

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

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

Public Time

Parishioner Mr D Howard discussed grant application for the Village Hall flooring improvements. Parishioners attending asked who owns the grass verge adjacent to Frith Farm, Frith Lane. The Clerk will enquire.

Flower trough, on grass verge opposite Youth Club has been vandalised. Councillor Cowley has been in contact with Cemex (Wickwar Quarry) who are supplying and building a stone trough for the flowers.

Attended:

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

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Apologies:

Councillor I Aldous

Ward Councillor Marian Lewis attended this meeting.

Councillors Declarations of Interests pertaining to this meeting

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd December 2015, were duly signed..

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

PK15/4243/F - The Annexe Captains Farm Hall End Lane Wickwar South Gloucestershire
Description: Erection of single storey side extension to existing building and use of building as an independent residential dwelling (Class C3 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)).

No objection

PK15/5173/F - Hill House Farm Wickwar Road Wickwar South Gloucestershire GL12 8PA

Change of use of barn to tourist accommodation (Class C3) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to include single storey side extension, new access and associated works (Re Submission of PK15/1355/F)

No objection

PK15/5235/F - Hill House Farm Wickwar Road Wickwar South Gloucestershire GL12 8PA
Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder with associated access track and hard standing.

Comments

PK15/5340/F - Saddleback Barn Bristol Road Cromhall South Gloucestershire GL12 8BA
Erection of detached double garage.

No objection

PK15/5332/TCA - 39A High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8NP

Works to fell 1no. Silver Birch tree in Wickwar Conservation Area.

No objection

3. To RECEIVE a verbal Report from the Ward Councillor

South Gloucestershire Council has given Parishes an opportunity to thank a parishioner who has given a great deal to their community, by entering them into the Community Award scheme.

Youth Provision in South Gloucestershire. SGC awarded a three year financial contract for youth provision. This has come to an end and Youth Services are having to submit applications for further funding.

Proposed Travellers site in Tan House Lane, Rangeworthy. There were a lot of objections by residents but these were ignored by SGC and the site was given planning permission.

The site is due to be signed off by SGC planning in the next few weeks.

20-mile speed limit surrounding Alexander Hosea School. No objections were received, and the scheme was endorsed by Wickwar Parish Council. There is a recommendation for the scheme to be extended to North Street and Back Lane.

Speed reduction along Sodbury Road is due to be considered at the Frome Vale Area Forum in March 2016.

Proposed footpath along the Sodbury Road has been revisited by SGC but it is an expensive scheme to be implemented.

Parishioner Mr G Leadbetter has written to Luke Hall MP and Marian Lewis wishing to discuss the state of the roads and traffic issues.

4. To RECEIVE the following Items for Information:

- To NOTE and CONSIDER information regarding the speed limit reductions along Sodbury Road - Discussed
- To NOTE and CONSIDER Wickwar Web site - Working Party meeting 15th January 2016
- To NOTE and CONSIDER Wickwar Spring Clean, April 16th 2016 - Noted

5. Register of correspondence received

Councillor Summers noted Waste Management meeting on the 19th January 2016. The Clerk will contact SGC and find out if a representative could attend a Wickwar PC meeting.

6. To RECEIVE verbal Reports from Councillors

- a) **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – Next meeting 20th January 2016
- b) **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting March 2016
- c) **Speed Watch** – Continuing to recruit new members
- d) **PROW** – Walks to be discussed at the February meeting
- e) **Community Centre** – Redecoration of the Centre to take place February 2016.
- f) **Village Hall** – Refurbishment continues
- g) **Town Hall** – Quotes for works external and internal. Quotes from 3 builders considered by the Parish Council. Quote from Hemmings and Marshalsea Ltd considered to be the best value and most comprehensive, £4470 plus VAT. Councillor A Carroll proposed Hemmings and Marshalsea Ltd, seconded by Councillor M Cowley. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- h) King George V Playing Fields
 - To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection - Noted
 - To NOTE and RECEIVE verbal and e mail report of Kitchen and Pavilion inspection. Noted. To be discussed further at the Parish Councils February meeting.
 - **To CONSIDER and AGREE strategy for the Cricket net poles** – Councillor Cowley is in discussion with the now defunct Cricket Club and will report at the Councils February meeting.
- i) **Safer & Stronger Community Group** – Dates for meetings to me confirmed. The Group has now scaled down and has merged. Date for meetings to be confirmed.
- j) **Youth Club** – To CONSIDER and AGREE future funding of Wickwar Youth Club. - To be discussed at Wickwar PC working party budget discussion January 2016

7. General Business

- a) 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. Invoice sent to Merlin Housing for payment of £1000 per annum, 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016. Awaiting payment. Merlin Housing have requested changes to the proposed Lease. These changes are now with Wickwar PC Solicitor, and will have to be agreed at full Council in due course.
- c) To CONSIDER and AGREE Mission Statement for Wickwar Parish Council. Noted. To be discussed in full at the Councils February meeting.
- e) To CONSIDER and AGREE improvements to Trough on the Sodbury Road opposite Youth Club. Councillor Cowley has been in contact with Cemex UK (Wickwar Quarry) and they have agreed to supply the stone and agree to the building of a stone surround to the trough.
- f) To CONSIDER and AGREE future funding for Police PCSO's in South Gloucestershire.

Future funding of PCSO's in South Gloucestershire has yet to be agreed by SGC and the Avon & Somerset Police. As and when information arises this will be passed on to the Council.

- g) To CONSIDER and AGREE payment for Christmas tree decorations, Town Hall. Councillor A Carroll proposed that the Parish Council pay for the Town Hall Christmas lights and trees, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. All in favour, therefore the motion was carried.
- h) To CONSIDER and AGREE payment for Christmas Tree Lights for the Rectory, High Street. Councillor G Fielding proposed that the Parish Council pay for the Rectory Christmas tree lights for the benefit and enjoyment of the parish. Seconded by Councillor A Pennington, five Councillors voted therefore the majority vote and the motion was carried.
- i) TO CONSIDER and AGREE Grant application for Wickwar Pre School – To be discussed at Wickwar PC working party budget discussion January 2016
- j) To CONSIDER and AGREE Grant Application for Wickwar Village Hall - To be discussed at Wickwar PC working party budget discussion January 2016
- k) To NOTE and AGREE date for Budget working party. Budget working party date Thursday 21st February 2016.

8. Burial Matters

None at this meeting

9. Finance

To NOTE payment for works to the pavilion cheque was paid to Mr T Gardener, prior to this meeting.

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

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| HMRC – Parish Council NI January 2016 | £89.18 |
| Avon Local Councils Association – Copies of Councillors Guides & Sets of file dividers | £25.00 |
| SGC – DOG BINS and waste bins (VAT £63.95) | £383.72 |
| P Trull - BT – PC Phone Account (VAT £14.82) | £88.94 |
| Merediths Town Hall Xmas trees and lights (VAT £39.00) | £234.00 |
| P Trull - N Power – Pavilion (VAT £2.33) | £48.74 |
| Tony Gardener – Pavilion redecoration and maintenance | £3518.20 |
| Yate and District Heritage Centre Sect 137 Donation (As per December 2015 PC Meeting Minutes) | £150.00 |
| Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – Membership renewal (As per December 2015 PC Meeting Minutes) | £25.00 |
| Merediths – Rectory Christmas Tree Lights (VAT £15.02) | £76.00 |
| Mr N Bennett – Bin Collection Dec 15 – Jan 2016 | £40.00 |

Standing Orders/ Direct Debits

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| Clerks salary January 2016 | £1322.24 |
| N Power Town Hall | £15.00 |
| Nat West Safe Custody | £25.00 |

Income

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| November 2015 | |
| VAT repay | £325.23 |
| Mr R Ashton – Old Chapel | £20.00 |

Wickwar Parish Council will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.