

Wickwar Parish Council
Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 6th October 2010, at Wickwar Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor M Summers (Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

Councillor T Proffitt

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 D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

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

Public Time Session

Parishioners attending this meeting raised their concerns regarding planning application PK10/2156/CA – 31A High Street Wickwar. Part of the application is to demolish a barn in Back Lane, which is within the conservation area to make way for a new build. Wickwar Parish Council has objected to the barn being demolished. Parishioners also raised concerns over fly tipping, over the bridge into the stream in Chase Lane. The Clerk will contact South Glos Council Street Care and the police concerning this matter.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 1st September 2010, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters arising

Co-option Parish Councillor. Will be discussed at the Council's November meeting

3. Planning matters

PK10/2156/CA – 31A High Street Wickwar

Demolition of existing barn and out building. Erection of 1 dwelling with 2 car park spaces.

Objection to the demolition of the barn.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

Reports from Parishioners regarding the level crossing area, Hall End as an alleged drug dealing area. Report has been made to the Police, and also to Street Care to clear up the mess left in this area.

The road between Wickwar and Rangeworthy in on the road-resurfacing scheme for 2011.

Localism Bill – As discussed in the Queens Speech May 2010. A Bill will be introduced to devolve greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities control over housing and planning decisions.”

There will be some services the unitary authorities will be able to pass on to Parish Council’s, such as litter picking, grass cutting, etc.

SGC Mark Parry, Highways Officer, says that there has been extra funding available for the Downs Road signage, to warn motorists of the dangerous bend as you enter Wickwar, traveling along the Downs Road.

5. **General Business**

Parish Matters Event – Event attended by Clerk.

Castle Bridleways Group – Commons Management meeting attended by Councillor D Howard.

Crossing High Street – Clerk to make appointment with AHA School to view travel plan documents.

Signage Downs Road - South Glos Council have not taken Wickwar Parish Councils advice on implementing a 25mph max speed sign prior to the bend on the Downs Road, driving towards the village. SGC will erect a ‘reduce speed now’ sign.

Street lighting – The Clerk has contacted SGC Officer Mr. Andrew Porter, who will arrange for more information on light saving measures.

Doynton Parish Council – Planning Policy letter. Wickwar PC have written to SGC Planning Dept regarding some of the alleged inconsistencies in planning decisions. Letter copied to Doynton PC Clerk.

Ward Councillor H Gawler – Funds for Play equipment & Downs Road Signage. To be discussed at the Councils November meeting.

Heritage open days – Thursday 9th September – Sunday 12th September. The opening of the Town Hall was a good success, with many visitors interested in the Town Hall and the ancient striking clock.

Clerk – Computer. It has been agreed that the Parish Council computer will be replaced. Three quotes will be obtained for the work.

ALCA- AGM 14th October 2010. 5.30pm, Folk Centre, Elm Park Filton. The AGM will be attended by the Clerk and Councillor M Summers.

SGC – 2011 Census. Information given to the Council.

Buthay Lease – Expires 2011

The Council requested advice from Solicitor Mr P Eales, letter copied to PC’s. The Clerk will contact SGC regarding the lease.

6. **Items for information**

. **Register of correspondence received (see attached)**

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** – Next meeting 20th October 2010.

- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No report at this meeting.
- **Speed Watch** – No report at this meeting
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting
- **Safer & Stronger Group meeting** – Next meeting 13th October 2010.
- **Parish Walk** – 19th September. Walk to Yate Court. Various stile problems noted.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
- Pavilion Electricity Meter
Npower has confirmed that the Meter readings were all taken at the lower rate (off peak) and therefore incorrect. The meter has been changed and is now reading the correct rates. N Power has taken readings back to 2005 and has amended the PC's accounts. The total credit for this period is £271.96. The reason for the low credit is the meter was 'stuck' on the lower rate. The PC now concludes this matter as closed.
- Grant Application security – PC Still awaiting outcome
- New Bolts pavilion – Awaiting grant outcome
- Shutters – awaiting grant outcome
- Plans Pavilion – awaiting reply from SGC Planning Officer
- Date of official opening KGV – To be discussed at the Councils November meeting.
- Swings now installed, and play safety surface in situ.
- Fires & Vandalism – reported to Police
- Lagging Pavilion roof – Undertaken
- Insurance for new play equipment – The Clerk will contact SGC Tina Rainey to discuss the insurance and value of the new play equipment.
- Police Advice – to spray out graffiti on the door and shutter on the pavilion. The Clerk purchased white spray paint £6.95 from Meridith Iron Monger and has sprayed over graffiti.
- King George V Playing Fields Committee meeting 21st October 2010.
- **Village Hall** – No report at this meeting
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting

8. **Burial Matters**

Clerk purchase of snakes head fritillaries for the closed cemetery £23.96 from Wyvale Garden Centre.

9. **Accounts**

Clerk Paid BT Phone Account - £60.03 (Inc. VAT - £8.27)

Clerk attended Parish Matters event held by SGC at Kendleshire Golf Club on Wednesday 27th September. Mileage allowance 16miles in total - £10.40. As per NAC car allowances, approved by ALCA.

Mr D Mackie. Clock Winder, Bank account changes. Direct Debit payable on the 20th of September, was returned by the bank. The Council will cancel this Direct Debit and pay Mr Mackie by cheque for the time being.

Monthly Accounts

Cheques to be signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerks NI October 10	£33.58
N Power – Pavilion	£148.27
P Trull – Clerks Telephone Account	£60.03
SGC – Dog Bins	£119.15
A Carroll - Grass cut cemeteries plus weed kill	£165.98
P Trull – Spray Paint	£6.95
P Trull – Bulbs Cemetery	£23.96
P Trull – Mileage allowance	£10.40
Mr D Mackie – Quarterly Clock winders salary (Sept 2010)	£125.00
Mr P Collins Grass Cut King George V Playing Fields	£120.00
Mr F Vettori – Lagging pavilion roof	£173.84

Standing Orders/Direct Debits (October 2010)

Clerks Salary October	£736.36
Data Protection Office	£35.00
N Power – Town Hall	£13.00
Telewest - Broadband October 2010	£25.30
SGC – Council Tax Town Hall –August/September 10 (May – October)	£51.00