

## Wickwar Parish Council News

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Wickwar Parish Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7pm at the Town Hall, High Street.

At the start of each meeting we have a public time session. Parishioners attending this meeting discussed the impending planning application for 90 houses in the fields between Horwood Lane and Pincotts Lane. The application is being made by Gladmans. At the moment, you have all hopefully received the consultation booklet from Gladmans. If you have any concerns at all whether in favour or objecting you should reply to the consultation. The information is in the booklet. The Parish Council has yet to receive a formal planning application from South Glos Council. When the Parish Council receive the application, we will put this information on the web site, notice boards and in the parish news. The Parish Council will then formulate a response to the application. Parishioners also discussed the parking around the school in the mornings and afternoons. They feel there is unacceptable poor and inconsiderate parking. This matter will be referred to our Police Beat Team WPC Lee Bainbridge.

Please note the following when attending a Parish Council meeting. Information was given by Avon Local Councils Association. Regarding taking photographs, videoing or recording a Parish Council meeting.

*If, in the Chairman's opinion, a person filming or recording a meeting or taking photographs is interrupting proceedings or causing a disturbance, under the Council's Standing Orders the person can be ordered to stop their activity, or to leave the meeting.*

Always ask for permission.

Wickwar Parish Council has received information regarding the boundary review. If you are interested in giving an opinion please see the links below.

Please find below the link the Boundary Commission page for the South Gloucestershire Review. <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/south-gloucestershire> There is a consultation page on the South Glos Council website for the consultation. Any comments/responses will be sent directly to the Boundary Commission. Any resident, town or parish council or interested individual can send any comments on the review directly to the Boundary Commission and the details are given within the draft recommendations report and the web link is below.

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9254>

Another consultation you may well be interested in giving an opinion is the Notification of consultation on M4 Junction 18a options. All consultation material, including the survey and guidance on how to respond, is available at <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/M4J18a> At least read the information on the South Glos Web site.

Thank you to all our speed watch and lorry watch volunteers. You make a huge difference to our village life and to road safety. MP Luke Hall is trying to arrange a lorry watch day in Yate and we will be joining in for Wickwar. It will be a 12-hour day, 7am until 7pm (light permitting) and I am asking for volunteers to pledge an hour if they are able. I am unsure of the date as yet. At the moment, we pass on overweight lorry information to the Police. I was asked to dial 101 and give the information over the phone, but I would be on the phone all day! I e mail the information to the Avon and

Somerset Police. If you are interested, please let me know and we can get together and make the day a success. Perhaps we can get some speed watch sessions on the day as well.

Wickwar Parish Council sadly said goodbye to Councillor Michael Cowley. Michael moved out of Wickwar. The Parish Council were able to co-opt a new Councillor. We received excellent quality applications. We are pleased to announce our new Councillor will be Colin Maidment. He will attend our October meeting and I hope you will welcome him.

All organisations in Wickwar suffer from a lack of volunteers. We all lead such busy lives, but most of us can spare a small amount of time. We would very much appreciate volunteers for the Wickwar Community Centre, to be part of our management committee. It would not be an onerous task. It's always good to meet new people with new ideas. We are here to learn. Please note the date of our AGM Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017, to be held at the Community Centre, commencing at 7pm. Please come and join us.

### **Waste and recycling**

New smaller sized black bins are to be distributed early next year. New kerbside weekly recycling system is settling down well. No figures yet on percentage increases in recycling.

Member Award Funding – Ward Councillor Lewis. Interest from Wickwar Scouts and the Community Hall attached to the school, Green Community Travel, Rangeworthy Village Hall, Tytherington Girl Guides. If anyone knows of any other groups who would like a small grant, please let Marian know. [Marian.Lewis@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Marian.Lewis@southglos.gov.uk)

Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens wants to recognise the silent stars who achieve great things or go above and beyond what is expected.

The awards aim to give people the chance to highlight those working tirelessly in their communities or organisations. <http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Take-Part/PCCs-Pride-Awards.aspx>

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm