

WICKWAR PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES.

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 2 December 2015 commencing at 7pm.

Public Time.

Parishioner Tony Garland brought to the attention of the meeting that a car transporter lorry had parked in Inglestone Rd recently, presumably waiting to deliver vehicles to Wilcox. He pointed out that a vehicle this large was really not suitable to be in that road.

He also advised that a Hanson lorry and a lorry bearing the company name 'Openfield' had travelled through the village on 26th November. 2015 in contravention of the 18 T weight limit.

Unfortunately no other details could be obtained at the time.

Matter noted and situation to be monitored.

Parishioner David Howard brought up the issue of waste collection at the village hall. There appears to be conflict of whether this is classed as commercial waste, as advised by South Gloucestershire Council, or whether it is domestic waste.

To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

Mr Howard also raised the issue of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations on the website and that he was finding it difficult to locate them. He suggested that we look at Pucklechurch web for an example. He also raised the issue of the Declarations of Interest of our Councillors apparently not being on the South Gloucestershire website.

Noted. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations matter had been dealt with at a previous meeting where Mr Howard had been advised by the web administrator where to look to view the items.

The Declarations of Interest matter to be investigated by Parish Clerk.

Councillor Michael Cowley said that the planter trough in his view did not truly represent a beneficial feature of the village in its current state. Given that it had already been pushed over and remedied by Clerk Pat Trull and Councillor Steven Isaac he suggested that it should be clad in very large pieces of stone to ameliorate its appearance and also to help prevent further potential vandalism.

Apologies: Ward Councillor Marian Lewis. Councillor Gareth Fielding and Clerk Pat Trull.

Declarations of interest.

Councillor Isaac in relation to planning application Captains Farm PK15/4243/F

Councillor Carroll in relation Pollarding of trees at Holy Trinity Church, Wickwar.

Draft Minutes of meeting of 4 November 2015.

The minutes of 4 November 2015 were duly approved and signed.

Planning Applications.

PK15/4612/PNGR - Shortwood Farm, Wickwar Rd, Yate, South Gloucestershire.

PT15/4672/TCA - Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, Wickwar.

Both applications approved.

Ward Councillor.

Action: No report available as Ward Councillor Lewis had tendered apologies.

Speed limit reductions Sodbury Road.

Action: Matter noted.

Wickwar Website.

General conversation took place regarding this website and it was agreed that a further meeting was necessary to clarify administrative points.

A meeting is to be arranged with web administrator and Councillor Fielding, await response from that meeting and place the matter on the agenda for February 2016 meeting.

Christmas decorations.

Councillor Carroll awaiting a telephone call from the Licensee of the Buthay.

Action: To be discussed further at January 2016 meeting.

Buthay Lease.

To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

Register of Correspondence.

There was no correspondence received that Councillors wished to discuss.

Verbal reports from Councillors.

Quarry Liaison Group: No meetings to report on have been held with the quarry.

Frome Vale Area Forum : Chairman will report at January 2016 meeting.

Speed Watch: No report due to Clerks apologies.

PROW. For discussion at January 2016 meeting in absence of Clerk.

Community Centre. Discussion took place concerning a replacement velux window as the current one had been damaged.

For discussion at January 2016 meeting.

Village Hall – Refurbishment continues

Town Hall. - January 2016 meeting including quotes for refurbishment of Town Hall.

King George V Playing Fields: The issue of the cricket nets was again raised. Council-lor Cowley told the meeting that he would know by December 9 if there was another crick-et club interested in acquiring the nets. If not then the Council should discuss having the nets removed after discussion with Cricket Chairman Adrian Fishley.

After discussion at January 2016 meeting Councillor Cowley has agreed to move this matter on.

Play Equipment: To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

Pavilion and kitchen: At a recent informal meeting between Tony Gardner and Councillor Cowley a question was asked by Tony if the heating points for the former electric heaters in the changing rooms should be left in place or isolated.

Discussion took place re this and it was agreed to have the electric terminals isolated. Clerk to advise Tony Gardner. Kitchen is completed to a very good standard.

Safer and Stronger Community Group.

To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

Youth Club.

Discussion took place regarding the future funding of the Youth Club in view of cuts by South Gloucestershire Council. Councillor Aldous asked if at the Precept meeting a sum of money could be made available to help the continued funding of the Youth Club and avoid closing it altogether.

For future discussion and decision.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Buthay Lease and Merlin Housing.

Matter still on-going. Parish Council are waiting the signed returning of the lease from Merlin.

Shield Restoration: To be discussed at January 2016 meeting.

Mission Statement: To be discussed at the Councils January meeting in view of the absence of Councillor Fielding.

Wickwar Parish Plan: Consideration to be given for an entry in Parish News and a place on the notice board.

Yate Heritage Centre

Discussion took place concerning an application from the above for a financial donation. It was agreed that the Council would donate £150. Proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Pennington. Matter carried unanimously.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

It was agreed that the Council would continue its membership of the above body.

Proposed by Councillor Isaac and seconded by Councillor Aldous. Matter carried unanimously.

Parking restrictions Honeybourne Way/Inglestone Rd.

No further discussion or actions regarding this matter are required. South Gloucestershire Council are to carry out requisite work.

Pre-school education in Wickwar.

Nothing further for the council to consider.

Planning applications outside a meeting (ALCA)

A general discussion took place regarding this matter as a result of ALCA advice and it was agreed that Wickwar protocol for this would be with immediate effect for the appropriate two nominated Councillors to visit the site and send their comments to all Councillors for their respective comments so that the Council is fully represented in its comments/observation concerning planning applications.

Independent Remuneration Panel.

The principle of the town and parish councillor allowances scheme is accepted by Wickwar Parish Council.

October Parish Council Expenditure.

It was agreed that the following cheques would be signed and standing orders/direct debits met.

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| 1. | Mr S Isaac - hedge cutting King George V Playing Fields. | £53.00 |
| 2. | ALCA. Copies of Councillors Guides and sets of file/dividers. | £25.00 |
| 3. | Clerks Salary. | £1322.24 |
| 4. | N Power, Town Hall. | £8.00 |

Income:

Nil.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm. For more information on any item listed on this agenda please call the Clerk Mrs P Trull on 01454. 299120.