

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL AG Meeting 5th May 2010.

Started 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Celina Franklin.

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.

- Declaration of Interest Forms were handed out for completion for 2010.
- Election of Officers. Mr. P. Ivens was nominated to continue as Parish Chairman. This was nominated by R. Clapham and seconded by J. Williams.
- Election of Officers. Vice Chair is still to be L. Clark and was nominated by J. Maloney and seconded by J. Williams.
- The Iron Bench that the Conservation Society have ordered, will be placed round the tree on Cross Tree Road. This should be in place by July 2010.
- Japanese Knotweed - this problem will take a few years to be eradicated but work was started on this back in Autumn / Winter 2009.
- The Old School House - C. Franklin emailed the Clerk to say that this will be modified and rented out in due course. Works estimate a three month period.
- The Pay Phone has now been de-commissioned and Clerk is awaiting to hear from BT regards to payment and name of ownership.
- A letter was sent to the residents on Church Close that had been involved with 'Off Roding' around the village.
- 8 Church Close - This is still on going but SNC are keeping a close eye on this. It is noted that the property is looking better at present.

5. Planning.

- 36 Cross Tree Rd - Conversion of garage into two storey annex. Planning is granted and going ahead.
- Cllr. D. Aaronson advised us that plans are postponed on The Beeches in Deanshanger and that there is now a public enquiry into this. More will become clear on 7/5/10 after the Election of Officers.

6. Finance.

- Statement of Wicken Parish Council's Accounts has been circulated prior to meeting and agreed and signed at 7.15pm
- Chq 000445 E-on £70.83 Street Lighting.
- Chq 000446 O. Absolom £300.00 Clerks Fee.
- Chq 000447 Village Hall £20.00 Meeting - March 2010.
- Chq 000448 E-on £374.36 Street Lighting.
- Chq 000449 Village Hall £20.00 Meeting - May 2010

7. Matters of Repair & Administration.

- Internal Audit was read out - points of discussion;-
- The Parish Council do not wish to insure playground equipment.
- Clerk to check if street lamp posts are insured and note at next meeting.
- The circulation of Finance Report and Standard Code of Conduct were circulated and signed at 7.22pm.
- Mrs. B. Butterfield has approached the Chairman in passing and asked if the PC would contribute towards the mowing of the grass verge opposite The Green next to the Sports Grounds Hedge. Chairman has agreed.
- Pot holes around Wicken Park Rd are dire. Also noted that by the Church some have opened up. This has been reported to the Street Doctor.
- Leckhampstead Rd - Cllr. A. Walker has chased this. Chairman noted that if the works were not carried out that the Parish Council would organize this and send the bill to SNC. Clerk to contact Helen Howard as advised by Cllr. A. Walker.
- Wicksteed Annual Inspection to Playground. Clerk is arranging this currently but there is a waiting period.
- Mr. T. Levitt has mentioned to one of the Cllrs that SNC are spraying weeds from their 4x4's instead of spraying weeds properly. The same subject came up last year and Clerk is to contact Environmental Health - Vanessa Kelly.
- Murco Garage on Deanshanger Rd - There are signs up that obstruct drivers vision. Cllr. A. Walker to look into this with an Enforcement Officer.

Any other Business.

- Mr. A. Cartwright of Leckhampstead Rd has shown an interest in becoming a Cllr. Clerk to write to him and invite him to next PC meeting in July.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Next Meeting is 7.30pm Weds, July 7th 2010.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____
Chairman.