

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.

Attended:

Councillor M Summers – Chairman
Councillor M Cowley – Vice Chairman
Councillor A Carroll
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Pennington
Councillor G Fielding

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor M Lewis did not attend this meeting.

Public Time Session

Representation from a Yate parishioner concerning the Avon Fire & Rescue Service spoke to the Council regarding the reorganisation of the Service. Consultations on this matter have been undertaken by South Glos Council, which he felt was inadequate. Parishioners attending reiterated this opinion.

Parishioner attending questioned the Parish Council on the intended sale of a small strip of land which may be for sale on land owned by the Council known as the Buthay.

Parishioner attending raised the planning Application PK16/4006/F – Outline planning for up to 80 houses – Sodbury Road.

To NOTE and RECORD Declaration of Interests relevant to this meeting.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th December 2016 were signed at this meeting.

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

PK16/6426/F - 36 Station Road Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8NB

Erection of a single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

PT16/1833/F - Land Off Hall End Lane Rangeworthy South Gloucestershire GL12 8PQ

Description: Change of use of land to land for the siting of 2no. Gypsy pitches including 2no. static caravans, 2no. touring caravan pitches and associated works. Erection of 2no. day rooms. (Resubmission of PT15/2127/F).

Objection

To Note:

Planning Application PK16/4006/F - Outline planning permission for up to 80 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing), landscaping, informal public open space, children's play area, new access and associated works (Outline) with access and scale to be determined. All other matters reserved.

Prior to the Planning Committee meeting held on the 15th December 2016, the Planning department decided to put forward various road and footpath improvements throughout the village, in order to make this application sustainable. All of these proposals were challenged prior to the Committee meeting. At the Committee Meeting; Planning Officer Mr Stockdale agreed this planning application was not sustainable. He then decided to retract all of the road and footpath proposals as they appeared to be unobtainable and had been challenged. It was then decided to make available to the parish a sum of money for the Parish to decide what road and footpath improvements could be undertaken to make the development sustainable, therefore he took the application to vote. There were members of the committee who had actually read the objections and understood planning law, but they were outvoted and the application was approved. Ward Councillor M Lewis, who had supported the objection at the outset, decided to support the application, but would not give public reasons why she had changed her stance. MP Luke Hall had objected to this application.

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3. To receive a verbal report from Ward Councillor

No report.

4. To RECEIVE verbal Reports from Councillors who are Trustees or committee members of the organisations listed below.

- To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection - Noted
- To CONSIDER and AGREE CCTV installation at the King George V Playing Fields – To be discussed at the Councils February meeting.
- KGV gate closing to start in January 2017 - Noted
- Community Centre – AGM 20th November 2016, next meeting 6th February 2017.
- Town Hall – No report at this meeting
- Youth Club – To note financial assistance from South Glos Council, Positive Activities Funding is being reduced in the financial year 2017/2018.

5. General Business

- To NOTE and AGREE Councillors responsibilities – To be discussed at the Councils February 2017 meeting.
- To NOTE and AGREE date for Wickwar Spring Clean – Saturday 22nd April 2017 – Noted.
- Avon & Somerset Policing Plan - Noted
- To CONSIDER and AGREE Grant aid for Avon Crescent Community Centre purchase of a new oven £159.99. Proposed Councillor M Cowley, seconded Councillor A Pennington, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.

- To NOTE Avon Fire and Rescue services – downgrading of Yate Fire Station – Noted.
- To CONSIDER air traffic pollution – Parish Council believe that the air quality in Wickwar should be monitored and noted by SGC. The Clerk will contact Environmental Services to ascertain what tests could be carried out.

6. Burial Matters

None at this meeting.

7. Finance

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

Mr N Bennett Gate closing January 2017	£20.00
South Glos Council – Dog and waste bins (VAT £62.46)	£374.76
P Trull – BT PC phone account (£14.60)	£87.65
P Trull HP ink (VAT £1.33)	£7.99
D Isaac & Ptnrs Hedge Cut KGV (£14.00)	£84.00
M Summers Petrol Allowance ALCA AGM	£27.90
HMRC NI	£97.19
Avon Crescent Community Club	£159.99

Direct Debits/Standing orders

December 2016

N Power Town Hall	£10.00
Staff Costs	£1380.25

Income

December 2016

None

The next meeting for the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2017, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.