

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 1st April 2009, 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
C Councillor J Burton
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

None

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Mr H Gawler South Glos District Councillor (Ladden Brook Ward) attended this meeting. Councillor Gawler arrived at 8.30pm and left the meeting at 10pm.

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.

Councillor Howard is member of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Councillor Aldous is an allotment holder.

Councillor Burton is a Governor at the Alexander Hosea School.

Councillor Burtons husband is an allotment holder.

Councillors Howard, Stimpson and Proffitt are members of Wickwar Speed Watch.

Councillor Isaac declared an interests regarding Planning Applications **PK09/0360/F** – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, **PK09/0373/LB** – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar, Demolition and rebuilding of 1.7m stonewall, also **PK09/0552/F** – South Farm, Sodbury Road, Wickwar, owner rents land from Councillor Isaac.

Councillor D Howard declared an interest **PK09/0552/F**, as he is a neighbour of South Farm.

Public Time Session

Parishioners in the Buthay have complained about part of the boundary wall falling down and in need of repair. The Clerk will photograph the wall and contact Merlin Housing.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 4th March 2009 were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. **Matters Arising**

Extended Footpath – Both sides of the traffic lights. Mr Parry South Glos Council attended the Parish Councils meeting on the 4th February. Mr Parry has written to the Parish Council and is giving this matter his best attention, he will write again when he has made a site visit.

3. **Planning Matters**

PK09/0217/F – Leechpool Farm, Tanhouse Lane, Yate

Change of use from office to residential.

No objection

Application withdrawn

PK09/0360/F – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Erection of detached double garage, demolition and rebuilding of 1.7m stone wall.

No Objection - comment

PK09/0373/LB – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Demolition and rebuilding of 1.7m stone wall

Comment

Application withdrawn by the applicant

PK09/0203/F – South Farm, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Conversion and extension to existing outbuilding to form ancillary residential accommodation.

Plans not received by the Parish Council – Refused permission by SGC

PK09/0204/LB – South Farm, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Internal and external alterations and erection of extension to outbuildings to facilitate conversion to ancillary residential accommodation.

Plans not received by the Parish Council – Refused permission by SGC

PK09/0421/LB – Leechpool Farm, Tanhouse Lane, Yate

Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of existing dairy building to form dwelling with detached garage.

No objection – comment

Application withdrawn

PK09/0432/LB – Hope House, 87 High Street, Wickwar

Internal and external alterations to dwelling including repairs of replacement roof, porch windows and doors.

No objection

PK09/0434/F – Leechpool Farm, Tanhouse Lane, Yate

Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of existing granary barn to form dwelling. (Resubmission of PK09/2209/LB)

No objection

Land off Birds Bush Lane, Wickwar

Prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of hay and machinery.

Grey Barns – Sodbury Road – Alleged breach of planning control.

PK09/0552/F – South Farm, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Demolition of part existing cow buildings. Erection of covered yard for cow housing.

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

The proposed gypsy caravan site at Hall End is ongoing. The noise and drainage reports received by SGC are inconclusive. Traffic speed monitoring has been undertaken and the average speed is 40+mph. A site visit by SGC is planned for the 17th April.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleway Group – The next meeting for the group is planned in April.

Hedges – Avon Crescent. The hedges obscuring the back entrance to a bungalow in Avon Crescent have now been removed.

Pincotts Lane - Road Signage from Sodbury Road – South Glos Council have placed two reflective bollards on both sides of the entrance to Pincotts Lane.

Allianz Cornhill – Parish Council Insurance schedule & payment - £2,145.86. Proposed by Councillor S Isaac, seconded by Councillor D Howard. No votes recorded against therefore the motion was carried.

Parish News – Donation. £100 proposed for the publishing of the Parish Council News. Proposed by Councillor I Aldous seconded by Councillor J Burton. One vote recorded against this motion, six votes recorded for, therefore the motion was carried.

Wickwar Spring Clean – Date – 18th April 2009. 10.30am

ALCA Annual Membership - £387.88. Proposed for by Councillor R Stimpson, seconded by Councillor I Aldous. One Councillor abstained from voting. Therefore six votes recorded for, therefore the motion was carried.

Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription - £10.00 per annum. Proposed by Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor T Proffitt. No votes recorded against, therefore the motion was carried.

Clerk – Working from home annual allowance. 2009/2010 £250.00.

Proposed by Councillor R Stimpson, seconded by Councillor J Burton. No votes recorded against therefore the motion was carried.

Clerk – additional pay award as per National joint Council for Local Government Services. £25.20. This increase reflects 12 months arrears at 0.3%, at 70 hours per month. Proposed by Councillor R Stimpson seconded by Councillor T Proffitt. No votes recorded against therefore the motion was carried.

Youth Club – Parish Council annual donation. The Clerk will contact the Youth Club representative to ask for an up to date list of the needs of the Club.

Yate Heritage Centre – Lords of the Manor exhibition. Donation. £150 proposed by Councillor R Stimpson, but not seconded. One Councillor abstained from the debate and voting.

Second proposal by Councillor D Howard £100 seconded by Councillor I Aldous. No votes recorded against the second proposal, therefore the motion was carried.

PWLB – Information required from the National Audit Office as to the loans taken up by Wickwar Parish Council and the amounts outstanding. The Clerk has been asked to contact the PWLB to ascertain their present rates on interest.

Alderley Systems - Windows smashed, stones thrown from Public Footpath adjacent to the Buthay. Police informed. The Clerk will make these incidents known in the Parish Magazine

6. Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received (see attached)

No comment at this meeting.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** – Next meeting to be held at the Town Hall on the 28th April 2009.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No report at this meeting.
- **Speed Watch** – The Clerk will enter the figures of speeding traffic as recorded by the Wickwar Speed Watch each month.
- **Youth Club** – Last meeting was cancelled Councillor Isaac awaits the date of the next meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Laddenbrook Safer & Stronger Community Group** - Next meeting to take place at Rangeworthy Village Hall on the 9th April 2009.

8. Committee Reports

- **Parish Walk** – 15th March 2009. No significant problems encountered. The next Parish Walk planned for the 19th April.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - i. Concrete Path in front of new shed. To be completed by May 2009
 - ii. Guttering – No report at this meeting.
 - iii. Date of KGV Committee meeting – Thursday 30th April, 8pm at Wickwar Town Hall
 - iv. Grant success by Football & Cricket clubs £5000; letter from Football Club thanking the Clerk and the Council for their support.
- **Village Hall Committee** – AGM to be held on Monday 18th May.
- **Town Hall** – ‘Mind the step’ sign has been purchased by the Clerk for £6.90. To be placed on beside the front door to remind people of the wooden sill. Service of Fire Extinguishers £57.21.
Npower – Electric Bill - £32.55 (Information only)
Hire of Town Hall on Saturday 11th April, Tuesday Club Market 9.30am.
- **Community Centre** – Next meeting April 29th 2009.

9. Burial Matters

Quote for works to the Closed Cemetery £250.00. The Clerk has been instructed to write to SGC to find out what their policy is on closed cemeteries.

10. Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting.

P Trull – Clerks NI March 2009	£32.22
Inland Revenue Clerks NI April 2009	£32.22
British Telecom – Clerks Phone Account	£57.53
N Power – Pavilion	£202.01
JNC Fire Protection – Service Town Hall Fire extinguishers	£57.21
M Trull – Town Hall Cleaning February/March 09	£12.00
Allianz Cornhill – Insurance	£2145.86
JNC Fire Protection – ‘Mind the Step’ sign	£6.90
Parish News	£100.00
ALCA – Subscription	£387.88
Clerks & Councils Direct – Magazine	£10.00
P Trull – Home working	£250.00
P Trull – Pay arrears	£25.20
Yate Heritage Centre – Donation	£100.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Clerks Salary April 2009	£704.76
N Power – Town Hall wef: April 2009	£15.00
Telewest - Broadband	£25.30
South Glos Council - Council Tax – Pavilion	£79.54
South Glos Council – Council Tax – Town Hall – April – November 09	£50.95

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 6th May 2009, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.