## Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> December No.12/08

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<u>Present</u> M. Rogers, Chairman, J. Poulter, V. Chairman, Councillors, D. Heeks, R.Gilks, D. Folkes, and M. Smith, Clerk.

T. Waller.

- 1. <u>Apologies</u> PC Gail Greenhouse.
- 2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.

## 3. <u>The meeting was adjourned for Progress Reports and also the Public Question Time, notes of</u> which are appended to these minutes.

A report from PC Greenhouse was read out stating that there had been a slight decrease in crime offences between 01-04-08 and 31-10-08. The figures have reduced by 7% which equates to 1 crime. Also there has been another small arson attack which is being investigated and items are currently being examined by forensics. Our local CSO has now returned to duty after illness in a part time capacity.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1  $2^{\rm th}$  November were approved.

## 5. <u>New and Ongoing Items.</u>

- a) Co-Option. Mr. Tom Waller was co-opted to the Council.
- b) Sandbags / Containers. The owners of the Sandys Arms and the Daffurns Farm need to be contacted regarding the possible sites for the containers.
- c) Affordable Housing. The chairman will try and make contact regarding any decision.
- 6. <u>Planning.</u>

W/08/02959/CC, 43 Pitchers Hill.

Council has no objections to this application providing that WDC has proof that the business has been actively marketed for sale but with no success.

7. Finance.

Cheques signed, Clement Keys, 2007/2008 Audit fee. <u>Note</u> Notice of audit will be placed on notice board from 14<sup>th</sup> December for 14 days. P. Skeys, Lengthsman. Calico, Domain name. Calc, Clerks gathering.

Savings / Reserve Account. The Clerk was asked to provide various options for a reserve account for the next meeting.

Precept.

To keep the increase of the precept to a minimum it was decided, after due consideration, to increase the grasscutting contract by an extra month (October) but to spread the cuts to every three weeks for the verges and play area and every ten days for the cemetery. This allowed us to increase the precept for 2009 / 2010 by a minimal amount of £250 to £9,250

8. Date of the next meeting confirmed as  $14^{\rm th}$  January

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Signed

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Pact. Speeding in Manor Road. Road sweeping in Golden Lane. Footpaths.