WICKHAMBREAUX PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2013

Present: Parish Cllr Christine Le Jeune
Parish Cllr Martin Twyman
Parish Cllr Angela Hamilton
Parish Cllr Faith Wright
Miss Chenice Sparkes, Clerk to the Council

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Le Jeune welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs John Joice, Linda Lodge and Anthony O'Sullivan and County Cllr Michael Northey.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Hamilton declared an interest in her submitted planning application for Elm Tree Farm.
Cllr Le Jeune declared an interest in the planning application for Quaives Cottage as she is a neighbour and therefore directly affected.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2013**
The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4. **INFORMATION FROM MATTERS ARISING**
4(7ii) Cllr Wright reported that the pot holes in The List have now been repaired.
4(7v) The Clerk was asked to enquire when a more permanent repair will be carried out of the temporarily filled in pot holes along the stretch of road near Stodmarsh.
4(7iv) Cllr Le Jeune reported that the drain at the corner of Bell House at the junction of The Street and The Green has been adjusted. The concrete and the drain pipes have been cut back sufficiently that they no longer allow a vehicle to pull onto the kerb.
9(ii) Cllr Twyman reported that hopefully the pot holes he has been reporting to Kent Highways will be repaired when the weather improves.

5. **PLANNING**

CA//13/000305/FUL Quaives Cottage, Seaton Road – The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed change of use of garden office to annexe.

CA//13/00544/FUL Elm Tree Farm, Grove Road – The Parish Council had no objections to the proposed replacement barn.

Trees to the South and West of 7 Mill Close – The Parish Council had no objections to the felling of three Silver Birch trees, one diseased, the removal of a large branch on a Hornbeam and the trimming of certain lower branches.

Trees at The Old Rectory, The Green, Wickham Court Lane – The Parish Council had no objections to the removal of three pleached Limes and replacement with Holm Oaks.

CA//12/01795/FUL Otters Quest, Seaton Road – Canterbury City Council have granted the application to erect a greenhouse.

CA//13/00061/FUL Millbourne, Wickham Road – Canterbury City Council have granted the application to remove all tile hanging elevations and replace with Marley Eternit Cedral weatherboarding, replace all metal framed windows and side door with uPVC double glazed units, the erection of a uPVC conservatory and installation of solar panels on the pitch roof.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter asking if there are any objections to a planning application in neighboring parish Westbere. The planning application is on Claremont Way and proposes a new industrial building to be constructed on existing vacant land. Cllrs decided to look up the application online and if they have any objections to email the Clerk.

Lakesview Recycling Centre
Canterbury City Council granted the planning application to extend the present permission of recycling metal, day waste, electronic and vehicle, to include black bag and food waste. They have however put strict conditions on the application to protect the visual amenity and to minimize disturbance and avoid nuisance.

These conditions include; restricting the hours of operation to 7:00am to 18:00pm Monday to Friday and none on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. A record of all HGV movements is to be kept with a minimum of 324 daily (approximately 162 in and 162 out). Noise levels are not to exceed 52dB to minimize impact on local residents. Black bags and food waste are also not to be stored for longer than 48 hours or at all on weekends. With regards to landscaping whatever plants and foliage dies it must be replaced.

6. **SEATON MEADOW VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**
Nothing new to report.

7. **HIGHWAYS**
(i) The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Kent County Council regarding the planned Public Rights of Way (PROW) vegetation clearance for 2013. The Parish Council accepted most of the proposed cuts but asked the Clerk to request that CB 537 from Wickhambreaux Mill to be retained in the programme.
(ii) Cllr Twyman reported that there are a number of pot holes from Cophall to Sandpit Cottages on both sides of the road. The Clerk was asked to report these to Kent Highways.
(iii) Cllr Twyman reported that on the right hand bend outside Sandpit Cottages alongside the Orchard the corner of the road is giving way. The Clerk was asked to report this to Kent Highways.
(iv) Cllr Twyman reported he had attended the A257 meeting on Saturday 6 April 2013 in Wingham with key note speaker Dan Shepherd, a Freight Manager, discussing HGV movements. He reported that the Salvatori application to increase its fleet has been withdrawn. There will also be a lorry watch held to see which companies' HGV's use the A257 from Wingham to Canterbury as a through road. If it can be proved these HGV's use the route regularly they may be given permission to speak to the companies and request their drivers take a different route. Cllr Twyman also reported that he hoped required road resurfacing will be carried out during the summer months when the weather improves.

8. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS**
County Cllr Michael Northey reported that Littlebourne Parish Council is in the process of pursuing a weight restriction on the A257. He also reported that Nargate Street has now been repaired and to what appears to be a high standard. The small stretch that has been left near Littlebourne Surgery has been left because by resurfacing it would have raised the road level to resident's doorsteps increasing the risk of flooding. Kent Highways are in the process of finding which action would be the most appropriate to take which will probably involve lowering the road along that stretch before resurfacing so the overall finished result will be the same level.

9. **CLLRS' REPORTS**

Village Greens – Cllr Le Jeune and Cllr Twyman reported that the Rose Inn have re-seeded the area on the small green where they have requested to place some tables for the summer.

Flood Protection – Cllr Twyman reported that Southern Water is still tankering in some places along the Nailbourne but the local area has been lucky with little pollution contamination. Southern Water are still monitoring the area for pollution infiltration

10. **FINANCE**

The expenditure totalling £2993.03 was authorised made up of:

- Cllr Le Jeune – Refund of postage relating to the Freedom of Information Act - £8.65
- Cain Ormondroyd – Legal fees - £1800.00
- Hayward Design and Print Ltd – photocopying in relation to the Freedom of Information Act request - £66.04
- Hayward Design and Print Ltd – printing of Annual Parish Meeting letters - £27.60
- Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) – Annual subscription – £215.74
- Mark Jones – felling of a fungal infected Horse Chestnut on the Little Green and stump grinding - £840.00
- Stripy Lawns – mowing of the Recreation Ground 30 March 2013 - £35.00

11. **CLERK REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Kent Environment and Community Network (KECN) who felt there was a need for an environment resource centre in Kent. The Parish Council didn't feel a need to support a new resource centre when much of the necessary information is easily accessible.

(ii) The Clerk reported she had received information about a survey of the impact of the Localism Bill. Cllr Le Jeune agreed to respond.

(iii) The Clerk reported she had received an email link to Southern Water's 25 year plan. She was asked to see if Southern Water could provide a hard copy if the report.

(iv) Cllr Le Jeune reported she had received a letter from a resident asking the Parish Council if they can plant the new planned tree on the Village Green in accordance with guidelines in regard to the appropriate distance from properties to prevent the possibility of sustaining damage to their property. The Clerk was asked to write a response assuring that all guidelines will be met.

(v) Cllr Le Jeune reported that the Health Authority asked the Parish Council to contact a resident and ask them to cut their hedge back to assist a neighbour who was experiencing mobility. The resident kindly obliged and cut the hedge shortly after. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the resident for cutting his hedge so speedily.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) Cllr Twyman agreed to speak to the Bird family about the best time of year to plant the new tree on The Green.

(ii) Cllr Twyman and Cllr Hamilton reported that at the Conservation Society's meeting regarding their future it was decided the Society was to be continued. The meeting was attended by over 40 people.

(iii) The Clerk would write to BT to ask them to arrange cleaning of the telephone box, and to undertake any necessary refurbishment

The meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....