

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 7th July 2010, at Wickwar 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

Ward Councillor A Gawler attended this meeting and left at 8.50pm.

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.

Public Time

Parishioners' attending raised concerns regarding a boundary wall in Church Lane is being taken down. The Parish Council will contact SGC Planning Department and discuss this matter.

Concerns were also raised over people using the pond area on land managed by the Wickwar Playing Fields Association. Fires have been lit and the area is left in mess. Parishioners have contacted the WPFA regarding this issue but have yet to receive a reply.

Footpath running from Back Lane to Inglestone Road has become very overgrown, the Clerk will report this matter to SGC PROW team for attention. Although, it is the responsibility of the house owners whose houses back on to the footpath.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes were signed as a fair representation of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2010.

2. Matters Arising

Parish Councillor Co-option will be dealt with at the Council's October 2010 meeting.

3. Planning

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 objection

PK10/0892/LB – 54 High Street, Wickwar

Installation of replacement windows to front elevation

No objection

PK10/1202/F – 21 Station Road, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side and rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK10/1052/F – Westend Farmhouse, West End, Wickwar

Change of use of land from agricultural to land for the keeping of horses.

Construction of a 46 X 20m manage and erection of 1.5m high post and rail fencing.

No objection

PK10/1091/F – Pincots Farm, Pincots Lane, Wickwar

Erection of slurry storage tank

No objection

PT10/1200/FMW – Wickwar Quarry Downs Road, Wickwar

Variation of condition 16 and 17 attached to planning permission N8670 to allow for the operation of the plant required for production of coated road stone only between 0330 and 2300, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) and 0330 and 1800 on Saturdays and for hours outside those 60 occasions in a calendar year.

Objection

PT10/1184/MW

Land To South Of Cromhall Quarry, Woodend Lane, Cromhall, Wotton Under Edge, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8AA

Change of use from lorry hard standing (Sui generis) to land for the composting of biodegradable green waste (Class B2) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Construction of earth bund to facilitate the provision of water run off holding tank and associated works.

(For information)

Wickwar Parish Council has concerns regarding the above application and will raise these with SGC.

PK10/1438/F – Holly House, 67 High Street, Wickwar

Replacement of existing rear dormer window with pitched roof and Juliet balcony. (Re-submissions of PK10 0140/F)

PK10/1515/RVC – Tara, Mapleridge Lane, Yate

Variation of condition 2 attached to PK06/3251/F to allow the caravan site to operate for 12 months of the year. (Yate Town Council)

For information.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Councillor Gawler encouraged the Parish Council to make comments regarding SGC's Core Strategy, which is a document outlining the building of 22,000 houses in South Gloucestershire.

Section 106 agreements with South Glos Council and Cemex have only awarded Wickwar £1000 towards road safety signs for the Downs Road. Councillor Gawler has secure further funding from the Housing Revenue Account. The Parish Council approves of using community funding on road safety issues.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleway Group - No report at this meeting

Crossing – High Street – Lollipop person & Alexander Hosea School travel plan.

Signage Downs Road – Reply received from Highways Officer M Parry, but he was unable to make any comments regarding the maximum speed sign to be placed on the bend in Downs Road. To be discussed with Ward Councillor H Gawler.

Street Lighting Wickwar – PC have received 3 responses from parishioners regarding SGC's proposal to reduce street lighting. The Clerk will put another note in the Parish Magazine.

South Glos Council – Core Strategy

Doynton Parish Council – Planning Policy Letter. Clerk will reply.

Hanging Baskets – Town Hall. Proposal to put hanging baskets on the Town

Hall. New brackets to hold the baskets would have to be put on the Hall. The Council will look into this matter for next year.

Baby & Toddler Picnic KGV – 6th August 2010

Senior Citizens Forum – Request for funding. Funding has already been given for this financial year.

Wickwar Pre School – 'Thank you' for the Parish Council's donation.

6. **Items for Information**

. Register of correspondence received (see attached)

No comment at this meeting,

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Group Meeting** – Meeting held On the 29th June 2010. Complaints were made regarding lorries pulling out of the entrance to the quarry and cars having to brake. Cemex will monitor the traffic speed along the Downs Road. Parishioners raised concerns over the 'red hill'. Cemex say the hill will be grass seeded in the autumn. Date of the next meeting 20th October 2010.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – next meeting September 10.
- **Youth Club** – Letter from Youth leader, agreeing with the PC that the youth club should take more responsibility for children using the open area whilst the club is open or not in use.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No comment at this meeting.

- **Stronger & Safer South Glos Meeting** – Meeting 15th July 2010, to incorporate a session from SGC of the Core Strategy.
- **Parish Walk** – Next walk Sunday 18th July 2010. Walks arranged 19th September, 24th October, 21st November and 12th December.
- **King George V recreation ground**
- Pavilion electric meter. Letter of complaint sent to Npower. No reply to enquiries sent to Npower.
- New Bolts & Locks pavilions – The Clerk is making enquiries as to a new door for the pavilion.
- Shutters – The PC has made an application for a grant to have some of the shutters replaced.
- Play Builder sign template – No reply from SGC.
- Grass cutting KGV – to be inspected by PC.
- Maintenance KGV – Ongoing
- Date of the official opening of the play area – No reply from SGC
- Car Park Tarmac – To be inspected by the Clerk and Cemex employee before payment is made.
- Headlands – Clerk to contact SGC Bio-diversity officer to discuss maintenance of the KGV headlands.
- E-mail from Mr Broad WPFA requesting information regarding the improvements to the King George V recreation facilities. The Parish Council discusses any improvements to the KGV recreation facilities openly at their public meetings. Chairman Mr T Proffitt to reply to WPFA.
- Planning enquiry- The Parish Council have asked SGC Planning Officers to look over plans to the extension of the pavilion. A meeting will be arranged on site with a planning officer.
- **Village Hall** – Letter requesting funding. Letter received from the Village Hall Committee requesting help towards the legal costs of having the lease renewed. Councillor D Howard Declaration of Interest as he is a committee member. Councillor S Isaac proposed to donate £150.00 towards the £300 legal costs. Councillor M Summers proposed to give £300 towards the legal costs. Section 137 donations. Councillor I Aldous seconded the proposal put forward by Councillor M Summers. Votes in favour, Councillor M Summers, Councillor I Aldous and Councillor T Proffitt. Councillors S Isaac and D Howard abstained from voting. Majority in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- **Community Centre** – The Centre was hired out to a village organisation for an evening event. The organisers did not secure the building when they left door and windows were left open. The building was then entered by some youths who did some damage to the Community Rooms and took some property from the school. The users will be billed for the damage caused. Police were informed and have been in attendance. The Community Centre Committee will arrange a meeting with the school to discuss these issues and overall security of the building.

8. Burial Matters

Quote –Received from Laurence Tree Services for £300 (excluding VAT) to remove the leylandii trees from the parish cemetery. Proposal to accept the quote, Councillor S Isaac, seconded by Councillor M Summers. All votes in favour, therefore the motion has been carried.

Increase in Burial Fees by 10% - To be agreed at the Councils September meeting.

9. Accounts

Internal Audit – Dr J Way undertook the Parish Council's Internal Audit of account on the 16th June 2010. His recommendation to the Parish Council was concerning the Section 137 donations.

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the amount of £6.15(2010/2011) per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorized by other powers.

The Parish Council should make it more transparent as to the Section of the Local Government Act 1972; they are using to make donations.

Cheques signed at this meeting.

P Trull – Ink cartridges	£17.95
A S Carroll – Grass cut closed & open cemeteries	£200.00
A S Carroll – Weed Control cemetery	£49.00
Cemex UK – Tarmac King George V car park	£8513.11
P Trull – BT phone Account	£60.70
S Cox – Plumbing and replacement showers Pavilion	£3713.00
Inland Revenue – Clerk NI July 2010	£33.58
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M Trull – Town Hall cleaning June/July/August	£18.00
Wickwar Village Hall Committee	£300.00

Standing Orders/Direct Debits January 2010

Clerks Salary July 2010	£738.36
N Power – Town Hall	£13.00
Telewest - Broadband	£25.30
SGC – Council Tax Town Hall –July 10 (May – October)	£51.00