

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 1st December 2010, at the Town Hall
Commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor T Proffitt (Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor P Crocker

Apologies:

Councillor M Summers (Vice Chairman)
Councillor S Isaac

Ward Councillor Gawler attended 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 Management Committee.

Councillor Howard's wife leases land belonging to the Parish Council (known as parkland)

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group.

Public Time

Parishioners attending discussed green and black bin collection dates with Ward Councillor H Gawler.
Councillor Gawler said he would contact parishioners to discuss any issues they may have.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2010, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters arising

None at this meeting

3. Planning Applications

PK10/2800/F – Pound Barn, West End, Wickwar

Change of use from Workshop (Class B1) to mixed use, workshop (class B1) and studio and gallery (Class A1) as defined by the Town and Country Planning (use classes) order 1987.

No objection

PK10/2927/LB – Oxwick Farm, Wickwar Road, Yate

Repairs to walls and masonry (resubmission of PK10/2007/LB)

No objection

PK10/3013/F – Celestine Cottage, Limekiln Road, Yate

Erection of two-storey side extension to provide living accommodation and erection of double garage.

No objection

PK10/3026/F – Wickwar Garage, Arnolds Fields Industrial Estate, Wickwar

Erection of replacement building for general industrial use within class B2 of the Town & Country Planning order 1987.

No objection

PK01/2750/F – 31A High Street, Wickwar

Erection of single storey rear extension to facilitate the conversion of barn to 1 dwelling with integral garage and associated works to include the demolition of an existing outbuilding.

PK10/3104/F – Top Yard, Hall End Farm, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Erection of detached garage and garden store.

PK10/3264/F – The Rookery West End Wickwar

Erection of first floor and second floor side extension and conversion of existing outbuildings to provide additional living accommodation and enlarged garage. Erection of front porch.

4. **Report – Ward Councillor**

Councillor Gawler will be meeting with Tracey Hamblett (South Glos Council Highways) to discuss the implementation of the Downs Road signage.

South Glos Council is still awaiting the final financial review from Central Government, regarding the budget for 2011/2012.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleways Group – The route from Polar Lane, over Sturt Bridge and upwards towards Lower Woods, was known as a Highway, but fell into disuse. The land is still common land. Councillor Howard has been attending meetings with SGC Commons Management Committee to enable a way forward to open up and maintain the route for horse riders and walkers.

Crossing – High Street. The School travel plan does not support a dedicated High Street Crossing.

Ward Councillor Gawler – Funding for play equipment, SGC Officer Tina Rainey (Management of refurbishment of the KGV Play Area) will discuss this matter with Councillor Gawler.

Buthay Lease – The Clerk has been instructed to seek an independent surveyor the the leased land.

Computer – Clerk. The Parish Council has purchased a new computer.

Lease – Parkfield. Lease Expires 2011. A notice to invite tenders will be put into the Parish Magazine, Parish Notice Board and the local Gazette.

Grass Cutting – Tenders will be sought for grass cutting around the play equipment King George V Playing Fields and for the Parish Cemeteries. A notice to invite tenders will be put into the Parish Magazine, Parish Notice Board and the local Gazette.

Wickwar a Year in Photo's – This event will be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

ALCA – Avon Local Council's Association provides advice and information for Parish and Town Councils who pay a subscription for the service. Some Councils have decided to find and pay for advice elsewhere, which has left ALCA underfunded. It has been decided that ALCA will continue, but with less staff and resources for the coming year.

King George V Gate closing – Will not continue after December 2011, as the person closing the gate has resigned. The gate has been closed for 8 months @ £25.00 per month. £200 payable. Proposed by Councillor I Aldous, seconded by Councillor P Crocker, all in favour, therefore the motion was carried.

Date of Budget Meeting – 13th January 2011

Letter from Wickwar PCC – Re: request for grant aid for repairs to the stank wall. This matter will be considered at the Parish Council Budget Meeting.

The PC has asked the Clerk to contact SGC to see if they might be able to assist.

6. Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received

No comment at this meeting

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** – Cemex – Wickwar Quarry will be holding an open day at Wickwar Town Hall on Wednesday 9th December 2010.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting 2nd December 2010.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Reported Burglary in Turnpike Gate.
- **Youth Club** – No Report at this meeting. Letter received from Club leader requesting funding which will be discussed at the PC's January Budget Meeting.
- **Safer & Stronger South Glos Meeting** – Planning an open door meeting at Wickwar Town Hall on the 6th January 2011.
- **Parish Walk** – Next Parish Walk 12th December 2010.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
- **Grant Applications** – Will hear if grant application is successful in January 2011.
- **Security – KGC** – To be discussed in at the January 2011 meeting.
- **Plans – Pavilion** – King George V Playing Fields Management Committee to appoint architect, to be discussed at the PC's January 2011 meeting.
- **Headlands** – Councillor Howard to discuss with SGC Environmental Officer the merits of leaving the headlands surrounding the KGV fields to grow.
- **Date of official opening of KGV Play equipment** – Wednesday 15th December 2010, 10am.
- **Insurance – Play equipment.** Clerk to contact Council's insurers.
- **Village Hall** - No report at this meeting
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting.
- **Town Hall** – Noted to the Parish Council the temporary use of the Town Hall by the local Rainbow group.

8. Burial Matters

IRO: Mr Cyril E Perrett – Cremation Plot 16A

IRO: Mr Stephen J Fry – Cremation Plot 14A

IRO: Mr Neil G Harris – Cremation Plot 17A

Miss D Drew – Reserved Cremation Plot – 19A

IRO Mr Kenneth Robinson Burial Plot 332

9. Accounts

Clerk – Increment – 70 hours per month worked @ £10.841 = £758.87 wef: January 2011.

Increment £20.51 per month, from May 10, to December 10 (8 months) = £164.08.

Proposed by Councillor T Proffitt, seconded by Councillor D Howard, all in favour, therefore the motion has been carried.

Virgin Media/Telewest Broadband connection cancelled with effect 23rd November 2010.

Cheques signed at this meeting.

Inland Revenue Clerks NI	£54.64
Mr D Mackie – Clock Winder Quarterly Salary (Sept – Dec 10)	£125.00
South Glos Council – Dog bins X 2	£164.97
Mr N Bennett – Locking KGV Gates (May 10 – Dec 10 @ £25.00 PM)	£200.00
Miss K Welsford (Works to old & new Cemeteries)	£100.00
Mrs P Trull – Incremental Arrears	£164.08

Monthly Direct Debits & Standing Orders

Clerks Salary December 2010	£736.36
N Power – Town Hall	£13.00
Telewest - Broadband December 2010	£25.30

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th January 201, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm