

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

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

Attended:

Councillor M Summers (Chairman)
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor A Carroll
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Pennington
Councillor G Fielding

Apologies:

Councillor M Cowley

Ward Councillor M Lewis attended this meeting.

Declarations of Interest at this meeting

Councillor I Aldous regarding Wickwar Youth Club

Public Time session

Chairman Mr M Summers offered his condolences to the Johnson family regarding the death of Mrs Val Johnson. The Council undertook a minute's silence in a mark of respect.

Councillor G Fielding announced the winner of the Wickwar Photo competition. The winner is Mrs Buffy Lee. The Council congratulated Mrs Lee on her excellent entry of a photograph of the rainbow over Wickwar. Councillor Fielding presented Mrs Lee with the winners' cup.

Parishioners reported a problem with the wall along Station Road, opposite the Old Station Inn. Councillor M Lewis will be dealing with this matter.

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

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st February 2017 were signed by the Chairman at this meeting.

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

PK17/0495/O - Rose Cottage 1 Horwood Lane Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire

Erection of 1no detached dwelling (outline) with access to be determined: all other matters reserved.

Objection

3. To receive verbal report from ward Councillor

Highways officers are looking at the state of the road surface in Frith Lane. With a view to improvements in the coming months.

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Signed.....Chairman.....Date

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
Grass cutting tenders to be considered at the Councils April Meeting.
Glass smashed in the playing fields around play equipment, around the 18th/19th February. The glass was cleared by parishioners. Police have been informed.
Tenders sought for grass cutting, Parish News, Notice Board, Web site and Gazette, due date 31st March 2017. – Matter to be discussed after the due date.
Football Club application to erect a Wickwar Wanderers sign on the Pavilion.
The Parish Council have requested the dimensions of the sign and the proposed wording.
- To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection – Noted.
- Community Centre – The centre is in need of a new bookings secretary and the Committee will advertise the post in the Parish Magazine.
- Town Hall – Tenders for the redecoration of the upper meeting room to be considered at the Councils April meeting.
- Youth Club – See General Business.

6. General Business

- To Note Sale of strip of Land adjacent to the Old Chapel, advertised. One application for the purchase of the land has been received by the Parish Council.
- To NOTE meeting with Merlin Housing re Buthay Lease 22nd February 2017 – Meeting to discuss the way forward to finalise the lease. Merlin has assured the Council they will not renege on the agreement to maintain the area. Further meetings to be arranged.
- To CONSIDER air traffic pollution – South Glos Council has agreed to monitor traffic air pollution in the High Street for a 12-month period.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE Grant application from Wickwar Youth Club – Application for grant funding for the Youth was considered by the Council at this meeting. Application was for £8000 to continue the running of the club for a further 12 months, South Glos Council has reduced funding for the running of the Club and £8000 is the minimum amount need to continue running the club for the village. Councillor S Isaac proposed the Council grants £5000, seconded by Councillor A Pennington, four Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. One Councillor voted against the proposal. Councillor I Aldous abstained from voting. The motion was carried.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE Grant application from Wickwar Chapel – Application received for funding for village event celebrating 200 hundred years of worship, along with a flower festival. Total grant applied for £400. Councillor S Isaac proposed the Council grants £150.00, seconded by Councillor A Carroll. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.

7. Burial Matters

Councillor Carroll has marked out the area in the old Cemetery for wild flower area.

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8. Finance

Information from Grant Thornton re Audit 2016/2017 – Noted. Letter to the Council and parishioner who requested a public interest report will be sent in due course, and its recommendations will be published along with the cost to the Parish.

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

Bristol Water KGV	£36.95
Bristol Water Parkfield	£19.60
Bristol Water – Town Hall	£49.72
HMRC NI	£97.19
P trull HP ink (vat £1.33)	£7.99
P Trull – Almondsbury Garden Centre (VAT £9.66)	£57.90
Watering System Hanging Baskets Town Hall	
P Trull – Extended Guarantee HP printer (VAT £1.85)	£11.12
P Trull – Smoke Alarm Town Hall (VAT £2.24)	£13.46
DR Howse Grass Cut KGV & Cemeteries (VAT £314.00)	£1884.00
Wickwar Chapel Sect 137 Grant	£150.00
Wickwar Youth Centre Sect 137 Grant	£5000.00

Staff Costs £1666.91

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

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N Power Town Hall	£10.00
N Power Pavilion	£162.11
Plus Net	£24.60

Income

February 2017

None

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th April 2017, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.