

Wickwar Parish Council

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 6th July 2016, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm

Public Time

Parishioner Mr Briggs, raised concerns regarding the Sodbury Road proposed development of 80 houses. Concerns raised were traffic and access issues and the increased traffic passing through Wickwar regarding the Yate housing developments.

Parishioners attending were looking for support from the Parish Council.

Mr Connor Lee attended this meeting from Hannick Homes development company. This Company are interested in developing a site known locally as Windmill Farm.

High Street parking was raised and the Clerk will put a note in the Parish news asking people to park at the rear of their properties if possible and to park considerately.

Attending

Councillor M Summers – Chairman

Councillor M Cowley – Vice Chairman

Councillor S Isaac

Councillor I Aldous

Councillor A Carroll

Apologies

Councillor G Fielding

Councillor A Pennington

Ward Councillor M Lewis gave her apologies

Declarations of Interest

None at this meeting.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st June 2016 were accepted and signed at this meeting.

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

PK16/3089/F- Land at Oxwick Farm Wickwar Road Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire
Change of use of land to station 1 no. mobile home (personal to the current occupier)
(Retrospective)

No objection

PK16/3622/F - Little Shortwood Farm Wickwar Road Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire
Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK16/3521/PNGR - Land and Buildings Near Birdsbush Farm Wickwar Road Yate

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Prior notification of a change of use from Agricultural Building to single residential dwelling (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

Objection

PK16/3707/TCA -Severn House 65 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire

Works to remove 1no Cupressus Macrocarpa tree situated within Wickwar Conservation Area

No objection

PK16/3540/F -Spring House Bury Hill Lane Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire

Construction of a storage building to accommodate a guillotine and press break.

No objection

PK16/3544/TCA -Langley House 57 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire

Removal of 1no Magnolia tree and 1no Holly tree situated within Wickwar Conservation Area

No objection

3. Register of correspondence received

Accepted, no comment

4. To RECEIVE verbal Reports from Councillors:

King George V Playing Fields

- To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection. Noted. Agree to remove cradle swings from site as per ROSPA Report.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE CCTV installation at the King George V Playing Fields. September Agenda.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE KGV gate closing. Noted.
- Community Engagement meeting (SSGC) 23rd June 2016
Attended by Clerk and Councillor G Fielding. Noted traffic volume issues in Wickwar. SGC requested to undertake a traffic survey.

5. 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. To Note the Clerk has requested updated valuations of the Property known as the Chapel.
Updated valuations received from David James & Partners and Mackendrick Norcott. Advice given to Parish Council as to the valuation of the land from Solicitor Geraint James, Montague Harris.
To discuss sale of said land adjacent to the Old Chapel, which is owned by Wickwar Parish Council, under a rolling lease at present to Merlin Housing Association. Working party meeting convened, information given verbally to Parish Council at this meeting.
To be discussed and agreed at the Parish Councils September meeting.

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- To CONSIDER and AGREE Town Hall broad band provider – Sky Business do not provide business broadband in this area. BT Business line installation £120.00, broadband and line rental £31.50 plus VAT, for a 24-month contract, after 24 months £35.90 per month plus VAT. Talk Talk, no business broadband in this area. Plus Net Installation costs nil, line and broadband monthly rental £28.50. Councillor Cowley proposed that Plus Net would be the best option for the Parish Council, seconded by Councillor Isaac. All in favour therefore the motion has been carried.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE ‘branding’ re headed Parish Council letter. Councillor G Fielding. September meeting.
- To CONSIDER and NOTE update for Town Hall improvement project. – Councillor G Fielding.

6. Burial Matters

To note Health and safety report concerning the closed parish graveyard and open parish graveyard.

To CONSIDER and AGREE annual rise of cost of Burial Fees. Considered by the Parish Council, to be ratified at the Councils September 2016 meeting.

7. Finance

Clerk – Mrs P Trull – Plants for the small planter £14.00 (Morrison’s Supermarket) Plants for the large trough £49.75 (St Aldams Farm, Westerleigh). Secateurs, weedol etc. (Morrison’s Supermarket £9.70. Total £73.45

Parish Council working party to meet and update Financial Regulations if appropriate.

Prestige Grounds grass cut KGV 11th May – 23rd June 2016.

Letter received from Nat West Bank re standing order for salary increase for Parish Clerk – Councillor M Summers in receipt of the letter.

To NOTE June salary for the Clerk paid into her bank account was £1366.58

To NOTE the Wickwar PC Expenditure Table and then DECIDE whether the Following Cheques should be signed:

Mr N Bennett – Black Bins July 2016	£20.00
Mr T Gardner – Town Hall Tap	£50.00
South Glos Council – Dog and waste bins (VAT £62.46)	£374.76
Meredith’s hanging Baskets Town Hall (VAT £18.00)	£90.00
P Trull – BT PC phone Account (VAT £13.74)	£82.46
P Trull G Tech Cordless strimmer (VAT £14.83)	£89.00
HMRC – PC NI	£97.19
Edge IT Systems (end of year support) (VAT £8.12)	£48.72
P Trull – HP INK Account Notification (VAT £1.33)	£7.99
P Trull – Plants and garden equipment	£73.45
Prestige Grounds – KGV Fields Grass Cutting (VAT £60)	£270.00
P Trull – Salary arrears July 2016	£13.67

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Standing Orders/ Direct Debits

Clerks salary	July 2016	£1380.25
N Power	Town Hall	£15.00

Income

Merlin Housing Association	£2000.00
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The Parish Councils next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September 2016, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm