

## Wicken Parish Council Meeting 05/09/2012 at 7pm

**Present:** Chairman Mr. P. Ivens, Mrs. L. Clarke, Mrs. C. Franklin, Mr. G. Maloney, Mr. A. Cartwright, Mr. B Clapham, Cllr. Aaronson, Cllr. A. Walker.

**1. Apologies:** Mr. J. Williams & Mr. R. Edmondson.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting.**

These minutes were agreed as a correct record. 7.02pm

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

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

There is still a vacancy on Wicken's Neighbourhood Watch. It was noted that this vacancy is on the Village website.

The Chairman has not contacted any other Agents with regards to the Village Hall due to lack of time. Mrs. C. Franklin stated that in her opinion we have instructed the wrong Agent and that we should possibly change Agent or try another one. It was mentioned that Mr. & Mrs. Gurney of Mount Mill Farm must advertise through an Agency with their commercial let's on their farm. Clerk to contact them to ask which Agent they use. It was mentioned that perhaps if we could get three Agents involved to see what they say. Mr. A. Cartwright to investigate Architectural Practices in the area as the Village Hall would be an ideal location for this type of practise.

There is a van parked in the car park of the Village Hall permanently. This needs to be removed as it's an eye sore.

Chairman has asked Mr. A. Hughes a resident of Church Close to supply some samples of 'No Parking Signs' so we can erect these outside the Church.

Tree planting – Mrs. C. Franklin spoke to Mr. K. Ward. Apparently he isn't keen on the idea of the tree's being planted along the Whittlebury Road. Mrs. C. Franklin, Mr. R. Edmonson and Mr. A. Cartwright will look around the village for a more suitable location. These tree's need to be planted in the autumn. It needs to be decided as to who will plant them also. The PC will seek the advice of Mrs. B. Butterfield.

The Chairman has a letter from Mrs. P. Kettley with regards to the grass mowing at the Church. Mr. J. Merchant used to organise. The Church ask for £300.00 to be donated towards the costs of this as it is £100.00 per cut. PC all agreed. Please see finance section.

Lamp post light on the Deanshanger Road that shines into a neighbouring property – Clerk to chase E-on about turning this off.

**5. Planning.**

21 Deanshanger Road, application for Conservatory. No objection.

Work has started on Mr. B. Clapham's new dwelling.

## 6. Finance.

000496	£576.83	A-on	Annual Insurance Policy.
000497	£188.37	NCALC	Subscription & Internal Audit Fee.
000498	£14.40	AH Contracts	Dog bins.
000499	£372.66	E-ON	Electric usage.
000500	£637.47	E-ON	Clerk to hold unto this until further Notice. See note below.
000501	£480.00	O. Absolom	Clerk Fee.
000502	£120.00	HMRC	Tax on Clerks Fee.
000503	£300.00	Church Donation	towards grass cuttings.

E-on are chasing the PC for £637.47 in outstanding monies, Clerk to look into this.

Bank statements were circulated.

Clerk to wait until September's precept has hit the bank account before sending cheques out.

Next Precept – after looking at the figures currently and the years outgoings the PC believe they should raise the amount asked for this time round just slightly.

It is also noted that the donation above to the Church is the first one of its kind in a year due to Internal Audit's report on Section 137 payments.

## 7. Matters of Repair & Administration.

Clerk reports that Anglia Water did repair the pot holes on St. Johns Lane that they caused during the previous winters maintenance work.

Speeding on the Leckhampstead Rd – Mr. A. Cartwright reported that there was an accident that involved a transit van recently. Currently there are no slow down signs upon entering the village from Leckhampstead. Mr. A. Cartwright asked Mrs. H. Howard of NCC to come out and assess the road. Mrs. Howard recommended a 'Slow Down' sign to be erected by the Wicken Village sign and 30mph sign to be painted on the road. Also, a 'Slow Down' sign upon coming out of the village. It was agreed that as it's expensive to paint the roads with these signs, that the remaining signs and road markings around the village would be re-coated at the same time with possibly some new ones, especially on the Bridge near Sparrow Lodge Farm to make people cautious.

Drains on Leckhampstead Rd - M. Gurney's are trying to find the camera survey's that have previously been carried out to the drains or possibly do a new survey. The drains were jetted in the past month. Cllr. A. Walker reported that the drainage work in Deanshanger is now under way so M. Gurney's would possibly be concentrating on Leckhampstead Rd next. Mr. A. Cartwright to see if they can give us a timescale. It's also noted that there is spring water coming out of road near Glebe Cottage.

Mrs. B. Butterfield has reported that the entrance to the Sports Club is badly eroded. M. Gurney's are to repair this also.

**8. Any other business.**

Incident during the summer at the Church – nothing else has been heard upon this.

Cllr. A. Walker reported that he sent an email with regards to the Conservative Police Commissioner for SNC. Elections are on 15/11/2012. It is in our interests to vote, there are three candidates standing for this full time position.

Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 745pm

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_