

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

Wickwar Parish Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 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
Councillor S Isaac

Apologies:

None

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended 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, is a member of the RSPCA and supports Oxfam.

Councillor S Isaac declared an interest when the Council discussed the following planning application. - **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.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were signed as a fair representation of the Parish Council meeting held on January 10th 2010.

2. Matters Arising

Parish Councillor vacancy. A parishioner has expressed an interest and the Clerk will contact her.

3. **Planning**

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.

Parish Councillors will make a site visit.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

South Glos Council are in the process of setting their budgets for the year 2010/2011. Budgets will be decreased for the coming year and cuts will be made,

The section 106 agreements have been set. £1000 towards signage for the dangerous bend on the Downs road, has been allocated.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleways Group – Fundraising by the group has been undertaken. The group's aims are to open up a public footpath/ Bridleway from Poplar Lane, over the Roman Bridge and along the old packhorse route into Lower Woods.

Parish Council loans outstanding. = The Clerk has obtained information from the Public Works Loan Board as to the loans outstanding and to ensure the Parish Council are getting best value for the loan outstanding.

Crossing – High Street – South Glos Council have not been helpful with this project and are unable to suggest a safe crossing place in Wickwar High Street.

Precept – Budget meeting – The Parish Council has undertaken their annual Budget meeting and the precept agreed for the year 2010/2011 is £31,300. Proposed for acceptance by Councillor I Aldous seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. No votes against therefore the motion has been carried.

Signage Downs Road - £1000 has been given from the Section 106 agreement, towards this project. A total costing of the project has been requested from South Glos Council.

Financial Regulations - To be ratified and adopted at the Councils March meeting.

6. **Items for Information.**

No comment at this meeting

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** - Meeting to take place on the 16th February 10
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** - Meeting 25th February 10
- **Speed Watch** – Continues successfully.
- **Youth club** - Meeting March 2010
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – AGM 28th April 10
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos meeting** - Meeting Wickwar Town Hall on the 9th February 10.

- **Parish Walk** - Next Walk 21st February 10
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - SGC Public Consultation – Re grants for play equipment & Meeting with Tina Rainey and Jane's Ponds (Play build designer). The project should be near completion by the end of February 2010.
 - Pavilion electric meter – The Clerk will make a date to meet with the N Power engineer on the 5th February, and report back to the Council
 - Pavilion burst pipe – The Clerk is still awaiting quotes for the work.
 - Gate – King George V Playing Fields. A quote for the work is in the region of £400. Councillor R Stimpson proposes that the Council accept the quote from Councillor Isaac. Seconded by Councillor I Aldous. No vote against, therefore the motion has been carried.
 - Swings to be removed by SGC and replaced with like. The Clerk will discuss this with Tina Rainy.
 - Water pipe leading from the pavilion to the Cricket Square has been damaged by Janes Ponds contractors and will be repaired before they leave the site.
 - **Village Hall** – AGM to take place on the 8th May 2010.
 - **Community Centre** – Parish Councillors to meet at the Centre on 11th February to discuss the future use of the Centre for parishioners.
 - **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting.

8. Burial Matters

Grants of exclusive Rights of Burial' book – New book received by the Parish Council.

IRO Simone E Coates – Cremation Plot 11A

9. Accounts

Cheques to be signed

Inland Revenue – Clerk NI	£33.58
South Glos Council – Dog bins	£113.62
P Trull – Stationery	£17.20
Shaw & Sons Ltd (Grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial Book)	£324.30
Mr F Vettori – Repairs Pavilion door & Notice Board	£444.15
Edge Designs – On line accounts	£124.20
M Trull - Town Hall Cleaning Nov 09 – March 10	£30.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits January 2010

Clerks Salary February 2010	£738.36
N Power – Town Hall	£13.00
Telewest - Broadband	£25.30

The next meeting for Wickwar Parish Council will be on the 3rd March 2010, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm