

**Wickwar Parish Council**

**Meeting of the Parish Council – Minutes**

A meeting of the above Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

**Attended:**

- Councillor S Isaac
- Councillor A Carroll
- Councillor A Pennington
- Councillor G Fielding
- Councillor C Maidment
- Councillor M Harris
- Ward Councillor and Councillor P Trull

**Clerk:**

Mrs R Davis

1.09.19 Public time (Duration 20 minutes maximum)

1a.09.19 The Rector of The Wickwar Benefice gave an update about the Wickwar Fireworks Display which will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November outside the parish church. 750 tickets will be on sale for this church fundraiser and family-friendly community event. The Rector confirmed that additional parking will be available on the industrial estate, which was not all used at last year’s event. He confirmed that the organising committee are acting to minimise waste and will dispose of all rubbish after the event.

1b.09.19 A representative from Green Community Travel, a provider which operates in the parish, attended to give a short presentation to the meeting. Community transport is for anyone who cannot access public transport. Green Community Travel offers a ring and ride service for day to day trips, including to GP surgeries in Wotton, and hospital transport provided by volunteers and two accessible vehicles. A range of trips are also offered including to the Buthay pub in Wickwar. Group transport is provided, for example for Wickwar Youth Centre. It was requested that the Council help to publicise the services.

1c.09.19 Potential planning applicants for a paragraph 79 house at Hill House Cottages on Frith Lane, attended the meeting to present their proposals ahead of the submission of a planning application. Planning permission for a holiday let has previously been granted on the site, but this application will be for a property of exceptional quality as per the paragraph 79 rules. The applicants are currently going through the preapplication process. Landscaping and biodiversity are important elements of the design. The applicants confirmed that the two Public Rights of Way and two ash trees on the site will be retained. A planning application will be submitted in the next few weeks.

1d.09.19 A parishioner asked when the Town Hall Clock would be returned to the building. Councillors confirmed that it is currently being tested and will be returned very soon.

1e.09.19 A resident of North Street attended the meeting to request that the grass verges on North Street be cut more regularly than twice a year, as currently happens.

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2.09.19 To RECEIVE and DECIDE whether to accept Apologies for Absence.  
No apologies were received.

3.09.19 To NOTE and RECORD Declarations of Interests relevant to this meeting.  
No Declarations of Interest were declared.

4.09.19 To AGREE whether the minutes of the last meeting should be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.** They were duly signed.

5.09.19 To NOTE the Clerk’s Report on matters arising from previous minutes/ not covered elsewhere on the agenda, and take decisions as necessary. (Attached to minutes Appendix 1)  
The report was noted. In response the Council welcomed the idea of a welcome letter for new residents of the Belway Homes development on the Sodbury Road, to be accompanied by a Christmas card. It was noted that the Parochial Church Council are also planning a welcome event.

6.09.19 To RECEIVE the register of correspondence received (list available at the meeting)  
Correspondence was received and noted.

### **Planning**

7.09.19 Planning - For the Council to NOTE following planning decisions  
The following decisions were noted.

7a.09.19 P19/3609/F Half Acre Lodge Tanhouse Lane Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire BS37 7QL:  
Erection of 1no replacement detached dwelling, creation of access with associated works  
(resubmission of PK18/5110/F).

**Decision to APPROVE with conditions**

7b.09.19 P19/4201/LB Birdsbush Farm Wickwar Road Yate Bristol South Gloucestershire:  
Installation of wall plate to gable end, paint rendered walls, replace plastic gutters with cast iron  
and replace bitumen flashing with lead.

**Decision to APPROVE with conditions**

7c.09.19 P19/5102/TRE High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12  
8NE: Installation of water pipe through the root protection zone of 1 no. Ash tree covered by  
Preservation Order SGTPO06/14 dated 01st July 2014.

**Decision to APPROVE with conditions**

7d.09.19 P19/8791/F decision

2 Amberley Way Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8LP: Erection of front  
porch.

**Decision to approve with conditions**

8.09.19 Planning – For the Council to NOTE the following delegated responses submitted to  
planning applications received since 3rd July Council meeting

The following delegated responses were noted.

8a.09.19 P19/8791/F 2 Amberley Way Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12  
8LP: Erection of front porch.

Response – Neutral

8b.09.19 P19/7176/TCA 42 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12

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8NP: Works to crown reduce 1 no. Silver Birch tree by 3m in height and 1m in lateral spread, situated in the Wickwar conservation area.  
Response – Neutral

8c.09.19 P19/6754/TCA 66 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12  
8NP: Works to crown reduce 1no. silver birch tree by 1 metre, in Wickwar Conservation Area.  
Response – Neutral

8d.09.19 P19/10066/TCA 87 High Street Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12  
8NP: Works to crown reduce 1no Eucalyptus Tree by 7-9 metres to leave a finished height of 8 metres and radial spread of 6 metres situated within the Wickwar Conservation Area.  
Response – Neutral

9.09.19 Planning – For the Council to REVIEW and COMMENT on planning applications received before the meeting.

9a.09.19 P19/09122/F - Ladys Wood Shooting School Mapleridge Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 6PW: Creation of new access road

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to object to this application (neutral response).**

9b.09.19 P19/09916/F Poplar Farm Poplar Lane Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8NS PROPOSAL Creation of vehicular access track.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to object to this application (neutral response).**

9c.09.19 P19/09996/F Pound Barn West End Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8LB: Erection of two storey front extension and single storey rear link extension to provide additional living accommodation. Installation of front canopy and first floor window. (Resubmission of P19/3421/F)

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to object to this application (neutral response).**

9d.09.19 P19/11372/RM | Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 2no. detached dwellings with access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be determined. (Approval of Reserved Matters to be read in conjunction with outline permission PK18/0496/O) | Land At 83 Sodbury Road Wickwar Wotton Under Edge South Gloucestershire GL12 8NT

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to object to this application (neutral response).**

9e.09.19 P19/10412/F Hunters Hall Bristol Road Cromhall Wotton Under Edge South Glos: Conversion of former dairy to 1no. residential dwelling (Class C3) with associated works. (Out of the parish).

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to respond to this application as it is out of the parish.**

9f.09.19 P19/10998/NMA Half Acre Lodge Tanhouse Lane Yate South Gloucestershire BS37 7QL: Non material amendment to planning approval P19/3609/F for installation of additional doors and windows to East and West elevations, additional rooflights and installation of porch canopy over front door.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED not to object to this application (neutral response).**

Reports

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10.09.19 To RECEIVE a report from the Ward Councillor. (Attached to the minutes Appendix 2)  
The report was noted. The Council requested that future reports be factual and politically neutral. Councillor Trull also reported that she will be feeding back the problems that occurred as a result of the recent closure of the High Street at the traffic lights, in particular along Frith Lane.

11.09.19 To RECEIVE verbal reports from Councillors who are Trustees of Committee members of the organisations listed below, and to take decisions as necessary:

11a.09.19 King George V Playing Fields

Councillor Carroll presented a written report (Attached to minutes, Appendix 3). The Council thanked Councillor Carroll for the work she had done to improve the playing field.

11b.09.19 Wickwar Youth Club

No report.

11c.09.19 Wickwar Community Centre

Councillor Carroll reported that the lighting in the Olive Pollard Room had been updated to LEDs and the plumbing had been fixed to improve water flow in the kitchen. The priorities for the coming year are to improve the outside space and provide better storage.

11d.09.19 Wickwar Town Hall

No report.

12.09.19 To RECEIVE the play equipment inspections (July and August).

The Clerk reported that the inspections will be circulated with the October agenda.

General business

13a.09.19 To CONSIDER the headline results from the King George V Play Area consultation activities and take a DECISION on obtaining quotations for new equipment.  
The results were noted and the Clerk explained that a full report of the consultation results would be brought to a future meeting. CCTV at the playing field was strongly supported in the consultation although there is not currently a problem with vandalism. Further research into CCTV provision at similar isolated sites was suggested, for example Mundy Playing Fields in Thornbury.  
**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to obtain quotations for new equipment for younger children, based on the feedback from the consultation, to be considered at the next meeting.**

13b.09.19 To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on proposals for speed humps and signage along the access lane to the King George V Playing Field.  
Councillors agreed that further research into insurance cover and potential fitters, as well as further consultation with the Wickwar Playing Fields Association about type/ position of the speed bumps was required, and that a proposal should be brought to the next meeting for consideration.  
**It was proposed, seconded and resolved to consider the proposals for speed bumps and signage at the next meeting, once further research and consultation had been carried out.**

13c.09.19 To APPROVE the Council's financial contribution towards the repositioning of the goalposts at the King George V Playing Field.  
**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve funding for the full cost of repositioning the goalposts, as specified by the invoice when it is received.**

13d.09.19 To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on existing and future maintenance arrangements for the King George V football pitches.  
**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approach Wickwar Wanderers Football Club to**

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**request that the Clerk organise pitch maintenance for the 2019/20 season.**

13e.09.19 To CONSIDER how the parish will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and AGREE a working party to plan for the event.

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

13f.09.19 To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on signing up to the South Gloucestershire Town and Parish Council Charter.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Wickwar Parish Council sign up to the South Gloucestershire Town and Parish Council Charter.**

13g.09.19 To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on whether Wickwar Parish Council should adopt an environmental policy on climate change.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Trull would bring a proposal for an environmental policy on climate change to the next meeting.**

13h. 09.19 To RECEIVE an update on the sale of the plot of land on the Sodbury Road adjacent to South Farm.

A Councillor reported that the land had not been sold and that the sale price was likely to be too expensive for the Parish Council to consider purchasing the land.

13i.09.19 To REVIEW the closure of the High Street from 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> August and take a DECISION on any action required.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to respond proactively to future planned closures of the High Street by contacting South Gloucestershire Council to scrutinise its plans for diversions.**

13j.09.19 To REVIEW progress with the South Gloucestershire Council consultation on the Wickwar traffic management scheme.

Councillors reviewed the revised plans, which they agreed had not changed significantly. It was not felt necessary to make any further comments on the plans to South Gloucestershire before the consultation began. The Clerk reported that South Gloucestershire Council still planned to begin the consultation on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Councillors also reviewed plans from South Gloucestershire Council for improved signage along the Downs Road to reduce speeds. They felt that the plans would be effective.

13k. To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on grass-cutting arrangements for the verges on North Street/ Inglestone Road.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to request a quotation from South Gloucestershire Council for regular mowing of the North Street/ Inglestone Road verges, to be considered at the next meeting.**

13l. To NOTE the work taking place on the completion of the website accessibility statement for the Wickwar.org website.

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

13m. To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on the quotations for the supply of electricity to the Town Hall and Pavilion.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the quotations from Octopus Energy for the supply of 100% green electricity to both the Town Hall and the Pavilion, for 24 months.**

13n.09.19. To CONSIDER and APPROVE renewing membership of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association.

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**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to renew Wickwar Parish Council’s membership of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association.**

13o.09.19To AGREE the date for a working group to prepare recommendations to the Council in response to the report from the Internal Auditor.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to hold a working group meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2-3pm.**

13p.09.19 To AGREE the Clerk’s request to attend the Planning in Plain English course on 12<sup>th</sup> October and take a DECISION on whether the Parish Council would like attend a course organised in the parish.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to arrange a Planning in Plain English course, provided by ALCA, for the whole Council in the Town Hall.**

13q.09.19To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on the purchase of a data projector for use in meetings.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to purchase a data projector for use in meetings, up to the value of £300+ VAT.**

Requests for financial assistance

14.09.19To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on the application for grant aid for the Wickwar Fireworks Display to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

Councillor Fielding declared an interest in this item. He took no further part in the discussion.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to award a grant of £300 towards the cost of purchasing fireworks for the event.**

15.09.19To CONSIDER and take a DECISION on the application for grant aid from Yate and District Heritage Centre

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to award a grant of £100 to Yate Heritage Centre.**

Burial matters

16.09.19To APPROVE the proposed memorial IRO Thelma Madge Cox

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve the proposed memorial IRO Thelma Madge Cox.**

17.09.19To APPROVE the burial IRO D V Pollard 09/09/19

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve the burial IRO D V Pollard.**

Finance

18.09.19To APPROVE accounts for payment and NOTE additional payments made in line with Financial Regulations. (These are listed in the attached payment schedule).

Additional payments were noted.

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the payments in the schedule should be paid.**

19.09.19To NOTE the monthly bank reconciliation for June and July 2019, and the Councillor check of the bank reconciliation. Chairman to sign as a true record. (Circulated)

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliations for June and July 2019.** They were duly signed.

20.09.19To NOTE the budget monitoring report to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, prepared by the Clerk.

The report was noted.

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21.09.19 To REVIEW and APPROVE the list of direct debits for 2019/20

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve the list of direct debits for 2019/20.**

22.09.19 To REVIEW and APPROVE changes to the asset register for 2019/20 (inclusion of new equipment installed at King George V Play Area).

**It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED to approve changes to the asset register for 2019/20.**

23.09.19 To REVIEW the updated insurance schedule to include equipment recently installed at King George V Play Area.

The insurance schedule was reviewed.

24.09.19 To NOTE the additional charges incurred by the Parish Council to empty new bins at the King George V Playing Fields.

The charges were not available at the meeting because the information had not yet been received from South Gloucestershire Council.

**The meeting ended at 10.30pm.**

## Wickwar Parish Council

### Expenditure transactions - payments approval list start of year 01/04/19

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net Invoice	Date	Details	Cheque Total
235	002860	£2,955.84	£492.64	£2,463.20	19/06/19	MARMAX Recycled Products - 3 BENCHES 3 LITTER BINS	
236	002860	£1,294.08	£215.68	£1,078.40	18/07/19	MARMAX Recycled Products - 2 PICNIC TABLES	£4,249.92
232	002855	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	03/07/19	WICKWAR FOOTBALL CLUB - Advance payment for pitch maintenance	£500.00
230	002854	£147.00	£0.00	£147.00	06/07/19	TONY GARDENER - PAVILION METER CUPBOARD	£147.00
237		£15.00	£0.00	£15.00	06/07/19	TONY GARDENER - PAVILION TOILET LOCK	£15.00
238		£26.22	£0.00	£26.22	08/07/19	Charfield Parish Council - Attendance at Being a Good Councillor Training 04/07/19	£26.22
239		£72.00	£12.00	£60.00	18/07/19	SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS - Website Accessibility Webinar	£72.00
242		£25.98	£0.00	£25.98	19/07/19	R E DAVIS - HP Instant Ink July, Aug	£25.98
243		£34.46	£2.99	£31.47	20/07/19	R E DAVIS - Wickwar Games consultation expenses	£31.47
244		£20.99	£0.00	£20.99	20/07/19	R E DAVIS - KGV gate padlock Screwfix	£20.99
247		£97.71	£0.00	£97.71	06/08/19	HMRC - R DAVIS TAX & NI JULY 2019	£97.71
241		£11.99	£0.00	£11.99	08/08/19	TESCO MOBILE - Mobile August	£11.99

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245	S/O REDAVIS19 _08_10	£1,002.86	£0.00	£1,002.86	10/08/19	R E DAVIS - July 2019 salary	£1,002.86
248		£97.71	£0.00	£97.71	06/09/19	HMRC - R DAVIS TAX &NI AUG 2019	
246	S/O REDAVIS19 _09_10	£1,002.86	£0.00	£1,002.86	10/09/19	R E DAVIS - Aug 2019 salary	£1,002.86
<b>Total</b>		£7,304.70	£723.31	£6,581.39			

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**Appendix 1 Clerk’s report**

**WICKWAR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk’s Report to the Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

1. Please see progress against outstanding action points from previous meetings, below.

	Agenda Item	Action/ Description	Who	Progress
1.	03/04/19& 05/06/19 5.Clerk’s report	Community infrastructure levy – Clerk to arrange meeting between Councillors and Greg Evans (South Glos) on a Weds evening.	Clerk	<b>Do Councillors still wish to meet?</b>
2.	03/04/19 &05/06/19 5. Clerk’s report	Cemetery noticeboard - Confirm cost of oak noticeboard with K Bateman and organise a plaque to read: Handmade in Wickwar by Kevin Bateman 2019	Councillor A Carroll/ Clerk	<b>Ongoing</b>
3.	08/05/19 &05/06/19 5.Clerk’s report	Burial fees- Council to review the fees for the Burial Ground at a future meeting (July).	Clerk	<b>Postponed to November</b>
4.	08/05/19 & 05/06/19 5.Clerk’s report	CCTV & gate-closing arrangements - Consider CCTV at the September meeting of the Council, to allow time for the gate-closing arrangements to bed in. Council to review gate-closing arrangements In September.	Clerk	<b>Delayed to October meeting due to full agenda</b>
5.	08/05/19 &05/06/19 5.Clerk’s report	Contact the Joint Cycling Strategy Group to ask if Wickwar Parish Council could join and pay a reduced contribution of £100 per year given its small precept in comparison with the other member councils. Dependent upon having a representative	Clerk	<b>Completed. JCSG accepted proposal. C Maidment to attend</b>
6.	05/06/19 12e. Freedom of the Parish	Freedom of the Parish – Clerk to arrange certificates for two retired Councilor and invite to next Council meeting to receive.	Clerk	<b>Set date for ceremony following September meeting</b>

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	Agenda Item	Action/ Description	Who	Progress
7.	05/06/19 12i. KGV pitch maintenance	KGV pitch maintenance – Councillor Fielding to contact WWFC to confirm: I. Goalposts can be moved by up to half a pitch width, but to avoid sprinkler tap in centre of the field. II. They should reseed and fill in holes before start of the next season. III. Please move the car-park opening sign on the pavilion back to the left-hand side.	Councillor Fielding	<b>On agenda - September meeting</b>
8.	03/07/19 11. CEF feedback	Flouting of weight limit through the village at night – Clerk to add to future agenda.	Clerk	<b>Clerk to put on Oct agenda</b>
9.	03/07/19 11. CEF feedback	Trading Standards have raised concerns that rogue traders have been targeting vulnerable people in their homes. They advised that for any work costing over £42 there is a cooling-off period. - Advertise on the Wickwar Forum Face Book page.	Councillor Carroll/ all	<b>To be completed</b>
10.	03/07/19 13k, wildflowers	Research possible verges for reduced cutting/ wildflowers and bring proposals to a future meeting.	Clerk/ Councillor s Carroll & Trull	<b>Clerk to put on Oct agenda</b>

1. The AGAR has been submitted (annual accounts) to the external auditor. The clerk is awaiting the response from PKF. The period of public rights ran from 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, but there were no requests to view the accounts.
2. Both Martin Summers and Ian Aldous have accepted the Freedom of the Parish Award and the scrolls have been ordered. It remains to select a suitable date for the presentation.
3. The new Turnpike Gate dog bin (one of two new bins in the village) has been moved to the Station Road entrance to Turnpike Gate (by the grit bin), after it was initially put in the wrong place.
4. The REMR grant of £2663 towards benches, a picnic table, spinning bowl and parent and child swing seat for the King George V Play Field, was received on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.
5. The first residents have moved in to the Belway Homes development on the southern edge of the village. Councillor Fielding has suggested that the Parish Council prepares a short welcome pack and welcome letter, to help new residents to settle into the village. This could be sent to all new residents as well as those moving into the new developments. If the Council is supportive of this approach, a draft can be circulated ahead of the October meeting.
6. New bank account. There was a delay in submitting the application to transfer the Council's accounts to Unity Trust because it was necessary to update the signatories on the Nat West account first. This appears to have been done and the application has been submitted to Unity Trust. Unity Trust has advised that the accounts will be transferred by **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> September** if no issues arise. For this reason, cheques will not be signed at the September meeting. Instead payments will be made electronically (or by cheque where this is not possible), shortly after the meeting.

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7. Once the bank accounts have been transferred, the sum of £15,000 will be transferred to a one-year fixed term savings bond with Hampshire Trust Bank, as agreed at the July meeting.
  
8. Being a Good Councillor Training will take place on **Weds 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Town Hall from 7pm – 9pm**. To make the training as cost-effective as possible all Councillors should attend. All Councillors will be issued with hard copies of the Council’s key governing documents (Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations) at the September meeting, and a link to a Drop Box folder containing the latest versions of all Council policies will be issued immediately following the meeting. Apologies for the delay in distributing these to you.
  
9. The Clerk is due to attend a one-day Cemetery Legal Compliance course on Weds 9<sup>th</sup> October. For this reason, the item to review charges for the parish cemetery has been delayed until the November meeting.

**Appendix 2- Report from the Ward Councillor**

**Councillor Pat Trull – Report to Wickwar Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)

The JSP would have given the green light to 33,000 houses across South Gloucestershire, including thousands concentrated at five vast Strategic Development Locations. Those plans now been thrown into disarray, after the Inspectors pointed to fundamental flaws in the way that the Strategic Development Locations were chosen.

South Glos Lib Dem spokesperson for Planning, Cllr Adrian Rush said: “It never should have got this far. The Inspectors wrote to South Gloucestershire and the other councils over a year ago to say that they had serious concerns about how the plan had been put together. The Conservatives should have listened and taken the opportunity to do a serious rethink. Instead they ploughed on regardless with only minor changes to their original plans and the Inspectors have now torn them up and told them to go back to the drawing board. I dread to think how much taxpayers’ money has been wasted on this fool’s errand. Serious questions will need to be asked.”

Lib Dem Deputy Group Leader Cllr Maggie Tyrrell said: “It’s clear from the Inspectors’ damning remarks that the plan is so fundamentally flawed that it needs to go back to square one. It’s crucial that Conservative administration now stops digging. The worst thing they could do would be to make some minor tweaks to this plan and try to bring it back to the Inspectors, as they did last time. That would just be wasting time and throwing good money after bad. The great risk now is that, without a viable local plan, communities will be swamped by more speculative development. We do need a local plan, but it must be one that distributes housing growth equitably and sustainably – not dumping the lion’s share of housing on just four or five communities.”

The problem that concerns me the most, regarding this major issue, because we no longer have a plan, could this mean ‘open season’ for developers? But, South Glos does have its 5 year land supply.

There appears to be a lot of road closures at the moment. Notably Wickwar. Hopefully it will all be over and done with very soon. The lanes surrounding the village of Wickwar are mainly single tracked, Frith Lane being the one that gets all the traffic. I daresay you can see the steam and expletives from drivers wafting across the fields. If this happens again (and it will) plan your journey, leave extra time and forget the lanes. Its been a tad chaotic.

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I am very pleased to tell you that South Glos Council has declared a Climate Emergency. A long time coming, but we are all on board. What we do now might not impact significantly on us, but we have to look to the future generations.

All-Party Agreement to Declare Climate Emergency and Take Action to Reduce Carbon Emissions in South Glos

South Gloucestershire Council Members unanimously passed a motion declaring a climate Emergency at their meeting on Wednesday 17 July. The motion included the commitment from all parties to provide the leadership to enable South Gloucestershire to become carbon neutral by 2030.

The motion places South Gloucestershire Council at the heart of local efforts to reduce carbon emissions, but also to press for more powers, policies and investment from Government to deliver on our ambitious targets. Further, the Council will seek to provide local leadership to enable our communities to ultimately achieve 100 per cent clean energy across all sectors.

The motion sets out the next steps we will now take to reach Net Zero emissions by 2030, including: Working with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and our West of England partners to produce an ambitious delivery plan for the West of England Energy Strategy to use as a key tool for seeking policy changes and more local powers, as well as Government funding, to help us deliver our 2030 target; Update the South Gloucestershire Climate Change Strategy to reflect the increased urgency and ambition outlined in this motion, and, with our partners across the community, to develop an action plan and ‘route map’ to a sustainable, low carbon future for our community and also to reflect the new proposed national target of net zero by 2050;

Scrutiny Commission will also form a cross-party Task & Finish group to assess how South Gloucestershire Council can reach Net Zero by 2030 and contribute their work into council-wide efforts. They will also analyse the gaps within our current plans to enable the area to meet Net Zero emissions.

Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Claire Young, said: “I am proud to have proposed this motion and I am very grateful that all parties have got on-board to ensure that South Gloucestershire Council provides a united front on this most critical of issues. The work needed to make South Gloucestershire carbon neutral by 2030 is very significant. But with this motion, we have taken the first important step by providing the political leadership and saying: ‘this must happen.’ To do any less would be a dereliction of duty to our children and to future generations. Now the real work must begin, to bring our carbon footprint bit-by-bit, year-by-year, down to zero.”

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**Appendix 3 – King George V Playing Fields Report**

New equipment the Tango swing and Spinner Bowl have been a success and gone down a storm with kids and adults alike. The matting has been replaced under the Multi Play. It though is in desperate need of a repaint. It needs to be painted with proper metal paint though for a lasting job. Something for the Spring perhaps?

Roundabout spins beautifully and smoothly now with the new bearings. We must however remove the cover and grease the bearings every 6 months and they will have a long life. GB Sports felt they had probably not been done since roundabout fitted because of the way they had collapsed and so dry and rusty.

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Been a pleasure to get really good feed back from people about the new benches and picnic tables. They are all in use immediately. SG are emptying the litter bins from the 2nd week of installation! Looking forward to installing a few more pieces of equipment up there as well as we had such good feedback from the survey. There seems to have been a definite change in attitudes up there, since we have made the improvements. People are definitely enjoying using it more now as well. So money well spent.

**Reminder...** the grass cutting 3 yr contract for children's area and cemetery ends this year. Football club have finally moved the goal posts so that the first pitch is further away from the play area. A weed & feed spray has been done so far and B will be re seeding the old goal mouth areas in the near future. They appear to be using pitch #2 this season but they need be reminded to keep soil to fill in rabbit divets in the pitch I think.

This brings me to a new thought. As the football club are just getting worse and worse about doing pitch maintenance should the PC not take this issue out of their hands and we negotiate with B? He says most PCs do use him all round these days if they own the grounds. This would obviously mean a new agreement to be drawn up with the football club, but as it has not changed in years I think it is time we should look into this now. The village is changing and I think we should be changing a few things and moving with the times to keep up with everything with the influx of new people.

We have had the usual summer teenage angst and as usual they spoilt it for themselves, by getting very drunk and stealing some of the scarecrows, villagers found bits in a fire in the woods which hi-lighted the awful mess in there this last week being brought to light. We know it is a place generations have gone to hang out and sometimes it back fires. This last lot has had a good ending so far anyway. A wonderful unknown parishioner or two got up there before us on Saturday and cleared it all up!! John Pat and myself were amazed! It was wonderful though to think that someone else had done it! It renews my faith that Wickwar is a lovely place after all. This I do have to say has not been done by the young kids with the cars who had been going in there all winter and year. They just sat around their fire and after a word they took their rubbish away, no problem. These younger school leavers have destroyed their fire pit. Sad but that's how it goes I suppose. A parishioner is looking into some form of rubbish bin that they can't set on fire or trash or move, to go in the woods. I have left it with him to tell me about that!

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