

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008, at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor M Summers (Chairman)
Councillor R Stimpson (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor T Proffitt
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

Councillor J Burton

Mr H Gawler South Glos District Councillor (Ladden Brook Ward) attended this meeting.

Declarations of Interests:

Councillors D Howard, T Proffitt, and M Summers Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities.

All Parish Councillors are Trustees to the King George V Playing Fields.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman for the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman for the Community Centre.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group.

Public Time

Wotton under Edge Post sorting Office, have requested the support of Wickwar Parish Council to try and stop its proposed closure and move to Cam. Wickwar Parish Council supports the campaign to keep the office open.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the December 2008 meeting will be signed at the Council's February 2009 meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Extended Footpath – Both sides of the traffic lights. Letter written to Mark Parry SGC to arrange a meeting to take this matter further.

Mr Parry will try and attend the Parish Council's February meeting.

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3. Planning Matters

PT07/0573/F – Wickwar Quarry, Downs Road, Wickwar

Extension of existing limestone quarry through progressive extraction in a northwards direction, and associated planting and landscaping.

Comment

PK08/2868/F – Castle Motors, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Erection of replacement garage workshop at ground floor and offices, and managers flat, at first floor level. (Resubmission)

No comment or objection

PK08/2838/F - 75 Inglestone Road, Wickwar

Erection of first floor and single storey extension, and extension to garage.

No comment or objection

PK08/2834/F – Captains Farm, Hall End, Wickwar

Erection of a two-storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.

No objection, comment.

PK08/2991/F – Oak View, Firing Close, Wickwar

Erection of 1 dwelling

Objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Councillor Gawler did not attend this meeting.

5. **General Business**

Model Publication Scheme adopted by the Parish Council at this meeting will be made available to the public and is published on the Wickwar web site.

Proposed by Councillor T Proffitt and seconded by Councillor S Isaac. No votes against therefore the motion was carried.

Gypsy and Travellers sites – South Gloucestershire. The Parish Council have objected to this application and await the results of the South Glos Council consultation on this matter.

Gloucester Archives - Information on the Enclosures Act regarding road and possible bridle paths in the Wickwar Area. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain copies of this document for the Council, with regard to the proposed public footpath/bridleway adjacent to Sturt Bridge.

SGC – Footpath LYA 8, Wickwar. Footpath Diversion Order. Leading from Wickwar Road towards Hill House Farm. The diversion has been allowed by the Secretary of State.

6. **Items for Information**

. Register of correspondence received

- Proposed Bridle Path leading over Sturt Bridge. This matter has been taken to the SGC Public Rights of Way Officers.

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – next meeting to take place 12th February 2009.
It should be noted that the Clerk and Councillor Proffitt have been given desk diaries from Cemex UK. Councillor Proffitt declined the diary.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum.** Next meeting to be attended by Councillor Stimpson.

- **Speed Watch** – The Watch continues, but does need the speed gun to be replaced.
- **Youth Club** – Councillor S Isaac to attend the clubs January meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – All parishioners are automatically members of the Neighbourhood Watch.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos meeting** – Next meeting to take place on the 8th January 2009.

8. Committee Reports

- **Parish Walk** – 16th November 2008. No major problems encountered. Next walk 14th December 08.
- **King George V Playing Fields.**
 - i) Concrete path in front of new shed. The Clerk is going to meet up with the Leyhill prison works co-ordinator to arrange a date for the work to be done.
 - ii) **Guttering** – In front of the pavilion. The Clerk will get a quote regarding replacing the guttering, but having it covered in a wire cage or boxed in.
 - iii) **Bolts** – Tin Shed. The bolts have been tightened and the door secured properly. Floor sealed.
 - iv) **Draft Report – Wickwar Football Club.** Football club representative M C Swaine attended this meeting. This matter will be discussed further at the Councils January meeting.
- **Village Hall Committee** – Meeting held on the 8th December 08.
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting. Spare keys purchased by Clerk, £30.00.
- **Community Centre** – AGM held on Monday 17th November 08.

9. Burial Matters

Discussion with Rev D Russell and parishioner re exhumation of remains, in Wickwar Parish Cemetery. The Clerk will report to the Council at their January 09 meeting.

Grimes & Goscombe – Refund of burial fees paid to the Parish Council in error. £225.00.

Creosote substitute - £8.99, purchased by Clerk for Burial Ground benches.

10. Accounts

Monthly Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerks NI	£27.84
P Trull – Spare Town Hall Keys	£30.00
Glos Wildlife Trust – Membership	£25.00
P Trull – Creosote – Grave Yard	£8.99
S Isaac – Repairs Tin Shed	£348.50

Grimes & Goscombe – Refund of fees	£225.00
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Direct Debits/Standing Orders

Clerks Salary December 08	£670.53
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N Power – Town Hall	£21.00
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Telewest Broad Band	£51.15
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D Mackie – Clock Winder	£125.00
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The next Parish Council meeting will take place on January 7th 2009 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.