

WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL Meeting 2nd November 2011.

Started 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mrs. C. Franklin & Cllr. A. Walker.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

These minutes were agreed as a correct record.

3. Items raised by members of the Public.

Two complaints were raised via email on 2.11.2011 and asked to be spoken about this evening.

- Mr. S. Hills and Ms. C Dexter (both of Cross Tree Road), separately reported their upset and anger with regards to the Electricity Pole work that's been carried out in the village of late. The latter resulting in being woken up early on a Sunday morning by workmen digging up the road. Mr. Hills spoke to a foreman and advised them that they were digging near a water main. Five minutes later they hit 'said main' and disrupted the villages water supply until midnight Sunday when it was finally fixed. The mess that was left behind was unnecessary and a hindrance to say in the least. The electricity labour men left roads / pavements un-dug during the course of their work which meant that it was a task to get waste bins left out for the bin men on Fridays as it meant they had to be dragged through houses instead. The work seemed to have no schedule behind it, one minute working in the village and then leaving it desolate and a complete mess the next until they turned up a week or so later to continue what they had started. The Parish Council and residents should have been made more aware of what was going to happen when works were carried out. Chairman to complain and report back.

4. Matters Arising.

- It was reported that the dog fouling bins are now en-situ on the Sports field.
- The glass case that surrounded The Old Elm on the corner of the Rectory is now inside the Church, the Elm stump remains where it has been laid for some time.
- Electricity Pole residing near Mr. Gordon-Lee's and Mr. Swallow's property on Cross Tree Road. Chairman reports that there is to be a new cable put in on the opposite side of the road but Mr. Swallow does not wish to have any more digging work carried out on his property. A site meeting was agreed to be held, Chairman to arrange.
- Lights on Church Close - Clerk keeps chasing this up to no avail. Chairman suggests not paying the quarterly bill until it is resolved out.
- Gritting - Mr. A. Cartwright had correspondence with Helen Howard of SNC and was told that there is no way that the gritting route would be changed to accommodate Leckhampstead Road. There is a grit bin there, if we require more grit contact SNC and they will supply it. Alternatively we can obtain 'free grit' from the council ourselves if we collect it.
- Bus Route - we now share a bus route with Yardley once a day.
- Harvest Supper - this was a complete success and quite a lot of money was

raised.

- Queens Jubilee Celebrations in Wicken - Mrs. Franklin has told the Parish Council this will be the Bank Holiday weekend on 3rd June 2012. It will be a Street Party as was celebrated ten years ago. It will be a lunch / BBQ occasion. More details to come.
 - Sports Club - the alarm system has been upgraded.
- 5. Planning.**
- All current plans are circulating and can be seen on the South Northants Council Planning Page if you put 'Wicken' in the search criteria.

6. Finance.

- #000477 AH Contracts Dog Bin
- #000478 Eon Street Lighting
- 000479 Eon Street Maintenance (withholding until works on Church Close are complete.

7. Matters of Repair & Administration.

- Pot Holes - keep chasing. SNC have done a good job this year.
- The Green has been trimmed and tidied and is looking good.
- Village Hall - Mr. J. Williams contacted two agencies regarding the Village Hall being commercially let but hasn't got the time to carry this on. Mr. J. Maloney has agreed to take on this task.
- Plaster fell down from the ceiling of the Village Hall recently, Mr. J. Williams and The Chairman repaired this but it will need plastering and checking first. Also, a window needs repair work. Chairman to contact Robert Pitson to arrange.

Any other Business.

- Mr. R. Edmondson reported that he'd had complaints of rubbish being put near the brook between his field and the bungalows of Cross Tree Road. The regular 'Litter Pick' took a lot from this area. The Conservation Society could complain to the District Council regarding this. Also, there hasn't been a great amount of water in the Brook this year which has meant that has had a lot of growth, once water falls this will all flatten out.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm

Next Meeting is 7.00pm Weds, January 4th 2012.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____
Chairman.