

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting was held on Wednesday 4th June 2014 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt – Chairman
Councillor M Summers – Vice Chairman
Councillor D Howard
Councillor A Aldous
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Carroll

Apologies:

Councillor R Stimpson

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting.

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Public Time Session

Parishioners attending complained about the confused black and green bin collections in Back Lane, apparently South Glos Council has apologised for the inconvenience caused to residents.

Back Lane resident observed the green and black bin waste being tipped into the same lorry.

Ward Councillor Gawler will be looking into this matter.

Parishioners are concerned about the lack of services bin collection, dog waste bins being taken away, grass cutting etc. When residents phone South Glos Council they are told it is the fault of the Parish Councils as they did not 'buy back' these services. It is not the fault of the Parish Councils as it is South Glos Council who are implementing savings to their budgets and trying to make the Parish take on services and pay for them as well.

Parishioners have asked for an easy access stile to be put in place (beside the old stone stile) on foot path number LWR/9/30 leading north from the top of Church Lane. The Clerk will contact SGC Footpath Officer.

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

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th May 2014 were signed at this meeting.

2. Matters arising

Buthay Lease – Being dealt with by a Solicitor.

3. Planning Matters

COM/14/0393/BOC – Castle motors, Sodbury Road, Wickwar
Breach of condition 10 on PK08/2868/F – landscaping.

4. Report Ward Councillor

Footpath leading from Sodbury Road towards Frith Lane is being considered, residents from Pincots Lane would like it to be extended towards Pincots Lane. The Clerk asked if any new home bonus due for Wickwar could be put towards the cost of the path. Councillor Gawler said he would look into this matter.

5. Items for information – Register of correspondence received.

No comment.

6. General Business

- **Castle Bridleway Group** – No report
- **PROW LYA/1/10** – Blocked footpath. Path still blocked SGC are dealing with this matter.
- **Highways Street Scene** – South Glos Council have been informed that Wickwar Parish Council will not sign a contract that is incomplete and in part incorrect. SGC feel they may make any necessary amendments via e mail to be attached to the said document. This is not acceptable and SGC have been informed on many occasions and they Clerk will do so once again.
- **Senior Citizens Forum** – Request for funding. Councillor I Aldous proposed a grant of £50.00 seconded by Councillor A Carroll. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- **Children's Play link** - Application for grant. No funding given to Play link.
- **Avon Crescent Community Group** - Request for funding for afternoon tea to commemorate the start of WWI. Councillor A Carroll proposed £100 seconded by Councillor Aldous. Councillor M Summers abstained from the vote. All who voted were in favour, therefore the motion was carried.
- **South Gloucestershire Infrastructure Levy** – Councillor T Proffitt explained the format of the levy. If there is any development in the local area, 15% funding from the levy will be available to the local community where there is no neighbourhood plan in place.

- **Energy performance Certificates** – Information pass on and read by the Parish Council.
- **ALCA AGM** – Attended by Councillor M Summers.
There was a modest attendance for the meeting and Chairman Elizabeth Shepherd and Vice Chairman Malcolm Watson.
One of the topics was LED lighting, effecting peoples health. We understand that all street lighting will be LED in future.
- **Planning Enforcement** – Want to remove a mobile home unit at Windmill Farm. Due to the inconsistent nature of the Planning Enforcement Officers in South Gloucestershire it appears to be churlish to demolish a home that could be lived in. There are very few affordable rented properties in this area yet they want to remove one from the market. Ward Councillor Howard Gawler will be looking into this matter.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group** – Next meeting at the Quarry 25th June 2014.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** - No report at this meeting.
- **Speed Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Youth Club** – AGM 5th June 2014.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Safer & Stronger South Glos Meeting** – Next meeting 30th July 2014, Wickwar Community Centre, 7.30pm.
- **Parish Walk** – 15th June 2014.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - a. **Pavilion** – Repairs to the front of the pavilion being undertaken June/July 2014.
 - b. **Inspection Play equipment** – Undertaken on a monthly basis. Copy of the report sent to all Parish Councillors.
 - c. **KGV Management Committee** – Meeting arranged 18th June 2014.
- **Community Centre** - New school caretaker now in situ.
- **Town Hall** – No report
- **Village Hall** – No report

8. Burial Matters

Cemex UK – Tarmac cemetery path.

Risk assessment – July 2014

Burial Ground fees – to be discussed at the Councils July meeting.

P Trull – Weed kill parish cemetery (x three sessions) £20.00

IRO Mrs S V Stokes

9. Accounts

Expenditure Table – April 2014 copied to all Parish Councillors.

Clerk attending Fires Safety Course – Bradley Stoke – Petrol Allowance as per NALC guidelines.

Income – as per bank statement – 31st May 2014

VAT repay	£54.32
IRO Mr P Willis	£63.00
IRO B Robinson	£31.00
IRO M East	£26.00
Wickwar Women's Circle Hire of Town Hall	£40.00
IRO S stokes	£63.00

Cheques signed at this meeting.

Inland Revenue	£28.73
N power Pavilion	£183.99
South Glos Council – Green Bins Cemetery	£72.00
CPRE – Membership	£36.00
DR Howse – Gate King George V – Fencing Parkfield	£684.00
P Trull – Weed Kill Cemetery	£20.00
P Trull – Petrol Allowance Fire Safety Course	£14.60

Signatories for cheques at this meeting Councillor M Summers and Councillor T Proffitt.

Standing Orders Direct Debits June 2014

Clerks Salary June	£871.18
N Power Town Hall	£57.00
Council Tax Town Hall – April – November 2014	£51.00
Council Tax Pavilion – April – June 2014	£50.00

The next meeting for the Parish Council will be Wednesday 2nd July 2014, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

iv) ----- do. ----- - ALCA AGM – change 'good' to 'modest'