

Wickwar Parish Council
Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 6th January 2010, at the Town Hall Commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

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

Apologies:

Councillor S Isaac

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor H Gawler did not attend this meeting.

Public Time Session

No comment at this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

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

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

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

Councillor D Howard is Chairman of 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 a member of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Group.

Councillor I Aldous is an allotment holder.

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

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

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd December 2009, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk advertised the post as per South Glos Council's

Electoral Services instruction. With no response from parishioners, Wickwar Parish Council is now able to co-opt to the Council. An advert will put in the Parish Magazine.

3. Planning Matters

PK09/5913/TCA - The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Wickwar
Works to remove 1 sycamore tree

No objection

PK09/5851/F – Cowship Cottage Cowship Lane, Wickwar
Erection of single storey extension to east elevation and single storey extension to west elevation. Erection of 1.5m high gates and stone pillars. Creation of new vehicular access

No objection.

PK09/5343/F – 8 Burley Way, Wickwar
Erection of two-storey side extension – Amended Plans

No objection

PK09/5623/F – 1 Amberley Way, Wickwar
Erection of single storey side and rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of 1.8m boundary wall – Resubmission

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Councillor Gawler did not attend this meeting.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleway Group – Councillor Howard walked the proposed route from Poplar Lane towards Lower Woods with PCSO H Harrison.

Parish Council outstanding loans – The PWLB have given the Council information as to the outstanding loans and any subsequent penalties there might be for paying off the loans or consolidating the loans at an early date. The Clerk has been instructed to contact the PWLB to find out if the Council are able to increase their six-monthly payments

Crossing – High Street. The Council have written to the Highways Department (SGC) to see if a crossing point may be made at a ‘push button’ crossing at the traffic lights. SGC have informed the PC that the cost of this is inhibitive. The Clerk has asked SGC Highways to suggest a safe point to cross in the High Street and suggest a method of doing this. SGC have yet to reply. The Clerk will write again.

Signage – Downs Road – This matter is on going and will be discussed at the Councils February meeting.

SGC – Standards Committee – Councillors dispensation. Letter copied to all PC’s.

6. **Items for information**

. Register of correspondence received (see attached)

No comment at this meeting.

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Group** – Next meeting 16th Feb 2010
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No report at this meeting
- **Speed Watch** – No report at this meeting
- **Youth Club** – No report at this meeting
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting
- **Stronger & Safer Community Group** – Next meeting 9th February

- 2010.
- **Parish Walks** – Dates 21st February, 21st March, 18th April.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - . Strategy Meeting 21st January 10
 - . Grants re play equipment improvement. Still waiting a start date from SGC and contractors Janes Ponds.
 - . Pavilion Electric Meter. Checks by N Power – On going.
 - . Bolts considered to be a hazard have been removed from multi play equipment.
- **Village Hall** – No report at this meeting.
- **Community Centre** – PC to meet at the Community Centre to discuss issues raised as per its use.

8. **Burial Matters**

New Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial Book ordered.

9. **Accounts**

Clerks Phone Account BT Paid by Clerk £71.04

Cheques signed at this meeting

P Trull – BT Phone Account	£71.04
N Power – Pavilion	£72.18
P Trull – increase in Sal not paid Dec 09	£32.60
F Vettori – Removal of bolts, rotten board	£18.00
Inland Revenue – Clerk NI	£33.58
Standing Orders/Direct Debits	
N Power Town Hall	£13.00
P Trull Sal Jan 10	£738.36
Telewest	£25.30
D Mackie Clock winder quarterly Sal Dec 09	£125.00

The Parish Council will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 2010, at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.