

# Wixoe Parish Meeting Minutes 18.10.16

Apologies: Mr Mrs David Starr, Mr Mrs R Jenkins, Alison Hunt, Jennifer Howlett, Pauline Broad, Pamela Smith and the Police.

Minutes approved: Last meeting 21.04.16. Approved by Mrs Warwick. Seconded by Mrs Gilchrist. Passed unanimously.

Matters arising from last minutes:

AOB. Mrs Warwicks concern over road flooding on Wixoe corner. Under road drains seem to be blocked.

Take up with CC Mary Evans next meeting.

Chairmans Report:

Fly tipping – The situation has improved but we still have some isolated incidents. Thank you to all village residents who have helped to clear up.

Verge cutting – Highways seem to be getting later and later with this task. Creating a very dangerous blind spot on the field side, between the Village and the Ford. Many requests to Highways to improve the frequency of cutting had been ignored due to budget cuts.

Pat Gibson asked when the willow tree, partially blocking access to Stour Vale, could be lopped. Chairman to have another talk with highways.

Secretary Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report:

Please find accounts to 30.09.16 on reverse:

Need to ask PCC for invoices for hire of church (£200) and grass cutting expenses (£200) to clear external audit.

Action minute from last meeting to cancel savings account.

Question from floor – Are the BBQ accounts included in this report? Answer = No. - Totally separate issue.

County Councillor Mary Evans Report:

80% of Ofsted for Suffolk schools are Good or Outstanding.

56 unaccompanied assylum seekers had been accepted in to Suffolk (mainly 11-18 year olds) all working hard.

4 Syrian families have settled in Ipswich

Up to 20 Syrian families by the end of 2016.

Cambridgeshire are not currently taking any assylum seekers.

HIGHWAYS:

SCC are not good at controlling their road repair contractors (this is subject to ongoing scrutiny).

Also under scrutiny are:

Small works – Contractors with own traffic lights (often not working 100%).

Footpath maintenance also seems to be in question.

There is a new manager concentrating on road drainage schemes.

Temporary road closures, not advertised widely enough.

Devolution:

What are the costs of a new Mayor?

Vote due in November 2016 (not enough information available).

FLY TIPPING: Please report to St Edmundsbury.

Questions/Comments

Road Closed signs not picked up.

Cats eyes not reinstated.

Lorry traffic increasing through country lanes and villages (SAT NAV IS KING!).

Environment Agency are not doing enough to keep our rivers clear for flooding events.

Borough Councillor – Jeremy Farthing - no report (again).

We need to complain to Councillor Griffiths, Leader of St Edmundsbury Council.

Neighbourhood Watch – No Report.

End of meeting 19.45 hrs.