

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 5th November 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, M Summers are Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities.

Councillor Aldous is an allotment holder.

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

Councillor Howard is the Chairman for the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Howard is the Chairman for the Community Centre.

Councillor S Isaac declared an interest as he made objections to Planning Application **PK08/2703/F** – Homefield, Hall End, Wickwar, proposed gypsy caravan site.

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

Councillor Howard declared an interest regarding Planning Application **PK08/2868/F** – Castle Motors, Sodbury Road, Wickwar, as he lives in close proximity to this property.

Public Time

Parishioner attended this meeting to inform the Parish Council that she intended to form a committee to discuss South Glos Council's proposal to put a Gypsy site in Hall End, Wickwar.

The committee will be holding Public meetings to discuss this issue.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were signed after amendment to page 559, Declarations of Interest. *Community Rooms to Centre.*

Page 562 – Safer & Stronger Community Group – Next meeting to take place, to *Meeting took place.*

Community Reports – Saturday 5th October, to *Saturday 4th October.*

Lawn mower to the cutting, to *Lawn mower for cutting.*

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.

Councillor H Gawler to speak to SGC. Councillor R Stimpson will speak to South Glos Council about the Parish Council not having a reply to this matter.

Wickwar Educational and General Charities – Update Next meeting 11th November, Town Hall, 8pm.

Mazars – Minutes and letter sent to Mazars. Concluding the matters raised in the Public Interest report. E Mail from Mazars confirming the matter has now been concluded.

Public Meeting – 30th October 2008. To discuss the purchase of the proposed new Playing Fields and how to move the project forward for a successful outcome. The minutes and outcome of this meeting will be signed at the Parish Councils December 2008 meeting.

3. **Planning Matters**

PK08/2703/F – Homefield, Hall End, Wickwar

Change of use of agricultural land to the use of land for the siting of 5no. gypsy caravan pitches, with construction of 5no. hard standings, driveways, access and works. Erection of 5no. associated day room.

Objection

PK08/2719/F – 56 Amberley Way, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of rear conservatory.

PK08/2699/TCA – Maple House, Station Road, Wickwar

Works to remove 1 poplar tree situated within the Wickwar Conservation Area.

No objection or comment

PK08/2701/TCA – The Old Stables, High Street, Wickwar

Works to remove 3 conifer trees situated within the Wickwar conservation area.

No objection

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.

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)

PK08/2838/F - 75 Inglestone Road, Wickwar

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

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Councillor Gawler has been contacted by a number of Rangeworthy and Wickwar residents regarding the proposed Gypsy site in Hall End, Wickwar. Councillor Gawler will be looking into this matter and will report back to the Council and Parishioners. There is a Public Consultation taking place. Amberley Way roundabout. Parishioners have raised the question of the roundabout not slowing traffic enough as they enter and leave the village. The traffic tends to slow as it enters the village, but not on the way out exceeding in many cases the 30mph and the 40mph speed limit.

Unfortunately, there is very little that can be done about this as the roundabout cannot be raised in the centre due to safety issues and cannot be made any larger.

5. **General Business**

Model Publication Scheme to be adopted at the PC's December Meeting
Gypsy and Travellers sites – South Gloucestershire, Dealt with by Ward Councillor Gawler.

David James & Partners – Letter received. Copied to all PC's. David James wished to bring to the Parish Council's attention that their client who owns land adjacent to the proposed playing Fields would be available for consultation should the WPFA wishes. Copy of this letter to the WPFA.

Wreath – Remembrance Day Service. 9th November. Donation to the Royal British Legion. Donation Section 137 £50.00.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – membership. £25.00. To be dealt with at the Councils December meeting.

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** - Last meeting 9.10.08. Minutes have been published. Available from Cemex, Wickwar Web site and Wickwar Parish Council.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting December 2008.
- **Speed Watch** – Continues to be a success.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report at this meeting.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos** – Next meeting 8th January 08. The group have had success in gaining funding for a street light on a pathway leading from the Avon Crescent Community Room.
- **Youth Club** – Letter received for further funding. This will be looked into at the Council's budget meeting in January 2009.

8. **Committee Reports**

- **Parish Walk** – Last walk 5th October 2008. Walks planned 16th November and 14th December 2008.
- **King George V Playing Fields** - Tarmac pothole in the entrance to the lane leading to the King George V Playing Fields. South Glos Council has dealt with this matter and the potholes have been filled in.
Handover – Saturday 11th October. Parish Councillor S Isaac undertook the inspection of the fields. A concrete path in front of the new shed will be looked at by the Clerk.
Some of the bolt has come out of the new shed. The Clerk will order some replacements.

The Clubs have asked the Council to look into purchasing a sit on mower to cut the headlands in the fields. Councillor Howard has requested the cost for grass cutting around the play equipment for the past year. The Council will discuss this matter at their December meeting.

The Council has asked the Clerk to source some galvanised guttering for the front of the pavilion and to have this boxed in. The Clerk will report back to the Council.

- **Village Hall Committee** – The next meeting will be the 8th December 08.
- **Town Hall** – The Council has allowed South Glos Council Dept advisory service to hold surgeries at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings.
- **Community Centre** – AGM to be held on Monday 17th November 08.

9. **Burial Matters**

IRO Margaret E King, Burial, Plot 383

IRO Helen M Quinlan – Cremation Plot 6A

10. **Accounts**

Monthly Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting

B Bannister – Keys copied for the shed (King George V)	£6.25
Inland Revenue – Clerks NI	£27.84
South Glos Council – Dog Bins	£223.02
Shaun Cox – Replacement shower (Pavilion)	£411.25
Telewest – Broadband	£51.70
Paul Collins – Grass cut (King George V & Cemeteries)	£605.00
Miracle Span – Replacement bolts	£76.38
M Trull – Town Hall Cleaning	£12.00
Petty Cash	£30.00
S Isaac – Hedge cutting (King George V)	£45.00
Royal British Legion – Donation for the wreath	£50.00

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on December 3rd at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.