

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 7th April 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 S Isaac
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

None

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 R Stimpson is a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, Gloucester Wildlife Trust, and the National Trust.

Councillor D Howard is a member of Sustrans – Sustainable Transport, he is a member of the RSPCA and Oxfam.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

Councillor vacancy. The new Parish Councillor will be co-opted at the Council's May meeting.

3. Planning Matters

PK10/0499/TCA

64 High Street, Wickwar

Works to 1 cherry tree to reduce spread towards house

No objection

PK10/0555/LB

Westend House, West End Wickwar

Internal and external alterations to outhouse.

PK10/0610/F

17 Station Road Wickwar

Installation of dormers to rear. Erection of front porch.

4. Report Ward Councillor

The Parish Council has received the breakdown of costs for the signage for the Downs Road. Wickwar has £1000 from the section 106 agreements.

Councillor Gawler will try and get this money increased.

The Parish Council feels that the 30mph sign being moved and thus creating a Traffic regulation Order is a waste of money, Councillor Gawler will speak to Tracey Hamblett (SGC Highways Dept) on the PC's behalf.

Councillor Stimpson has e mailed Tracey Hamblett regarding the recommendations from the Institute of Advanced Motorists on the '20mph max' sign that should be place before the Downs Road bend as you enter Wickwar. Councillor Stimpson has yet to receive a reply. Councillor Gawler will be looking into this.

5. General Business

Castle Bridleway Group - No report at this meeting

Crossing High Street – Clerk to contact SGC to see if a 'lollypop' person might be funded to enable the children to cross the High Street safely.

The Clerk will contact Alexander Hosea School and ask for a copy of their school travel plan.

Signage Downs Road – Discussed with Ward Councillor Gawler.

Financial Regulations - Regulations have been read, amended and agreed by the Parish Council. Proposal to accept the Regulations made by Councillor M Summers and seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. No vote against therefore the motion was carried. Chairman T Proffitt signed and dated the Financial Regulations.

Victim Support - Request for funding. Proposal by Councillor S Isaac to donate £50.00 seconded by Councillor I Aldous. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

Broadband connection – To be discussed at the Councils May meeting.

Wickwar out of School Club – Request for funding towards equipment for the Club. It was agreed at the Council's March meeting to donate £250.00.

CPRE – Village of the year competition – To be discussed at the Council's AGM in May 2010.

SARA – Request for funding (Severn Rescue Association). The Council has agreed not to donate.

Yate Heritage Centre – Request for funding. Councillor S Isaac proposed the Parish Council donates £50.00 to the Heritage Centre towards workshops and exhibitions. Seconded By Councillor D Howard. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

Senior Citizens Forum - Councillor Howard Proposed to donate £50.00, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

Wickwar Youth Club – Request for funding as per their list of items for various skill workshops. Proposed £250, Councillor R Stimpson, seconded by Councillor D Howard. No vote against therefore the motion was carried.

Standing Orders – Any amendment/updates will be discussed at the Council's May meeting.

PA Testing Town Hall and Pavilion. All electrical appliances owned by the Parish Council for use exclusively in the Town hall were safety tested by J & H Services. The Clerk did not ask for appliance testing in the Pavilion until the Insurance Assessors have finished their work.

Fire extinguisher testing Town Hall. Fire extinguishers in the Town Hall were safety tested by JNC Fire Protection Ltd.

Date of AGM & APM - Date agreed 11th May 2010, 7.30pm.

Wickwar Spring Clean – 20th March 10. Successful Spring clean well attended by Councillors and parishioners.

ALCA – Subscription. Councillor Isaac proposed the Council pay the annual subscription of £326.4, seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. Councillor M Summers abstained from voting. All other Councillors present voted in favour, therefore the motion was carried.

Merlin Funding - £1000. To update and improve Wickwar Web site at £500 per annum. To be discussed further at the Council's May meeting.

Voluntary Litter Pickers – Councillor M Summers attended an SGC meeting to discuss voluntary litter pickers, in this Parish. The Parish Council felt that this would be a good idea and would encourage and support such a group.

The Clerk will contact Simon Spedding (Street Care) and request some litter picker sticks for the group.

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, Wickwar Town Hall.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting Sept 2010.
- **Speed Watch** – Continues successfully. New parish members eager to join.
- **Youth Club** – No report at this meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – AGM 28th April 10
- **Stronger & Safer South Glos Meeting** – Last meeting held on the 1st April 10. Three priorities were set at the meeting,
 - 1. **Weight restrictions – Laddenbrook**
 - 2. **Shooting on public footpath**
 - 3. **Downs Road – bend signage**
- **Parish Walk** – Walk 21st March 2010. It was noted by a parishioner that there was shooting posts erected on footpath. LYA/25/10, which is in Horton Parish, but accessed via Horwood Lane Wickwar. This matter has been reported to the Police and Public Rights of Way Officers at South Glos Council.

▪ **King George V Playing Fields –**

- Re grants for play equipment & Meeting with Tina Rainey and Jane's Ponds (Play build designer) The Clerk has been instructed to write to Tina Rainey, regarding the following:
 - a. Tunnel – ends of. Should be finished off with a metal or wooden rim.
 - b. Turfing
 - c. Re-seeding in front of the bund.
- Pavilion electric meter – New bills have been issued by Npower. These will be discussed at the Council's May meeting.
- Pavilion burst pipe 14th January 10 – Insurance assessor will visit the pavilion in the next two weeks.
- Gate – Locking times to be agreed by the Council.
- Shutters – to be discussed at the Council's May meeting.
- ROSPA Inspection April 2010
- Play builder Sign Template – May meeting.
- Meeting 25th March 10 – To discuss plans for the Pavilion.
- Green ways Gardens – works to the play matting roundabout. This was not successful, even though Greenfields made two visits. Each time the new wet pour play matting was removed.
- **Village Hall** - No report at this meeting.
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting
- **Town Hall** – Use of the Town Hall as a Police outpost. Depending on the reply from The Police regarding insurance and use. This matter will be discussed at the Council's May meeting.

8. **Burial Matters**

No report at this meeting.

9. **Accounts**

£1000 received from South Glos Council – Re Merlin monies for the improvement and running of the Wickwar web site for two years.

Clerk – Purchase of two Lexmark Ink Cartridges from Cartridge Discount. £33.73, VAT £5.02

Clerk – Payment of BT Phone Account £56.97

Cheques signed at this meeting

JNC Fire Protection	£31.43
S Cox – Repair to leaking stop Tap 7.3.10	£52.88
S Cox – Call out water leak pavilion 14.1.10	£94.01
ALCA – Annual Subs	£326.41
J & H Services PA Testing – Town Hall	£45.00
F Vettori – Repair door pavilion	£122.99
P Trull – Purchase of ink cartridges	£33.73
P Trull – Payment of BT phone account	£56.97
Inland Revenue – April Payment	£33.58
P Trull – NI March 2010	£33.58
P Trull Petty Cash	£50.00

South Glos Council – Dog Bins	£116.09
Victim Support – Donation	£50.00
Wickwar out of School Club – Donation	£250.00
Yate Heritage Centre – Donation	£50.00
Senior Citizens Forum – Donation	£50.00
Wickwar Youth Club – Donation	£250.00

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2010, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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