

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on the 6th April 2016 at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.

Public Time

Parishioner attended discussed the amount of horse mess on the pavements and on the stank path leading through the Cemeteries. The Parish Council will make a note of this in the Parish News and contact South Glos Council to discuss signage.

A parishioner who lives in the High Street asked the Parish Council if it was possible for the Town Hall clock bell be silenced at midnight as this was disturbing the household.

Councillor Fielding discussed trees on land adjacent to the village hall car park were leaning into the area and were deemed locally as possibly unsafe. Councillor Fielding is in consultation with South Glos Council tree officer.

Parishioners have been having problems with accessing Wickwar web site. The Clerk will investigate.

Attended:

Councillor M Summers – Chairman

Councillor I Aldous

Councillor S Isaac

Councillor A Pennington

Councillor G Fielding

Apologies:

Councillor M Cowley – Vice Chairman

Councillor A Carroll

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor M Lewis attended this meeting.

To Note and Record Declarations of Interest pertaining to this meeting

Councillor Isaac declared an Interest regarding the Grant to Wickwar Village Hall.

Councillor Isaac declared an interest regarding planning application PT16/1357/F - Wixoldbury Farm Firing Close Rangeworthy, as the applicant is known to him.

Councillor Isaac declared an interest when the grant application for the village hall was discussed.

1. To AGREE whether the Draft Minutes of the last meeting are approved and should be signed as a record of the last meeting

The Minutes dated 2nd March 2016 were duly signed.

2. Planning – for the Council to DISCUSS and AGREE their response to the following planning applications

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SignedChairman.....Date

PK16/1121/LB - 14 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8NE

External alterations to repair roof/chimney fillets.

No objection

PT16/1357/F - Wixoldbury Farm Firing Close Rangeworthy Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire

Erection of 1no. agricultural workers dwelling with garage and associated works.

(Amendment to previously approved scheme PK14/4527/F).

No objection

3. To RECEIVE a verbal Report from the Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor M Lewis will be attending the Parish litter pick on Saturday 16th April.

Parishioners should be made aware of people in this area asking if people want any garden work. The Police are looking into this issue.

There are fly tippers in all parishes and South Glos Council have been able to make convictions and the fine is £1000 plus £1200 costs.

Police Crime and Commissioner election in May. Noted.

4. To RECEIVE the following Items for Information:

- To NOTE and CONSIDER Wickwar Web site, Clerk to contact Mr D Luton re costings of the upgraded or new web site – Costs and information still being considered by Wickwar Parish Council. Meeting will be arranged with Mr Luton.
- To NOTE and CONSIDER wi fi for Wickwar Town Hall – Clerk has registered the Town Hall address with the Royal Mail and has received confirmation. The Council will now look at best value internet connections.
- To NOTE and CONSIDER SGC 20mph Speed limit Alexander Hosea School (various roads) also to consider 20mph zone to include Back Lane. The Parish Council would like Back Lane and North Street to be included the Clerk will contact SGC.
- To NOTE and CONSIDER information on Wickwar Photo Competition. Councillor G Fielding is undertaking the judging of this competition.
- To NOTE and CONSIDER information on Town Hall development project. Councillor Fielding is looking at quotes and funding for this project.

5. Register of correspondence received

Councillors did not have anything they wanted to discuss.

6. To RECEIVE verbal Reports from Councillors

- Quarry Liaison Group meeting - Next meeting May 12th 2016
- Frome Vale Area Forum – SGC will no longer hold the Forums and this will now become under the remit of the Safer and Stronger Community Groups.
- Speed Watch - Speed watch has been successful in gaining a grant towards new 20, 30, and 40 mph bin stickers. New Wickwar speed watch members will be trained in due course.
- Prow - Parish Walk Sunday 17th April, 9.30am Town Hall.
- Community Centre - Meeting Monday 18th April 2016
- Village Hall – Application for grant £1000. Councillor Aldous proposed a grant of £1000, seconded by Councillor seconded by Councillor Fielding. Councillor Pennington abstained

from voting and Councillor Isaac did not vote. All in favour (quorate) voted and the motion was carried.

- Town Hall – No report
- King George V Playing Fields
 - To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection - Noted
 - To NOTE and RECEIVE verbal and e mail report of Kitchen and Pavilion inspection – Noted.
 - To CONSIDER and AGREE strategy for the Cricket net poles – Meeting to be arranged for the poles to be removed.
 - To CONSIDER and AGREE the payment of a deposit from all users of the pavilion including the Football Club. To agree a date for the King George V working party. Working party date 26th April, Town Hall. Council verbally agreed that hirers should pay a deposit, which will be kept on account. Councillor Isaac suggested a deposit of £300.
- Safer and stronger community group – meeting dates to be advised.
- Youth Club – No report

7. General Business

- To CONSIDER and AGREE the sealing and signing of the Buthay Lease, between Merlin Housing Association and Wickwar Parish Council, for the Lease of the Land known as The Buthay to Merlin Housing Association for 10 years at £1000 per annum. Clerk to set up meeting with PC Solicitors on Thursday 31st March 2016 at 1pm.
Meeting with Geraint James to outline the Councils positions as to the Lease and its contents. Awaiting a reply from Merlin Housing.
- Meeting with Mr Ashton, Old Chapel The Buthay, to discuss strip of land in front of the property and the PC granting a right of easement. Wednesday 30th March 2016. Council is considering Mr Ashton's proposals, and has taken into consideration advice given by PC Solicitor. The Council will hold an extra ordinary meeting to discuss all issues involved. The Clerk will inform Mr Ashton the matter is still under debate.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE grant for Wickwar Pre-school for the purchase of mugs for the children - £75.00
Councillor Isaac proposed the Parish Council grants £75.00, seconded by Councillor Pennington, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE Valuation Office Agency request for information Non Domestic Rating – King George V Playing Fields and Pavilion. Noted.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Date agreed 19th May 2016.

8. Burial Matters

None at this meeting.

9. Finance

SGC – To note Council Tax base, Precept arrangements and Local Council Tax reduction support grant 2016/2017 £808.00

To CONSIDER and AGREE Mr B Hesketh to be the internal auditor for Wickwar Parish Council for the accounts and audit year 2015/2016. Noted

Cheques signed at this meeting

Mr N Bennett – Black Bins KGV	£20.00
P Trull – BT Phone Bill (VAT £14.41)	£86.47
Avon Local Councils Association – Annual Subscription	£346.30
JNC Fire Protection – Town Hall Fire Extinguishers Service (VAT £7.92)	£47.52
SGC Dog and waste Bins (VAT £76.74)	£383.72
Wickwar Pre School – Sect 137 Donation	£75.00
Wickwar Village Hall – Sect 137 Donation	£1000.00
Standing Orders & Direct Debits	
Clerks Salary May 2016	£1322.24
N Power Town Hall	£15.00
Income April 2016	
Grimes& Goscombe – Memorial	£30.00

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.