

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 5th May 2010, at Wickwar Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt – Chairman
Councillor R Stimpson – Vice Chairman
Councillor D Howard
Councillor S Isaac

Apologies:

Councillor M Summers
Councillor I Aldous

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting arriving at 9pm.

Councillor R Stimpson left this meeting at 9.30pm.

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.
Councillors D Howard, R Stimpson and T Proffitt are members of the Wickwar Speed Watch. Councillor R Stimpson is a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, National Trust, Wild Fowl & Wetland Trust and the RSPB.
Councillor D Howard is a member of Sustrans – Sustainable Transport; and a member of the RSPCA and Oxfam.

Public Time

Parishioner attending this meeting submitted her tender for the grass cutting in Wickwar Cemetery.

Parishioner attending brought the following to the Council's attention:

- a) 30mph sign and weight limit sign to be replaced/repared. The location is the entrance to West End from Downs Road.
- b) Drain – opposite Alderley Estate. Along the wall, drain is blocked with the debris dug out of the drain by SGC on previous occasion. Left on the side of the drain, which has been washed back into the drain. Drain now blocked.
- c) Drains – Church Lane. On the side of the Old Rectory. Blocked by debris left on the side of the drain.
- d) Dust Cart – Request for a smaller dustcart to be used in Church Lane.
- e) Drain – Rag Lane. Marked by two bollards. Needs urgent maintenance.
- f) Wickwar Quarry – Red spill heap. Parishioner wanted to know about the contents of the heap and when it might be moved or landscaped. Also, what

planning permissions were in place or applied for any landfill? Minutes for the Quarry Liaison meetings should be made available as soon after the meeting as practical.

- g) Lorries – parking on the Downs Road in what appears to me make shift lay-bys, have been reported as blocking the road.
- h) Dog Mess – Public Footpaths. Some people walking dogs along public footpaths through open countryside feel they should not pick up dog mess. This is upsetting other people using the paths and the landowners. The Clerk will write to the Dog warden and the Public Rights of Way Officers.
- i) Pothole Downs Road. 20 yards from junction when travelling on the Downs Road (from Wickwar).

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes were signed as a fair representation of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th April 2010.

2. **Matters Arising**

Parish Councillor – Co-option. To take place at the Council's October 2010 meeting.

3. **Planning Matters**

PK10/0710/F – Land off Limekiln Road, Yate

Construction of outdoor ménage and erection of 1.2m high post and rail fencing.

No objection

PK10/0835/F – South Farm, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Erection of extension to agricultural building to form milking parlour & associated offices.

No objection

PK10/0728/LB – 36 – 38 High Street, Wickwar

Internal and external alterations to include re-render of front elevation, reinstatement of courtyard gateway, removal of shop sign and installation of partition wall.

No comment

PK10/0941/F – 26 The Buthay, Wickwar

Erection of first floor side extension to provide additional living accommodation.

Yet to be considered

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Gypsy & Travellers site DPD Guidance should be published in July.

Sites proposed by South Glos Council should be reduced in number.

Core Strategy – It was proposed by the Government that 38,000 houses were needed in South Gloucestershire. Now 22,000 houses are proposed for South Gloucestershire. This is a more manageable figure, over years 2006 – 2026. No houses planned for Wickwar at the present time.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleways – No report at this meeting

Crossing High Street – Clerk to read school travel plan.

Signage Downs Road - Councillor R Stimpson in correspondence with SGC.

Broad Band Connection - This matter is being dealt with by Councillor M Summers.

Street Lighting – Wickwar. The Clerk has put an article in the Parish Magazine to ascertain the opinions of residents. SGC have proposed to turn off streetlights at 11.30pm to save money.

South Glos Council – Core Strategy – This matter will be discussed by the Parish Council, when the final document is released by SGC after consultation.

Voluntary Litter Pickers – Councillor M Summers is starting up a litter picker group in the village.

Wickwar out of School Club – Thanked PC for their donation.

Standing Orders – No review of the Standing Orders.

CPRE – Village of the Year Competition. – The Parish Council has decided not to enter the competition this year.

Wickwar Pre School – Request for funding - Councillor S Isaac proposed £250 for new play equipment, seconded by Councillor D Howard. No votes against, therefore the motion was carried.

Allianz Cornhill – Parish Council Insurance for 2010/2011, £2407.43. Councillor D Howard proposed the Council pay this amount to accept the quote for 12-month period, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. No votes against, therefore the motion was carried.

Grass cutting Quotes – Five quotes received for the cutting of grass in the King George V Playing Fields, Play area, closed and open cemetery.

The Council considered the quotes and decided upon the best value for the Parish.

Mrs A Carroll, to cut the grass at the open cemetery twice per month at £50 per cut. To cut the grass at the closed cemetery once per month at £50.00 per cut.

Mr P Collins to cut the King George V Play Area twice per month at £60.00 per cut.

Both quotes subject to Public Liability Insurance Certificates.

Wickwar Web Site – The Parish Council obtained £1000 from Merlin funds to run and improve the Wickwar web site for two years. £500 payable to Mr D Luton., Tool Box Creations.

6. Items for information

. Register of correspondence received (see attached

No comment at this meeting.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – Next meeting 18th May 2010.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No comment at this meeting

- **Speed Watch** - Wickwar Speed Watch giving a short presentation at Bromley Heath Parish meeting on the 26th May.
- **Youth Club** – Anti Social behaviour has been noted at the Club. Police will do regular talks and visits to the club.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – AGM 28th April 2010.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos meeting** - Next meeting to be held at Wickwar Town Hall 15th July 2010.
- **Parish Walk** – Alleged shooting on public footpath in the Horton Parish, has been noted. Police and the public Rights of Way Team have been notified.
Walks planned for Sunday 27th June, and Sunday 18th July, meeting at the Town Hall at 9.30am.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - a) Grants for Play equipment. Snagging meeting planned with SGC Tina Rainey to discuss, rolling of turf, new swings, bin etc.
 - b) Grant application – Security. No report as yet.
 - c) Pavilion Burst pipe. The contract for the work has been awarded to Mr S Cox upon his submission of a new invoice for the works to the lights and an undertaking regarding the artex. (The year it was put on the ceilings in the pavilion.
 - d) The Parish Council has undertaken to pay a parishioner to lock the gates in the KGV Playing Fields. From 8pm – 8am. The Clerk will put a note in the Parish Magazine to this effect and put a notice on to the gates. Foot access has not been denied at any time.
 - e) New Bolts and locks for the tin shed has been purchased. Works to the pavilion doors will take place when the works to the inside of the pavilion are complete.
 - f) Shutters – The Clerk has applied for grants to replace the broken shutters.
 - g) Rospa Inspection of Play equipment. The Parish Council awaits their report.
 - h) Play Builder sign template – The design of this sign will be decided at the Councils June meeting.
 - i) Pavilion Plans – The Clerk has spoken to SGC Planning Officers. A meeting will be arranged in the near future for the Council to take advice on the plans.
 - j) Climbing Frame (Igloo Climber) welding. The work has been undertaken by Shipp & Sons Engineering. The Clerk has inspected the work and the invoice will be paid at the Councils June meeting.
 - k) Tarmac – KGV. The Clerk has set up a meeting with Cemex who will undertake the Tarmac,. An e mail has been received from Mr Broad, (Wickwar Playing Fields Association) who is concerned that any water run off from the KGV car park may run off into the adjacent fields owned by the WPFA. The Council will look into this matter.
- **Village Hall Car Park** – Abandoned Trailer. The Trailer has now been removed. The Police were informed.
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting.
- **Town Hall** – Community Police out post. No report at this meeting, to be discussed at the Council's June meeting.

8. **Burial Matter**

The Parish Council will inspect the leylandii trees in the Cemetery.

9. **Accounts**

Clerk purchase of laminator and pouches Ryman Stationers £37.95

Clerk purchase Chain and padlock, Meredith's Iron Mongers £33.25

P Trull – Home working 2010'2011 – Clerk using home to conduct PC business £250 PA.

Cheques signed at this meeting

P Trull (Laminator)	£37.95
Bradley Stoke Town Council (Fire Training Course)	£20.00
Inland Revenue (Clerk NI May 2010)	£33.58
P Trull (Chain and lock)	£33.25
P Trull	£250.00
Clerk & Council Direct – Council Magazine (Annual Sub)	£11.00
M Trull – Town Hall Cleaning (April/ May 2010)	£12.00
Wickwar Web Site – Mr D Luton	£500.00
Wickwar Pre School	£250.00
Allianz Cornhill (PC Insurance)	£2497.43

The date of the Parish Council's next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd June at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.