

Wicken Parish Council Meeting 14th Sept 2011.

1. Apologies.

- Cllr Alan Walker, Mr. B. Clapham.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

- Were agreed as a correct record.

3. Items Raised by Members of Public.

- None.

4. Matters Arising.

- Dog Fouling Bins – Clerk reported that there should be a bin fitted en-situ on the Sports Field imminently. Alan Cartwright has drafted a letter on behalf of the Chairman to the residents of the village, regarding dog fouling and between the Cllr's it will be distributed around the village.
- Larks Lane – the Chairman met Helen Howard to discuss the junction here, the village, pot holes and other issues in general.
- Diversions – three weeks ago there was a lot of incoming traffic in the village due to tail backs. Hopefully there won't be as big an issue with incoming traffic as previously thanks to Mr. Cartwright's work on the Diversions.
- Church Close & Cross Tree Road – the drains were seen to straight away when Clerk reported blockage.
- The Elm Stubb by The Rectory – this has now been removed and it was suggested that a plaque could be erected by the new tree.

5. Planning

- All in order.
- It was reported that 29 Deanshanger Rd's garage is now being used as accommodation. Clerk to speak to SNC Planning Dept. with regards to this.

6. Matters of Repair & Administration.

- Declaration forms signed 7.22pm
- Electricity Poles – Chairman read out a letter from Mr. Neil Gordon-Lee with regards to an Electricity Pole by his property. Chairman reported that electric cables were being buried underground around the village. Mr. Gordon-Lee was concerned that he hadn't been consulted with regards to what was going to happen to the pole outside his property. Chairman to speak to Mr. Gordon-Lee. It is the Parish Council's understanding that all Electricity Poles are owned by the Parish Council and that this piece of land in particular is a common area of land. Chairman to clarify this. Two Poles to be added to the insurance also but upon clarification from Chairman.
- Leckhampstead Rd – has an electricity pole that is rotting – Clerk to report to Eon. It's the one near the Grit Bin.
- The Sports Field Pavilion was broken into recently. The pool table was damaged, the beer left pouring, taps turned on, a projector stolen, and they drove over cricket square.

Chairman spoke to Ian Bridge with regards to a gate being installed. The Sports Committee will be discussing upgrading the security and Mr. Cartwright will report back.

- Street Lights – Clerk has reported that there is a light out on Church Close, Clerk to chase up.
- Gritting – Leckhampstead Road is not gritted when the lorry comes around in the winter months. It only does the school bus route. As a council we can get grit delivered but it is common knowledge that people do steal it. Mr. Cartwright to talk to the County Council / Helen Howard with regards to putting this on the gritting route plus Cross Tree Road. The emphasis being on Leckhampstead Rd but will enquire with regards to the village as a whole.
- Bus Route – reported as still a shared taxi service at the moment.

7. Finance

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| • A-On | £567.58 | 000473 |
| • SNC | £99.02 | 000474 |
| • Clerks Fee | £600.00 | 000475 |
| • HMRC | £120.00 | 000476 |
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8. Any Other Business

- Harvest Supper is 24th Sept 2011 and have asked for it to be held at the Village Hall. Mr. Williams to check diary for hall and report back. Mr. Williams reported that there are still tables missing from the hall.
- Village Hall – Mr. Williams to look at getting three written quotations to rent the hall out as a commercial let and discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Next meeting 2nd November 2011 at 7pm.