

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on Wednesday 1st February 2017, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Attended:

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

Apologies:

None

Ward Councillor M Lewis attended this meeting.

Public Time Session

Parishioners asked if Virgin Media cables might be extended to West End Wickwar. The Clerk will contact Virgin Media.

Football Club would like to erect a sign on the car park side of the Pavilion, King George V. Agenda item for March 2017.

Parishioner attending of behalf of NHW has concerns regarding house burglaries in the area, and is concerned about the demise of NHW. The Clerk will make enquiries.

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 last Parish Council meeting held on the 4th January 2017, were signed by the Chairman.
2. **Planning – for the Council to DISCUSS and AGREE their response to the following planning applications**
PK17/0046/F - Suitsus Sodbury Road Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire
Erection of two storey detached triple garage with office.
PK16/6485/O - Popplecot End Poplar Lane Wickwar South Gloucestershire GL12 8NS
Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated works (Outline). All matters reserved.
Objection
3. **To RECEIVE a verbal Report from the Ward Councillor**
Ward Councillor M Lewis announced that in order to make the Planning Application PK16/4006/0 sustainable (application passed by committee December 2016) there is now a possible £365,000 available from potential developers (Section 106) for road traffic

improvements in Wickwar. But This will depend on a suitable developer taking on the site and agreeing to this proposal.

Part of this proposal is that money will be for the footpath travelling (Sodbury Road/Wickwar Road) from the Woodyard towards Frith Lane. It was also suggested that road traffic lights be erected on the Sodbury Road with push button crossing facilities to enable potential parishioners to access the village safely.

4. Register of correspondence received

Noted.

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

- King George V Playing Fields
Tenders sought for grass cutting (Including Parish Cemetery), Parish News, Notice Board, Web site and Gazette, due date 31st March 2017 – Noted
CCTV for the Playing Fields being considered and quotes being sought.
- To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection - Noted
- Community Centre – Meeting Monday 6th February 2017
Note Pre-School will cease to operate from the 6th April 2017.
- Town Hall – Tenders for re painting upstairs meeting room being undertaken.
Architects for the refurbishment of the Town Hall have returned with some plans. Working party to consider the proposals put forward, Funding the project will be considered.
- Youth Club - Funding from the Positive Activities Funds are decreasing Annually.
Funding for 2017/2018 will be £5000 and in 2018/2019 will be £3000. Total needed for the running of the Club is £17,000 per annum.

6. General Business

- To Note Sale of strip of Land adjacent to the Old Chapel, advertised. Noted
- To CONSIDER air traffic pollution – Clerk to contact SGC regarding the monitoring of pollution levels.
- Grant application from the Friends of Alexander Hosea School – Library refurbishment. Councillor S Isaac proposed £500 donation seconded by Councillor A Carroll, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- To NOTE recycling for Wickwar residents (Christmas Trees) Councillor G Fielding. To be considered November 2017 Agenda.

7. Burials

To consider free burials for children. It is noted that the Wickwar Burial Board have the powers of using discretion in all matters.

8. Finance

To CONSIDER and AGREE Wickwar Parish Council Budget for 2017/2018. Working party meeting took place on the 23rd January 2017.

Budget 2017/2018 £42,480 proposed by Councillor M Cowley, seconded by Councillor A Carroll, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.

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

Cheques signed at this meeting

P Trull HP INK (VAT £1.33)	£7.99
HMRC	£97.19
P Trull Renewal Norton Anti-Virus	£19.99
P Trull Gazette notices (VAT £22.68)	£136.08
NPpower pavilion (VAT £7.72)	£162.11
Meridiths Christmas Trees (VAT £15.00)	£90.00
Friends of Alexander Hosea School (Section 132) Donation	£500.00
 Staff Costs	 £1466.91

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

January 2017

Npower Town Hall	£10.00
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Income

January 2017

Burial fees	£70.00
Football Club rental KGV	£943.24

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the 1st March 2017 at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm