

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
OF  
WICKEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

**at Wicken Sports Club, Wicken at 8.00 pm**

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**29/19 To vote in chair for 2019/20**

It was proposed that Cllr Ivens be chair. He accepted

**30/19 To vote in Vice chair for 2019/20**

It was proposed that Cllr Cartwright be vice chair. He accepted.

**31/19 Attendance and apologies; To receive and accept any apologies.**

Cllr. Philip Ivens – Chairman  
Cllr. Celina Francklin,  
Cllr. Richard Forman – apologies received  
Cllr. Alan Cartwright,  
Cllr Andrew Edmondson – apologies received  
Cllr Marcus Rixon – apologies received  
Cllr Ian Howett – Apologies received  
District Cllr. Dennis Loveland – Apologies received  
County & District Cllr. Allen Walker - Apologies received  
Sally Willis - Clerk  
3 members of the public

**32/19 Members Interests; Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Wicken Parish Council Code of Conduct to Members and by the Localism Act 2011.**

Cllr Ivens declared that he is in charge of mowing of verges and will be putting a bill in.

**33/19 Public Forum**

One member of the public asked about rumors that there is a planning application to remove trees in the churchyard. Cllr Francklin advised that the church has put in an application to remove some trees that are dead. Councillors to look into whether this has been sent out for consultation yet.  
Another member of the public asked if there was any update on Wicken Wood. It is moving along and a website is being set up.

**34/19 Approval of Minutes; To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held at Wicken Sports Club on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Resolved.**

**35/19 To consider and approve audit paperwork for 2018/19**

**a) To approve section 1 Annual Governance Statement**

The governance statements were read out and approved. This was signed by the chair and the clerk

**b) To approve section 2 Accounting Statement**

Figures were tabled and approved. This was signed by the chair and the clerk as RFO

**36/19 To consider new street light proposals and approve next steps**

Many questions were answered in the presentation in the Annual Parish Meeting. Council now need to get definitive costings and discuss when there are more councillors present.

**37/19 To consider and approve course of action with regards to Street Light on Cross Tree Road**

This is on 24 hours a day but also shines into property window. When change street lighting this will be moved slightly. Cllr Francklin, whose relative lives in the property, says that the light is hidden by a tree and not really lighting the footpath. Cllr Cartwright read out an email from EON who advised that they thought that being on a bend they would recommend that there is a light there. However, as Lighting authority, the parish council would make the ultimate decision.

It was proposed that the light is removed until new lights are put in place. This was resolved after the chair used his casting vote.

**38/19 To consider and approve response to planning application S/2019/0698 – Proposed single storey rear extension, attic conversion above existing kitchen, two storey side extension and 2 new dormer windows – Wicken Cottage 11 Leckhampstead Road**

Neighbours have no objections other than concern over trees that will need to be removed. Council to respond with no objection but to make a comment about the trees.

**39/19 To Consider and approve response to new speed limit proposals on Wicken Road**

This proposal is to move 30mph along the road slightly. There were no objections to this proposal.

**40/19 To approve contact details of the council until a new clerk is recruited**

It was agreed that post should be redirected to Cllr Ivens. Clerk to add news to website that there is a position. Councillors to approach clerks in neighbouring or nearby councils.

**41/19 Finance**

**a) To receive and approve accounts**

**b) To receive and approve budget to end April**

As there was no spend in April there were no accounts to show, but the clerk provided an update on Solar Farm accounts to date.

**42/19 To receive updates on outstanding items and to consider items for the next meeting**

There has been a complaint about algae on the bench on The Green. Wicken Village Community to look into cleaning.

Clerk was thanked for her work on the council over the years.

On the village hall the windows need upgrading to get the energy performance certificate updated. Contractors for works being approached.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

**Chairman's Signature**

**Date**

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