WICKHAMBREAUX PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2013

Present: Parish Cllr Christine Le Jeune
Parish Cllr Martin Twyman
Parish Cllr Angela Hamilton
Parish Cllr John Joice
Parish Cllr Anthony O'Sullivan
Parish Cllr Linda Lodge
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 Cllr Faith Wright and County Cllr Michael Northey.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

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

4. **INFORMATION FROM MATTERS ARISING**
7(ii) Cllr Le Jeune reported that the pot holes in The List have still not been repaired. The Clerk was asked to chase for some action.
7(iv) Cllr O'Sullivan reported that he had received a detailed job specification and a larger map regarding the locations of fire hydrants in the village from Kent Fire and Rescue. He is currently awaiting a further larger map to be sent and agreed to carry out the inspections of the fire hydrants when the weather improves,
7(v) The Clerk reported that the largest pot hole along the stretch of road near Stodmarsh has been repaired since the last meeting but the other pot holes are not deep enough to warrant any action from Kent Highways at this stage. The Clerk was asked to contact Kent Highways and seek assurances that the temporary fix on the largest pot hole will be mechanically filled in, in the next few weeks, in accordance with assurances on the radio from the head of Kent Highways for a more permanent repair.
8(ii) The Clerk reported that the information about the misleading roadwork signs have been passed to the relevant department to prevent such mistakes happening again.
8(iii) The Clerk confirmed that the road improvements to Nargate Street in Littlebourne will stretch to the 30mph signs.
7(iv) Cllr Le Jeune reported that the drain at the corner of Bell House at the junction of The Street and The Green has not yet been repaired. The Clerk was asked to chase Kent Highways.

5. **PLANNING**

CA//13/00023/FUL Stodmarsh Nature Reserve, Grove Road – Canterbury City Council have granted the application to build a workshop and equipment storage building.

Cllr Le Jeune reported that the application to remove the planning condition for the removal of the poly tunnels in Ickham has been withdrawn.

Cllr O'Sullivan presented his findings to the Parish Council regarding the Kent Minerals Safeguarding Report. To summarise most of the mineral-related activity takes place well outside the local area. Gravel deposits to the east of Canterbury have been worked out. Deep

deposits of coal, limestone and sandstone, also the potential resources of oil and gas in east Kent will not be safeguarded nor will the remaining sand deposits in Thanet quarried at Shelford.

He responded to the consultation on the Parish Council's behalf agreeing to the safeguarding of minerals, notably building-stone and brickearth, because of their importance in conservation work. The draft Mineral and Waste Plan consultation opens in June 2013 with the areas of waste management, disposal and recycling likely to be more significant in regard to local concerns.

6. **SEATON MEADOW VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION**

Cllr Le Jeune reported that the Inquiry resumed on Wednesday 27 February 2013 to Friday 1 March 2013 with a site visit on Tuesday 19 March 2013. It will be 2-3 months until a report with the decision is released.

Cllr Le Jeune also reported that a formal request had been received from the Information Commissioner's Office following a complaint from Mr Perkins regarding the Parish Council's response to a number of Freedom of Information Act Requests. The Parish Council is formulating a response.

The Parish Council resolved to thank Mr Cain Ormondroyd of the Francis Taylor Building and Elaine Sherratt and the students of the Kent Law Clinic for all their help with the Village Green application.

7. **ROSE INN AGREEMENT**

The Parish Council amended and approved a draft agreement to be sent to the Rose Inn in regards to the renewal of the agreement to place two tables on the small Village Green.

8. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Tuesday 16 April 2013 with the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 23 April 2013. Letters will be sent out to residents two weeks in advance. The Parish Council arranged refreshments for the evening.

9. **HIGHWAYS**

(i) Cllr Twyman agreed to keep note of any incidents regarding the roads in the area for the Road Incident Diary – a new initiative making sure that minor incidents that are not always recorded are being noted.

(ii) Cllr Twyman reported that he had sent a message to Kent Highways Officer in response to an email sent to the Clerk regarding a number of reported pot holes that no action was being taken to repair. He has not yet received a reply so the Clerk was asked to write to her asking her to get into contact with Cllr Twyman to discuss the contents of the email.

(iii) Cllr Le Jeune reported that two villagers having repaired the signpost at the junction of Grove Road and Wickham Court Lane with draft stencilling had found a professional sign writer to complete the work. The approximate cost will be £70, which the Parish Council approved.

(iv) Cllr Le Jeune reported that she had received a complaint from Seaton residents regarding parking on the corner of The Street and Seaton Road which is preventing refuse lorries from getting into Seaton. The Parish Council discussed the problems of the refuse lorries and emergency vehicles getting into Seaton and Cllr Le Jeune agreed to follow up the complaint.

10. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS**

City Cllr Staley reported that the Local Planning Framework will be delayed from November 2012 until after the County Cllr's elections in May 2013. The Howe Barracks site in Canterbury will also be included in the plan and there is talk of a link road from Sturry Road to the A2. He

also reported there had been a 50% increase of traffic in Stodmarsh Road since the Westgate Towers shut.

11. **CLLRS' REPORTS**

Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Lodge reported that she had attended a meeting with Police Commissioner Ann Barnes, Chief Inspector Steve Barlow and Kent Fire and Rescue as guest speakers. Ann Barnes promised recruitment of 60 more PCSOs.

KALC – Cllr Lodge reported that the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 10 April 2013.

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Joice reported that the Jazz night raised £500. The Parish Council wished to record their thanks to Diane Moore for her 25 years of service cleaning the Village Hall.

Playing Fields – Cllr Lodge reported that Wickhambreaux Primary School wish to use the playing field to hold their school fete on Saturday 18 May 2013. The Parish Council agreed to give them permission.

Village Greens – Cllr Le Jeune reported that the Church wish to use the Village Green for the fete on Saturday 29 June 2013. The Parish Council granted permission.

Cllr Le Jeune also reported that the Horse Chestnut tree that had had to be felled on the large Green will be replaced by a Lime tree to match the other species in the village. The tree that had to be felled on the small Green will be replaced by Mr Bird, in memory of his mother. In accordance with advice received from Canterbury City Council's arboricultural officer the tree on the small green could be replaced after a year. The replacement could possibly be an Oak tree which are resistant to Honey Fungus which resulted in the last tree having to be felled.

Flood Protection – Cllr Twyman reported that he had attended a number of meetings with representatives from Southern Water and Julian Brazier MP. The Nailbourne is running very strong but the Mills are coping. Pollution is starting to decrease – Southern Water with Julian Brazier's help will do all they can in the current investment year up to 2015 to solve the problem. 17 questions have been put to Southern Water to answer, including questions on funds and timescales for improvements.

12. **FINANCE**

The expenditure totalling £274.33 was authorised made up of:

- Society of Local Council Clerk (SLCC) – Annual subscription - £63.00
- Open Spaces Society – Annual Subscription - £40.00
- Chenice Sparkes – Clerk Salary March - £166.33

13. **CLERK REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) The Clerk presented the Open Spaces Society Annual Magazine to the Parish Council which will be passed around after the meeting.

(ii) The Clerk reported a letter dated Sunday 24 February 2013 had been received from Mr Perkins. The contents were noted.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Signed……..... (Chairman)
Date…….....