

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 7th January 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
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

Councillor J Burton

Mr H Gawler South Glos District Councillor (Ladden Brook Ward) attended this meeting. It should be noted that Councillor Gawler left the meeting at 8.55pm after he gave his report.

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.

It should be noted that the times of arrival and leaving for Councillors should be noted in the minutes.

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.

Parish Plan – Update on Funding Meeting planned for the 16th January 2009. Meeting arranged to include the Football and Cricket Clubs and Jacqui Ward (SGC) to discuss funding for the King George V Playing Fields.

Bridleway Group – Parish Council agreed in principle to making a donation to the Group for membership to the British Horse Society. The Groups ambitions are to open up a bridleway/footpath leading over Sturt Bridge toward Lower Woods.

Proposed donation of £35.00 by Councillor R Stimpson and seconded by Councillor Ian Aldous. No vote recorded against therefore the motion is carried. It should be noted that Councillor D Howard did not vote.

3. **Planning Matters**

PK08/3172/F – 4 Turnpike Gate, Wickwar

Erection of two storey front and side extensions. Installation of 2 rear dormers to facilitate loft conversion.

No objection

PK08/3171/F - 47 High Street, Wickwar

Erection of rear conservatory

Comments

PK08/3072/0 – Wixoldbury Farm, Wickwar

Erection of 1 detached dwelling (outline) with means of access to be considered.

No comment or objection

PK08/3231/F - Land at 19 Cotswold View, Wickwar

Erection of 1 dwelling with access. Amendment to previously approved scheme PK08/0987/F

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Proposed Gypsy and Travellers site at Hall End, Wickwar. Reports are now in from the SGC consultation. Councillors Gawler stated that the splay on the entrance leading to the site is inadequate when exiting onto a 60mph road.

There will be sites inspection made by SGC in late January, Councillor Gawler will report back to the Parish Council at their February meeting.

Food waste collection has started in South Glos, and can be expected in Wickwar in the next two years.

The Parish Council asked Councillor Gawler if the proposed new playing fields were merged with the King George V playing fields, if this would help the WPFA with their planning application. Apparently, this is not an option.

5. **General Business**

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. The Clerk still awaits information from the Glos Records Office.

The Old Chapel – Right of Easement. The Clerk will discuss this matter further with the owner of the property. The land is leased by licence to Merlin Housing Association. The lease is due to expire in 2011.

Pincotts Lane road signage – Councillor Gawler will speak to SGC Highways Department regarding the issue of making the exit and entrance to the Road more visible to motorists especially in the evenings.

Hedges – Avon Crescent – Parishioner in Avon Crescent has complained to Merlin Housing about hedges growing over the rear entrance to her bungalow. The Clerk has reported this to Merlin, but Merlin has not replied. Councillor Gawler to speak to Merlin Housing.

National Pay award for Clerks – Interim pay award. 70 hours per month @ £10.068,

February 09 Salary £704.76. Nine months arrears @ £34.23 per month arrears (9 months) = £308.07

6. Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received

No comment at this meeting.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – next meeting to take place 12th February 2009.
- **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. The Clerk will raise this matter at the SSGC meeting.
- **Youth Club** – Next meeting 11th January 09.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos meeting** – Next meeting to take place on the 8th January 2009.

8. Committee Reports

- **Parish Walk** – Next walk to take place on the 18th January 09.
- **King George V Playing Fields.**
 - i) Concrete path in front of new shed. The Clerk met with the Leyhill Team and the work will be undertaken around May 2009.
 - ii) **Guttering** – On going problem to make the gutter secure, and to try and deter people kicking footballs at it.
 - iii) **Mower** – Request from the Football and Cricket clubs for a new sit on mower, to keep the headlands on the King George V playing fields in check. Also, the clubs say they will cut the grass around the play equipment. The Council need to discuss this matter with the clubs. If this is undertaken then the Council expects the same standard of cutting as they have at the moment. Headlands should be managed and controlled by the Parish Council.
 - iv) **Multi –Play equipment** – The Clerk is getting quotes for the repair of the multi-play boarding.
 - v) **Replacement Shower** – Second shower to be replaced.
- **Village Hall Committee** – Next meeting will held on Monday 9th March 2009.
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting.

- **Community Centre** – The next meeting will be held on 15th January 2009.

9. **Burial Matters**

£125.00 payable to Mr J Wielenga – buy back Plot 483.

Memorial IRO Q Kingscott Plot 382

Memorial IRO C Ellwood Cremation Plot 5A

Interment – IRO Mr R A Marsh into existing Plot 282

10. **Accounts**

Clerk purchased book History of Lower Woods Part I, £8.00.

Clerk paid PC's phone account £66.91.

Monthly Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting

P Trull – BT Phone Account	£66.91
South Glos Council – Dog Bins	£77.20
N Power – Pavilion	£266.45
S Cox – Replacement shower	£411.25
P Trull – Pay award arrears May 08 – January 09	£308.07
J Wielenga – Repurchase of burial plot 483	£125.00
P Trull – Purchase of Lower Woods book	£8.00

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

Clerks Salary January 09	£670.53
N Power – Town Hall	£15.00
Telewest Broad Band	£25.30

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 4th February 2009 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.