

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 1st October 2014, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt – Chairman
Councillor M Summers – Vice Chairman
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor R Stimpson

Apologies:

Councillor A Carroll
Councillor D Howard
Councillor I Aldous

Public Time Session

Public open space, on the corner of Inglestone Road opposite Wickwar Youth Club. Parishioners would like the Parish Council to make enquiries as to how many times per year SGC will cut this and how much it would cost to have it cut alongside other open spaces.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Howard, T Proffitt and M Summers are Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities

All Parish Councillors are Trustees of the King George V Playing Fields.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor R Stimpson attends the Village Hall Committee meetings and his wife is the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor A Carroll is an acquaintance of the Mr D R Howse, who has the grass cutting tenders for the Parish Cemeteries and the King George V Play Area.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group, and Gloucester Wildlife Trust.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Open Spaces Society.

Councillor D Howard keeps a pony at Castle Farm.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group, and Chairman of the SSGC Laddenbrook Group.

Councillors Proffitt and Aldous are members of the Youth Club Committee.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd September 2014 were signed at this meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Buthay Lease – Matter being dealt with by Solicitor Geraint James, Montague Harris Solicitors.

3. Planning

COM/14/0393/BOC – Castle motors, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Breach of condition 10 on PK08/2868/F – landscaping.

PT14/3171/PNGR – Newlands Farm, West End Wickwar

Prior notification of a change of use from Agricultural Buildings to 3 residential dwelling class

C£ as defined by the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

Information

PK14/3313/F – Willow Cottage Halle End Lane Wickwar

Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

4. Report Ward Councillor

Councillor Gawler reports on the 30mph zone, increase as you travel into Wickwar village. It has been agreed by the Highways department that the 30mph will start from the now 40 mph sign, but it is intended to hopefully increase this to Frith Lane.

Frith Lane road resurface, parishioners now very concerned about the state of the road.

Councillor Gawler will contact SGC Highways about this matter and report back to the PC.

5. Items for Information – Correspondence received

Councillor M Summers – Policies Sites & Development update – Read by Parish Councillors.

6. General Business

Castle Bridle Way Group – No report

Clerk Working Hours - To be discussed at the November meeting.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for funding. Councillor Isaac proposed £200, seconded by Councillor R Stimpson; all in favour therefore the motion has been carried.

Clerk – Cordless strimmer. Councillor Isaac proposed the Clerk purchase a cordless strimmer seconded by Councillor Stimpson, all in favour, therefore the motion has been carried.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** – Meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2014

The meeting discussed increased extraction rates and therefore increased lorry movement along the Down Road. The Quarry has approximately 50 years of stone extraction left in the area owned by Cemex UK.

The Quartzite Quarry restoration is being undertaken.

Cemex UK nor SGC have received any complaints from local parishioners re neither noise nor pollution.

Weigh Bridge on site is being repositioned within the complex.

- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Attended by Councillor D Howard.
- **Speed Watch** – Recruiting new Wickwar Members. Clerk has been elected and is attending Speed Watch Steering Committee meetings.
- **Wickwar Youth Club** – Request for funding. Letter circulated to all Parish Councillors.

Councillor S Isaac proposed the total sum of £535.00, seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. Councillor T Proffitt did not take part in the Vote as he is on the Youth Club Committee, Councillor M Summers voted against the motion.
The motion was carried.

- **PROW** – Parish Walk 26th October 2014.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
Pavilion refurbishment – Clerk meeting with contractors
Play equipment inspection – Reports sent to Parish Council
Play equipment improvements being undertaken by GB Sport & Leisure.
KGV Management Committee meeting – 9th October 2014.
Concrete posts diving KGV land from WPFA land. Old and broken posts should be removed and replaced. Wire should be removed.
- **Community Centre** - Meeting 15th September 2014.
It was proposed that clear plastic Perspex should be placed beneath the school dinner serving hatch in the Centre hallway.
Secretary still undertaking patio quotes.
AGM date to be agreed.
- **Town Hall** – Clock serviced.
- **Village Hall**
Refurbishment plans continue to improve this village facility.

8. **Burial Matters**

Benches X 3 painted with creosote substitute.

9. **Accounts**

Expenditure Table – August 2014, copied to all Parish Councillors.
Parish Council Internal Audit 20th October 2014.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerks NI October 2014	£28.73
Cumbria Clock Company – Town Hall Clock annual service	£156.00
N Power – Pavilion	£78.05
British Telecom – PC Phone Account	£72.82
M Trull – Benches – Open & closed cemeteries	£60.00
P Trull – B & Q Stores play equipment Paint	£51.76
Citizens Advice Bureau – Sect 137 donation	£200.00

Direct Debits & Standing Orders November 2014

P Trull – Monthly Salary	£871.18
South Glos Council – Town Hall Rates	£51.00
N Power Town Hall	£57.00

Income September 2014

Parkfield Rental

£300.00

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November 2014, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.