down. No member of public attended so the Parish Council have to take action. Mr. & Mrs. Williams have kindly offered to carry on with the day to day runnings in the absence of a Committee. It was noted at the meeting that eight tables have gone missing in recent weeks, could this be claimed on the Village Hall insurance? The Parish Council need to publicize the need for new members on the Village Hall Committee or let it commercially to keep up with repairs. Villagers need to be made to know about the why's and wherefores' regarding this. The same problem could possibly occur further down the line so need to solve this issue now.

- Clerk reported that a Playground Inspection is due. Clerk to contact Mr. J. Williams regarding this.

5. Planning

- None.

6. Finance

- Chq No. 000471 £72.34 Eon Re: Street Lighting.
- Chq No. 000742 £79.83 Mr. N. Gordon – Lee Re: Website.
- The Audit was circulated and signed 7.45pm & 7.47pm and Cllrs have had a copy via email.
- In the Internal Audit it is noted that there are too many Section 137 payments and this needs to be noted for the next financial year.

7. Any Other Business

- The Electricity Poles by the Reading Room and The Forman's Residence, are we covered by insurance if we take these on? Clerk to look at Insurance Documents.
- Mr. R. Edmondson brought up the subject of the Elm Stumps covered by glass by The Rectory. Could these be got rid of now? A replacement was planted there and the stumps have no meaning to the villagers. All Cllrs to look at this and report back with their thoughts.
- Cllr D. Aaronson reported that The Old Foundry in Deanshanger has a proposal to be made into 14 flats within the existing building.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm