

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 2nd September 2009, at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt – Chairman
Councillor M Summers – Vice Chairman
Councillor D Howard
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor J Burton

Apologies:

Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor I Aldous

Ward Councillor Gawler attended this meeting and he arrived at 8.30pm.

Declarations of Interest

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 D Howard is member of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Councillor I Aldous is an allotment holder.

Councillor J Burton is a Governor at the Alexander Hosea School.

Councillor Burtons husband is an allotment holder.

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

Councillor D Howard is a member of Sustrans – Sustainable Transport.

Councillor D Howard declared a personal interest when discussing the development at Grey Barns, Sodbury Road.

Councillor J Burton's husband is an electrician who is working on Grey Barns, Sodbury Road, which is subject to an alleged breach of Planning Control.

Councillor S Isaac

PK09/1128/LB & PK09/1126F - Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Formation of opening in wall to facilitate the installation of wooden gate.

PK09/0854/LB – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Rebuilding of 1.7m high stone wall with revised opening

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

PK09/1421/LB - Wickwar Playing Fields Adjacent to Hill House West End Wickwar
Demolition and rebuilding of wall.

Change of use of land from Agricultural to Recreational (Class D2) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). Erection of grounds man's store. Construction of car and Cycle Park and demolition of walls.

PK09/5052/CA - Wickwar Playing Fields Adj To Stable Cottage West End Wickwar

Demolition of wall adjacent to Stable Cottage.

PK09/1418/F - Wickwar Playing Fields Adjacent to Hill House West End Wickwar
Demolition of wall adjacent to Stable Cottage.

Councillor J Burton declared a person and prejudicial interest on any discussions relating to the plastic recycling bank.

Public Time Session

Parishioners attending this meeting and those who have contacted and e mailed the Clerk wished to raise their objections to the possibility of there being a plastic recycling unit based in the South Glos owned car park adjacent to Turnpike Gate. They feel that the site may be inappropriate, concerns about increase in traffic and possibility of vandalism. Some parishioners were concerned about the fact that their homes would be facing the bottle bank. A suggestion was made for the Village Hall car park to be used, but this private car park was deemed as being too small.

Councillor D Howard declared an interest at this point, as he is the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

The Parish Council will contact South Glos Council to discuss any other suitable sites for the unit to be placed.

Complaints have been made to the Parish Council regarding green and black bins being left on the pavements in the High Street. The Clerk will report this matter to South Glos Council.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 1st July 2009 and the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2009 were signed by the Chairman of fair representations of those meetings.

2. Matters Arising

Proposed footpath through Traffic lights.

The Clerk will write to Mr Parry to discuss this matter,

Buthay Wall – The wall has fallen down. The Clerk has photographed the wall and sent details to Merlin Housing, who is responsible for the upkeep of the wall and land. The Clerk will write to Merlin.

Standing Orders – Amendments to the Parish Council's Standing Orders will be made at this meeting. The document will be presented to the Council at their next meeting in October 2009. It should be noted that this is a public document.

Castle Bridleways Group – Councillor D Howard has been invited by South Glos Council, Open Spaces Department, to discuss the management of Common Land. Open meeting to take place on Friday 11th September 2009.

3. Planning Matters

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

Members of the Parish Council will meet Mr J Cook SGC Planning at the Town Hall on the 14th September to discuss this matter.

PK09/1214/F – JB Motors, Bristol Road, Cromhall

Erection of extension to existing garage to provide storage for classic cars

No objection

PK09/0854/LB – Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Rebuilding of 1.7m high stone wall with revised opening (Re-submission of PK09/0372LB)

No objection

PK09/1143/F – Mill Stream Works, Station Road, Wickwar

Construction of canopy over doorway in south elevation. Replacement of all existing windows, installation of 3 windows in east elevation. Replacement shutter door in east elevation with glazing panels and double doors.

Objection

PK09/1128/LB & PK09/1126F - Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Formation of opening in wall to facilitate the installation of wooden gate

No Objection

PK09/1362/F - Granary Barn Hill House Farm Wickwar Road Wickwar

Conversion of existing agricultural building to include the erection of single storey extension to south elevation to form ancillary residential accommodation

No objection

PK09/1421/LB - Wickwar Playing Fields Adjacent to Hill House West End Wickwar

Demolition and rebuilding of wall.

PK09/1418/F - Wickwar Playing Fields Adjacent to Hill House West End Wickwar

Change of use of land from Agricultural to Recreational (Class D2) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Erection of grounds man's store. Construction of car and Cycle Park and demolition of walls.

PK09/5052/CA - Wickwar Playing Fields Adj To Stable Cottage West End Wickwar

Demolition of wall adjacent to Stable Cottage.

PK09/5084/F – Oakmead Farm, Limekiln Road, Yate

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

No objection.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Parish Councillors and Ward Councillor Gawler will meet with South Glos Council Planning Officer Mr J Cook to clarify the situation regarding the conversion of a barn to a dwelling on the curtilage of Grey Barns, Sodbury Road.

5. **General Business**

Financial Regulations – To be discussed at the Council's October meeting.

Plastic bottle recycling bin – Discussed at the Council's Public Time session.

South Gloucestershire Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for donation (previous donations £250) Donation proposed by for £250 proposed by Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor M Summers. No votes against, therefore the motion was carried.

Wickwar PC – Meeting to discuss Planning Application WPFA – Proposed new Playing Fields - 13th August 2009

Information from the Legal and Democratic Services (SGC) regarding the Parish Council/KGV Management Trustees.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact South Glos Council Legal and Democratic Services for advice as to whether Parish Councillors who are also the Management Trustees of the King George V Playing Fields if they are able to comment on the Planning Application put forward by the WPFA.

The advice given to the Council – Code of Conduct - Wickwar Parish Councillors who are the Management Trustees for the King George V Playing Fields cannot comment on the Planning Applications submitted by the WPFA. The Councillors who act as the Management Trustees have a personal and a prejudicial interest. You cannot separate the roles of the Council or Councillors.

Councillors who may wish to comment as individuals may take advice from SGC Legal and Democratic Services.

Arnold Baker – Local Council Admin book – Updated version. The Clerk has been instructed to purchase the book for the Council.

Proposed by Councillor S Isaac seconded by Councillor J Burton. One Councillor abstains from Voting, Councillor M Summers. No vote received against therefore the motion was carried.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for donation. Proposed donation for £250 by Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor M Summers. No votes against, therefore the motion was carried.

6. Items for information

. **Register of correspondence received.** Read by Council.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – Next meeting 14th October, 10.30am Wickwar Town Hall.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting 10th September 09.
- **Speed Watch** – Abuse to speed watchers reported to the Police. Who have informed speed watch they will be contacting offending drivers.
- **Youth Club** – It is reported that people have been putting excess household rubbish into the Youth Club black and green bins. A note of this has been put into the Parish Magazine and will be reported to the Police. The Clerk will get information regarding large lockable bins and pass on to Councillor S Isaac who is on the Youth Club Committee.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Chairman T Proffitt has informed the Parish Council that newly appointed Inspector Deryck Rees will be attending a Parish Council meeting in the near future. Mr Harrison has also informed the Neighbourhood Watch he will be more involved with the Watch.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos Meeting** – Next meeting to take place on 1st October 2009, in Rangeworthy.

8. Committee Reports

- **Parish Walk** – Sunday 20th September 09, 9.30am, meeting at the Town Hall. The Clerk will invite members of the Hawkesbury Parish

Council. The walk will take the proposed access route from the Sturt Bridge towards lower woods.

- **King George V Playing Fields** - The Clerk will contact Tina Rainy (South Glos Council) to ascertain what the plans might be for the new phase of play equipment at the fields.
The Parish Council has instructed the Clerk to contact Fields in Trust organisation, to ascertain the role and structure of the Management Trustees of the King George V Playing Fields.
- **Village Hall** - The next meeting will be on Monday 21st September, at the Town Hall Commencing at 7.30pm.
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting.

9. **Burial Matters**

IRO Mrs P M Trace cremation plot 13

IRO Mr S Miller cremation plot 8A

Mrs E M Fitzgibbon – purchase of reserved cremation plot 9A

IRO Mrs Dorothy R Doeg cremation plot 10A

10. **Accounts**

BT Phone Account – Paid by Clerk 13th July 2009.

Mr F Vettori paid on the 21.7.09. Consent granted by Chairman and Vice Chairman. £288.00

Mr P Collins Payment for grass cutting KGV and Parish Cemetery £605.00.

Signed and agreed by Vice Chairman Mr M Summers

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerk NI	£29.28
P Trull – Payment of Clerks NI August	£29.28
P Trull – Clerks phone Account	£48.86
South Glos Council – Dog bins	£148.58
Mr F Vettori – Works (graveyard wall, pavilion tiling and KGV slide)	£288.87
Bristol Water – Town Hall	£43.07
Bristol Water – King George V – Pavilion	£54.37
Bristol Water – Parkfield	£20.42
P Trull – Printer cartridges – Lexmark	£15.98
Mr P Collins – Grass cut Cemetery & KGV	£605.00
Citizens Advice Bureau (Donation)	£250.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Clerks Salary August 2009	£704.76
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N Power – Town Hall August	£15.00
N Power – Town Hall September	£15.00
Telewest - Broadband August	£25.30
Telewest - Broadband September	£25.30
South Glos Council – Council Tax – Town Hall – April – November 09	£53.00

The date of the Parish Councils next meeting will be on 7th October 2009 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.