

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 3rd November 2010 at 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr R Clapham.

2. Minutes of previous meeting 1st Sept 2010.

Minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

3. Items raised by members of the Public.

No items were raised.

4. Matters Arising.

- Cllr A Walker advised that regarding HS2, the County Council and South Northants Council are currently having discussions, albeit for the time being these are private. There is the possibility that there might not even be an H4 route (this is the route that affects our part of the Country). They may well opt for the H3A route which would affect Brackley. When the Consultation does come out then the public can put their objections in. HS2 will be discussed in Parliament in the New Year. South Northants and the County Council will be objecting.
- Cllr A Walker asked the Parish Council about a letter that somebody forged in the Clerks name concerning alterations to the local village pub 'The White Lion'. It was said that this person was just out to cause mischief.
- Leckhampstead Road - Mr A Cartwright reported that he sent a letter to the Traffic Police Management Dept, asking for Wicken to be taken off any Diversion Routes as our village can't cope with the influx of traffic and the problems it causes. The problem is that there is no co-ordination with any road traffic accidents that occur or flooding etc. Re-routing needs to be taken out further a field. Mr Cartwright has been assured there will be a meeting about this and hopefully by the time the Parish Council next have a meeting he will have more to report.
- The footpath by 'The Old Bakery' has been cleared.
- The village has two new footbridges to the rear of Cross Tree Road, owing to Mr Terry Levitt reporting one in a state of disrepair.
- Notice Boards - Mr J Williams is trying to obtain a notice board that has been abandoned and trying to find out who has ownership of this so as Wicken Parish Council can obtain it.
- The Housing Association have been in contact with the Clerk about future village needs. They will be in attendance at the next meeting in January 2011.

5. Planning.

- Permission to continue trading for the Mobile Catering Unit on the Buckingham Road has been granted and gone through.
- Wicken Wood Cottage alterations to log shed are now complete.
- 29 Deanshanger Road - A Planning Enforcement Officer has been in touch with

the Clerk to confirm that an enquiry has been put into place regarding current developments to the Garage / Annex. Cllr's reported that sewerage pipes have been put in place, and a staircase and there is a skylight window to the rear of the property. Clerk to get a copy of current plans.

- Chairman noted that any objections to future planning applications need to be commented on ASAP and / or a site meeting held.

6. Matters of Repair and Administration.

- Wicken Park Road - near the bridge. The curb stone needs to be removed and the drains cleared out so there is room for oncoming traffic so the verge isn't ruined. Clerk to contact the Highways regarding this (Helen Howard). It was also mentioned that 'Give Way' signs might help.
- Towards Pightle there are two water leaks. Clerk to contact Anglia Water regarding this - again.
- The External Audit Conclusion report was passed around for consultation.

7. Finance.

- Precept figures were discussed as per Clerks figures for the previous year and compared. It was agreed that there was no need to increase the precept for the coming year - minuted at 7.30pm.
- #00457 BDO LLP £176.25 For External Audit.
- #00458 NCALC £179.12 Membership
- #00459 St Johns Church £1500.00 Donation as per request by Pat Ketley to the plight of the 'Old School House' refurbishment. This is a Section 137 payment and will be noted as such on annual accounts.
- #00460 Deanshanger Centre £50.00 Donation as per letter from Deanshanger Day Centre. This is a 137 Section payment and will be noted as such on annual accounts.
- #00461 Wicken C. S £50.00 Donation as per request from Wicken Conservation Society. This is a 137 Section payment and will be noted as such on annual accounts.
- Financial support the Sports Club - the Parish Council have been asked to look at funding for the grass cutting. Parish Council agreed to discuss this in the Spring of 2011.

Meeting closed at 7.350pm. Next meeting to be Weds, January 5th 2011 at 7pm.