

WPC.EC.26.09.01 – Summary of Parish Council Decisions

Ordinary Meeting:

26.07.18	Noted: The meeting considered a review of the charges for Clubs' use of Six Acres (previously circulated as WPC.25.07.08) and, having agreed the following actions: 1. That there be no change to the ground rent (£35.00 per annum) for clubs for the next financial year (2027-28) and invoices and agreements be processed at the start of each financial year in future; 2. Invite the owners of the goal posts and storage unit to enter into an agreement with the parish council whereby they pay ground rent for the items to remain on parish land and provide a copy of public liability insurance 3. If the owners of the goal posts and storage unit do not enter into an agreement with the parish council, to: a. invite the owners of the goal posts and storage unit to remove the items and make alternative arrangements for their storage. The meeting asked the clerk to write to the former football club with respect to items 2 and 3 above.
26.07.16	Noted: Planning applications notified by West Suffolk Council for comment below: 16.1DC/26/1029/TCA - Trees in a conservation area notification One Red Maple (Marked on plan) fell Crabbe House Bury Road Wickham Street Wickhambrook Suffolk CB8 8XJ No objection 16.2DC/26/1024/HH - Householder planning application a. front porch extension b. changes in fenestration to side and rear elevations c. single storey rear extension 6 Clopton Park Wickhambrook Newmarket Suffolk CB8 8ND No objection 16.3Resolved That the Clerk make known the Council's comments on planning applications above to the Corporate Manager, Growth & Sustainable Planning at West Suffolk Council.
26.07.14	Noted: The meeting considered a review of the grounds specification for the next financial year 2027/28 (previously circulated as WPC.25.07.07) agreed by the Estates Committee at its meeting on 2nd July and asked the clerk to invite quotes based on the specification set out in the report.
26.07.13	The meeting considered the review of income and expenditure against budget and any proposed adjustments to the approved budget (previously circulated as WPC.26.07.06) and Resolved
26.07.12.2	That the payments to be made, listed above at 11.2 be authorised.
26.07.07.4	The meeting considered an update on Road Safety (previously circulated as WPC.26.07.02) which included the draft report from Suffolk County Council (Appendix B to the report) and, having considered the points raised at public forum, asked the clerk to draft a formal response to Suffolk County Council based on: 1. Comments set out in the table in the body of report WPC.26.07.02) 2. Any further issues which Suffolk CC had not addressed or commented upon based on an AI comparison of the Suffolk CC response (including comments from Suffolk Constabulary) with the original formal report submitted by Wickhambrook Parish Council 3. The inclusion of the recent data and summary report provided by Mr Gary Carre-Skinner 4. The inclusion of the comments from Passenger Transport that they had considered the establishment of engineered bus stops at Clopton Green too dangerous within the current 40mph speed limit zone 5. A request that the panel considers the full stretch of the A143 through Wickham Street/ Clopton Green, with a statement that as a minimum, the parish council would want a reduction in speed limit over the 600 meters through Wickham Street The meeting further agreed that it would like Suffolk CC Highways to take forward the establishment of engineered bus stops (at Wickham Street) as applied for under the BSIP funding for bus stop improvements which had been reviewed by Passenger Transport. The meeting asked the clerk to copy Cllr Bobby Bennet and Nick Timothy MP into the formal responses, and to investigate how existing speed limit signs within the 40mph zone could be cleaned, vegetation trimmed back and village gates replaced and installed. Resolved The parish council authorise the movement of £5000 from General Reserves (Highways £4000, General £1000) to Earmarked Reserves (Highways), noting adjusted balances.
26.07.03	That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th May, and the extraordinary meeting held on 2nd July, and the Extraordinary meeting held on 2nd July, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

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Extraordinary Meeting:

EO.26.07.0	Noted: The meeting considered a request that Wickhambrook Parish Council act as referee for Wickhambrook WI in respect of an application for grant of funds from Suffolk Community Foundation and agreed that, having dealt with Wickhambrook WI over many years without any issues, and having provided financial support through grants in the past, it would be happy to act as a Referee.
EO.26.07.6.3	Resolved: That the Clerk make known the Council's comments on planning applications above to the Corporate Manager, Growth & Sustainable Planning at West Suffolk Council.
26.07.6.2	6.2DC/26/0872/FUL – Planning Application One self-build dwelling following demolition of existing agricultural barn Earley Green House Farley Green Wickhambrook Suffolk No Objection.
EO.26.07.6.1	a. Planning application – 43 dwellings with access, roads, parking, garages, public open space and associated infrastructure b. Outline planning application (all matters reserved) for commercial use and associated parking (class E) Location Land Off Bunters Road Wickhambrook Suffolk See planning report WPC/EO/26.06/DC/25/1736/HYB The meeting considered this application and having taken into account: 1)The application and additional supporting documents available on West Suffolk's planning portal 2)A briefing paper (Report WPC/EO/26.06/DC/25/1736/HYB) prepared by the clerk 3)An update from Denbury Homes on their current planning application at Land off Bunters Road, Wickhambrook: 3.1.Cover letter dated 17th June 3.2.Amended: 3.2.1.Site Plan 3.2.2.Landscape Strategy Plan 3.2.3.Proposed Site Access and Highways Works Plan 4)The presentation by Mr Rob Eburne and David Jones of Denbury Homes (the applicant) with: 4.1.Detailed responses to questions submitted in advance of the meeting 4.2.Revised Site planning layout WH1-002 D (play area removed) 4.3.Revised Street Elevations WH1-005 B (in response to conservation officer comments) 5)Responses to questions at public forum by Mr Rob Eburn and David Jones of Denbury Homes (the applicant), minuted at EO.26.07.04. 6)The issues identified by councillors below: 6.1.That the concerns raised by the West Suffolk Heritage Officer in respect of Gaines Cottage should be met in full 6.2.That the majority of issues originally identified by the parish council as points of concern had been met, with the exception of traffic management, which Denbury Homes had advised would be dealt with by means of a Road Safety Audit 7)The following points identified by Cllrs at the meeting, who considered, based on the information available, whether the proposed development, if delivered in accordance with the application, would support or undermine the Wickhambrook Neighbourhood Plan objectives and policies (identified in italics below) as approved at Referendum on 13th November 2025 and made on 16th December 2025: 7.1.Objective 1 - New development should minimise the loss of the best quality agricultural land and its impact on the natural and historic environment as well as being well related to the existing services and facilities in the village centre. Proposals Support NP objectives and policies - This development has been allocated in West Suffolk Council's Local Plan 7.2.Objective 2 - New housing development will reflect Wickhambrook's status as a Local Service Centre within the "Settlement Hierarchy" of West Suffolk and provide a range of types, sizes, prices and tenures that meets the needs of all age groups and incomes. Proposals Support NP objectives
EO.26.07.01	Noted: Cllr Mike Lavelle having been elected Chair of the Committee by the Parish Council, and Cllr Tracey Cann having been elected as Vice-Chair at the May meeting, to receive declaration(s) of Acceptance of Office.