

**Wickwar Parish Council
Minutes**

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt – Chairman
Councillor M Summers – Vice Chairman
Councillor D Howard
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor R Stimpson

Apologies:

Councillor S Isaac

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting.

Declarations of Interests

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. A member of the RSPCA and supports Oxfam.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were signed as a fair representation of the Parish Council meeting held on February 3rd 2010.

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Vacancy – The Chairman and Clerk will arrange a suitable date to meet to discuss the Councillor vacancy with the applicant,

3. Planning Matters

PK09/6085/RVC – Hall End Farm, Hall End, Wickwar

Removal of condition 2, to allow the use of the building as a single use residential unit

Objection

PK10/0057/F – Hall End Farm, Hall End, Wickwar

Erection of agricultural building for free range eggs

No objection

PK10/0140/F – 67 High Street, Wickwar

Installation of replacement rear dormer with Juliet balcony

No objection

PK10/0347/F – Rose Cottage, Horwood Lane, Wickwar

Erection of two-storey side extension and 2 single storey extensions to form additional living accommodation.

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor H Gawler**

South Glos Council has set their budget for the financial year 2010/2011, 2.5% increase. South Glos Council has also agreed a 10% staff reduction over the next 3-4 years.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleway Group – Meeting planned for April 10.

Signage – Downs Road

Councillor R Stimpson has written to South Glos Council, regarding the maximum speed sign on the bend as you enter the village from the Downs Road. Councillor Stimpson has taken advice from the Bristol Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) Motorcyclists Section to recommend a safe speed to address the sharp bend. IAM motorcyclist rode his motorcycle and drove his car several times in both directions. His conclusion was that the recommended safe maximum speed should be 20 mph. At the time Councillor Stimpson was the Chairman of the Bristol Group of the IAM and he agrees with his findings. Councillor Stimpson has since driven around this corner many times and 20mph is definitely the safe maximum speed for the bend. Tracey Hamblett, South Glos Council Senior Technical Officer, Transportation and Cycling recommend a 'Reduce Speed Now' sign. Wickwar Parish Council feel that Councillor Stimpson's studies and observations would be the most effective. Councillor Stimpson will be pursuing this matter with South Glos Council.

Financial Regulations – Amended at this meeting. Agreement on amendments to be made at the Council's April meeting.

Victim Support request for funding – To be discussed at the Councils April meeting.

Chairs Award – Wickwar Parish Council nominated Mr R Banister – Chairman Wickwar Football Club. The nomination was successful. The Community Awards are a way for the community to express their gratitude for the voluntary work an individual gives for the benefit of the Parish.

Fire Safety Course – Attended by the Clerk on the 24th February. Bradley Stoke Town Council.

Wickwar Out of School Club request for funding

Councillor Howard proposed that the Club receives a grant of £250 from the Parish Plan Monies held by the Parish Council towards a table tennis table. The motion was proposed by Councillor Aldous and seconded by Councillor Howard. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

To be paid at the April meeting.

Standing Orders – Any further amendments will be discussed at the Councils April meeting.

South Gloucestershire Heritage Forum – Subscription (annual) £10.00.
Proposed to pay the subscription Councillor Summers, seconded by Councillor Howard. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

6. Items for Information:

: Register of correspondence received.

Councillor D Howard

FWAG – Commons Grazing Rights.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** – Meeting 16th February. Attended by Councillor T Proffitt and Clerk Mrs P Trull.
The 60 occasions used in excess of working hours has not been breached. The occasions run from January – December. Date of the next meeting will be on the 18th May, 10am, Wickwar Town Hall.
- **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 Meeting** – Next meeting Rangeworthy Village Hall on the 1st April, commencing at 7pm.
- **Parish Walk** – Walk undertaken on the 21st February. No significant problems encountered.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - . Play Equipment grant totalling £40,000. Managed by South Glos Council. Meeting arranged with South Glos Council rep Tina Rainey and Wickwar Parish Councillors on Monday 1st March to discuss any problems. It has been agreed that the swings will be replaced in April 2010.
 - . Pavilion burst pipe. ! 4th January 2010. The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from their insurers.
 - . Security – Gates to the car park have been erected and when the Parish Council has agreed an appropriate time, the car park will be locked in future.
 - . Light bulbs & fluorescent tubes purchased by Mr B Banister for the pavilion.
 - . **Village Hall** – No report at this meeting.
 - . **Community Centre** – The Management Committee will be undertaking a survey of Wickwar Parishioners as to the future needs of the village are in regard to the Community Centre.
 - . **Town Hall** – Use of the Town Hall as an Avon & Somerset Police out post.

8. Burial Matters

IRO Simone E Coates – Cremation Plot 11A

9. Accounts

Mr Jerome Way, (Wickwar Parishioner) has agreed to be the Parish Councils internal auditor for the accounts year 2009/2010.

Cheques signed at this meeting

South Glos Heritage Forum	£10.00
Bristol Water – Town Hall	£40.19
Bristol Water – Parkfield	£17.43
Bristol Water – Pavilion	£144.03
P Trull – Lap top McAfee Virus protector	£38.09
DB Isaac & Partners – KGV Gate	£441.49
P Trull – Travel expenses – Bradley Stoke	£15.02
Mr R Banister – Light bulbs & fluorescent tubes	£19.81

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Clerks Salary March 2010	£738.36
N Power – Town Hall	£13.00
Telewest - Broadband	£25.30
Mr D Mackie – Clock Winder	£125.00

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday April 7th at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.