

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on Wednesday 7th March 2018, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.

Attended:

Councillor M Summers – Chairman
Councillor S Isaac – Vice Chairman
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor A Carroll
Councillor A Pennington
Councillor G Fielding
Councillor C Maidment

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor M Lewis attended this meeting.

Public Time Session

Parishioner attended this meeting to raise concerns about the possibility of the Spar shop/post office closing as it is up for sale. Parishioner asked if the Parish Council would write to various chain stores if they might be interested in taking on the business? Chairman Mr M Summers said he would look into this matter.

Parishioners attending raised the matter of the Bellway Developers advertising the proposed Sodbury Road development, via a large sign and flags. The issues here, is the sign contravening planning consent and why is the sign only advertising four and five-bedroom housing? The PC will be looking into this issue and the matter will be raised with SGC Planning Department. Ward Councillor Lewis will also raise this matter. Ward Councillor Lewis explained to the PC that RM Planning Applications cannot be opposed or stopped.

Parishioners and Councillors asked Ward Councillor Lewis to 'call in' this application so that the Council and public might be able to speak at the committee meeting.

Parishioners and Councillors asked Councillor M Lewis if the Planning Officers and the Planning Committee actually read the comments/objections put on the SGC web site. Councillor Lewis assured the PC that the Planning Officers do read the objections/comments but the members on the Planning Committee making decisions of the application may not.

Councillor A Carroll has been lobbied by a number of parishioners regarding a safe crossing place in the High Street. Ward Councillor M Lewis said she would take this forward.

Pot holes on the estates and the High Street. You can report direct to SGC streetCare@southglos.gov.uk or to the Parish Clerk. A photograph and location would be appreciated.

To NOTE and RECORD Declaration of Interests relevant to this meeting.

Noted

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

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2018 were duly signed.

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

COM/17/0894/OD

Land at Hall End Lane Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8PD
Lean-to on site being developed into building to form Scout Hut.

PK18/0253/F - Land South of Poplar Lane Wickwar South Gloucestershire
GL12 8NS

Objection

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GL12 8NS

Formation of a drainage swale associated with the disposal of
surface water from the adjacent residential development site

COM/18/0108/OD -51 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12
8NP. Enlargement of window opening

In Line with original planning application

3. To RECEIVE a verbal Report from the Ward Councillor

South Glos Council Budget has been passed by full Council, 5.99% rise for the year
2018/2019. Plus 3% rise for the Social Care budget. Joint Spatial Plan agreed, as was
Wickwar not being a suitable area for housing development.

North Bristol NHS Trust – Old Frenchay Hospital site, extra care housing has been agreed and
a Health Care Unit for 100 beds.

M4 junction 18A, SGC support the option for Emmerson’s Green. Subject to funding and
consent proposed 2025 onwards.

4. Register of correspondence received

Bellway Homes advertising houses for sale in the Gazette prior to planning permissions
being given by SGC Planning.

5. To RECEIVE verbal Reports from Councillors who are Trustees or committee members of the organisations listed below.

- King George V Playing Fields
- Swings – date of installation. Awaiting date of delivery.
To CONSIDER fencing around play area King George V – Quotes being sought
- To NOTE and RECEIVE Play equipment inspection - Noted
- To NOTE mole damage to playing fields – Undertaken moles removed.
- Youth Club - No report at this meeting.
- Community Centre – Next meeting March 22nd at 6.15pm.

6. General Business

- Consider signing of the Buthay Lease. Amendments to be discussed with the Parish Council Solicitor.
- To CONSIDER and AGREE removing documents from Nat West Bank Chipping Sodbury and placing in a fire proof safe in the Town Hall. Councillor A Pennington proposed the Council adopt this measure for storage of documents, seconded by Councillor A Carroll. All in favour. Subject to the agreement of the type of safe.
- To CONSIDER High Street crossing point. – To be discussed at the April meeting.
- To NOTE Vibration Report Cemex UK - Noted
- To NOTE South Glos Council Local Plan Consultation – Meeting attended by Councillor C Maidment.
- To NOTE Cemex Community Liaison meeting 13th February 2018 - Noted
- To CONSIDER the nomination of expert regarding Wickwar biodiversity advice for the Parish Council to call upon when needed. Mr W Heslegrave.
- To consider and agree a co-option policy from the current draft and policy proposal received. Draft co-option policy is being considered by the Council.
- The Parkfield water leak update on contact with Bristol Water – Clerk to meet with Bristol Water representative.
- Consider and agree response to South Gloucestershire Local Plan (Non-strategic development) Noted
- Consider the development of a neighbourhood plan. To be considered the Clerk will arrange meeting.
- National day of commemoration on Nov 11th – Community involvement. Lighting of the beacon will take place on the 11th November 2018 at 7pm.

7. Burial Matters

Works to trees in the closed burial ground, in the conservation area. Tenders and permissions being sought.

8. Finance

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

P Trull HP Ink (VAT £1.33)	£7.99
HMRC TX & NI	£364.78
Paul Flett – Moles removed KGV	£410.00
Cotswold Carpets – Carpet Town Hall (VAT £215.00)	£1290.00

Staff Costs

P Trull – March Salary	£1113.27
A Mackie – Clock Winder	£160.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

January/February 2018	
Water Business	£39.50

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Plus Net – B Band Town Hall	£24.60
N Power T Hall	£18.00
Water Business	£39.50
N Power – Pavilion	£147.51
Plus Net	£24.60
N Power	£18.00
Income	
January/February 2018	
VAT Repay	£361.98
IRO J Cox	£100.00
IRO Mears	£50.00
Wickwar Football Club	£833.17
Parkfield Rental	£110.00

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th April 2018, at the Town Hall commencing at 7pm.