

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011, 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 A Carroll

Apologies:

Councillor I Aldous
Councillor S Isaac

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Ward Councillor H 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 a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

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

Councillor A Carroll has the grass cutting contract for the Parish Cemetery.

Public Time Session

Mr Owen Jenkins (South Glos Council Asset Manager – Streetcare) attended.

Wickwar will be part of a scheme to switch off street lights between the hours of 12 midnight and approx. 4.30am. Mr Jenkins said that SGC felt they may not have consulted Wickwar Parishioners in an adequate way and intended to go through the parish consultation process again. Wickwar PC awaits their instruction.

A Freedom of Information request was made to ascertain the cost and instruction for SGC to kerb the land adjacent to the conservation wall (which was moved back to comply with planning PK09/5052/CA Downs Road bend. The cost quoted was £9,672.50. Meanwhile the work had been undertaken and paid for by SGC.

It was believed that this was the responsibility of the applicants.

Mr J McAleese and Mr J Broad attended this meeting to discuss kerbing along the Downs Road bend. Planning Application PK09/5052/CA.

Mr Jenkins said that the planning conditions had been misunderstood within SGC and he stated that it was in the interest of the parish to have the verge kerbed otherwise mud and debris would run into the road if not contained. Mr Jenkins stated this was a cost saving measure over time.

Mr J Broad said the WPFA would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss their future plans for the WPFA field and what facilities they may be able to provide for the parish. The Parish Council waits to hear possible dates from the WPFA.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 2nd November 2011 were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Buthay Lease – Wickwar PC thanked Merlin for their offer set out in their letter dated 12th September 2011. A letter accepting Merlin's offer has been sent. The PC awaits Merlin's reply before drawing up the lease.

Wickwar Educational Charity Meeting – Discussions as to the future of this Charity are being considered by the Parish Council.

3. Planning Matters

COM/11/0370/COU - Hall End Gypsy Site

Alleged. The site is not being used as per Planning permission.

PK11/2678/F – Willow Cottages, Hall End Lane, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK11/2702/F – 21 Station Road, Wickwar

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.

No objection

PK11/2976/LB – Oxwick Farm, Wickwar Road, Yate

External and internal alterations to include demolition, alteration and addition of internal partitions. Installation of services, under floor heating, wiring, plumbing. Replacement of 3 doors to match original elevations, removal of 1 window and replacement door in original location, removal of 1 modern chimney and reinstatement of two original chimneys.

No objection

PK11/0602/F – West End Farm, West End Wickwar

Conversion of Agricultural building to form agricultural workers dwelling.

No objection

4. Report – Ward Councillor

Hall End Gypsy and traveler's site, entrance has been graveled and gated. Pitch sites have been laid out. No vehicles on site at present. SGC are monitoring the situation.

Proposed Gypsy and travelers site in Tan House Lane has met with a lot of local opposition.

On- site meeting will be held on Friday 11th November 2011.

Road surfacing along the Sodbury Road will be taking place in the next week to repair broken and damaged road surfacing.

Planning Application for the Buthay Public House play equipment. The application fee has not been paid for. If the application fee is not paid for then the enforcement process will continue.

PROW will come under the remit of Mr. O Jenkins, the most senior PROW officer will be Ms. Nicola Chidley.

5. General Business

Castle Bridleways Group – The group have met with Mr D Morrison (SGC) to discuss a possible DMMO application. Mr Morrison has assured the group that SGC will not be erecting

any fencing or gates along the bottom of Plummers Trench, adjacent to the packhorse bridge. Mr Morrison's only concerns were any possible damage to the Commons. Mr Morrison now accepts that damage to the Common is due to a water course and not by use of the common.

ALCA AGM – County Secretary has been off sick for many months and ALCA is being run by the management committee. Information is now being sent to members and access to the NALC web site has now been secured via password ID.

Parish Councillors list of responsibilities – Agreed.

SGC – Part night lighting scheme – Discussed under the Public Time session with Mr O Jenkins.

Public Rights of Way – Access issues. LYA 31/10 – Bridleway, blocked by electric fencing and sheep netting, it appears the bridleway has been diverted without permission. Matter will be reported to PROW team.

Application for Jubilee celebrations – No application received.

Glos Wildlife Subscription – Annual subscription £25.00. Proposed by Councillor Summers, seconded by Councillor T Proffitt. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.

Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2011 – Wreath purchased from Royal British Legion and donation. Donation of £70.00 proposed by Councillor R Stimpson, seconded by Councillor Carroll. All in favour, therefore the motion was carried.

Planting Daffodils Parish Cemetery - Saturday 12th November 11am.

Children's Play Link – Application for funding – To be discussed at the Councils budget meeting.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for funding. – To be discussed at the Councils budget meeting.

Items for information

- Register of correspondence received.

No comment at this meeting.

6. Reports

Quarry Liaison Group Meeting – Next meeting 25th January 2012, at Wickwar Town Hall.

Frome Vale Area Forum – Next meeting 1st December 2011.

Town Hall – No report.

Speed Watch – No report.

Safer & Stronger Community Group Meeting – Next meeting 18th January 2012, Wickwar Town Hall.

Youth Club – No report.

Neighbourhood Watch – No report at this meeting.

Parish Walk/Footpaths – Next walk Sunday 20th November 2011.

Village Hall – Graffiti on building reported to SGC.

Community Centre – Meeting and AGM 9th November 2011.

King George V Playing Fields

- Date for next Committee meeting to be discussed at the Councils December meeting.
- Date for meeting Architect Mr D Sullivan to be arranged.
- Signs for opening closing KGV have yet to be received from supplier

7. Burial Matters

Burial Conditions. Agreed by Parish Council.

- Burials will be permitted for those that reside within the Parish of Wickwar or who have strong links to the Parish of Wickwar

- All applications for Burial will be considered by the Wickwar Burial Board within 24 hours of that application.

Memorial IRO Plot 291 Pritchard
IRO Mansard Plot 333, grave re-opened.

8. Accounts

Public Works Loan Board, payment for Parish Loans outstanding. November 2011.
Loan outstanding Wickwar Pavilion - £13,601.74 – To provide changing facilities at the King George V Playing Fields and Community Centre facilities.
Loan outstanding (Wickwar Playing Fields Association) - £31,200.00 - To provide sports and recreation fields for Wickwar
Community Centre loan repayment £2000 received.
Letter to Nat West re J Mackie setting up quarterly salary standing order.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerks NI October/November	£53.52
P Trull – Amazon – Ink cartridge Fax Machine	£14.58
South Glos Council Dog Bins (KGV and Back Lane)	£215.42
P Trull – Amazon – Ink Cartridge Colour	£22.99
Wickwar Foot Ball Club – Weed & Feed Pitch	£300.00
D Howse Grass Cut KGV	£120.00
P Trull – Amazon – X 2 Black Ink Cartridges	£11.78
Royal British Legion	£70.00
Glos Wildlife Trust Subscription	£25.00

Income September 2011

Community Centre loan repayment	£2000
Hire of Town Hall	£25.00
Memorial	£31.00
Memorial	£31.00
Precept	£16,000

Standing Orders/Direct Debits November 2011

Clerks Salary November 2011	£782.95
N Power – Town Hall	£61.00
PWLB – November Direct Debit	£3,580.50

Date of next Parish Council meeting will be 7th December 2011, 7.30pm at the Town Hall.