

Wickwar Parish Council
Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on Wednesday 4th April 2012, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Attended:

Councillor Proffitt (Chairman)
Councillor M Summers (Vice Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor R Stimpson
Councillor I Aldous
Councillor S Isaac
Councillor A Carroll

Apologies:

None

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, and Gloucester Wildlife Trust.

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

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

Councillor D Howard declared an interest in the planning applications for the proposed wind turbines.

The applicant is known to him.

Public Time Session

Parishioners attending this meeting discussed the Planning Application (Stroud District Council) concerning wind turbines to be placed around Cherry Rock and Mounteneys Farm, Kingswood.

They are concerned with the effectiveness of the turbines in generating electricity, noise and environmental impact. The Parish Council will be objecting to this application.

Parishioners living in Turnpike Gate have reported people riding motorbikes around a field opposite their houses; the Clerk will contact the land owner.

Parishioners also complained about the motor cross event at Castle Farm. The owner of the farm is aware of the complaints and will be taking action to minimise any problems if the event takes place again. Chairman Mr Proffitt suggested that the event might be better advertised.

The Buthay Inn is closed at the moment, but on the Enterprise Inns Web site (owners of the Buthay) it has been suggested that a licence for increased opening hours has been applied for. Wickwar PC has not had any notification of this and will contact SGC licencing department for clarification.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th March 2012 were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. **Matters Arising**

Buthay Lease – This matter is in the hands of the Parish Council Solicitor who is drawing up a new lease.

Wickwar Educational Charity – This matter is on-going. Councillor Howard to check details on the Charity Commission web site.

3. **Planning**

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

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

PK12/0786/F – 44 Station Road, Wickwar

Erection of first floor side extension to form additional living accommodation (Amendment to previously approved scheme PK07/1385/F)

PK12/0902/F – Archfield House, Station Road, Wickwar

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

Objection

COM/12/0177/COU – 53 Turnpike Gate. Wickwar

Laurel hedge planted on property boundary.

Alleged breach of planning.

SGC – no breach of planning.

PK12/0992/F – Rawlinson End, 52 Station Road, Wickwar

Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Erection of detached garage.

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

South Gloucestershire Council will be changing, the Cabinet has been disbanded, and the Council will be returning to formal Committees, plus Sub-Committees.

Planning Application from Stroud DC, Wind Turbines. Councillor Gawler will make his comments directly to Stroud DC.

Water Board will be closing the High Street on April 22nd until May 22nd, for repairs to water mains. This matter has not been well advertised and many local residents are not aware.

5. **General Business**

Castle Bridleway Group – The group are researching a DMMO order to be presented to SGC PROW Team. The Group would like to liaise with other local Councils to encourage access on the commons.

SGC – Part – night lighting. SGC has now implemented the scheme.

Public Rights of Way LYA 31/10 – Bridleway, blocked by electric fencing and sheep netting, it appears the bridleway has been diverted without permission. The Clerk will ask PROW for an update.

Green Dog Walking Scheme. The Clerk has contacted SGC but has not had a reply. The Clerk will endeavor to get information for the Council.

Bradley Stoke Town Council Fire Training Course Tuesday 3rd April 9.30am. The Clerk attended this course.

Neighbourhood planning event 19th March 2012, 9.30am – 3pm. Civic Centre Kingswood.

This meeting was attended by Chairman T Proffitt, Neighbourhood Development plans can only deal with development and use of local land. The parish cannot say they do not want development in certain areas. It may be more beneficial if Wickwar Parish Council were to

become involved in the drawing up by South Gloucestershire Council, Policies, Sites and Places development plan. SGC is offering parishes such involvement.

Bradley Stoke Fire Training Course – Attended by the Clerk

PROW – Footpath LWR 18 – The Clerk will get an update.

Vassell Centre – Request for funding, £20.00. Vassells Park in Fishponds is used as a leisure facility by many local residents. Proposed to give £20.00 donation Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor Carroll. All in favour therefore the motion has been carried.

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine - Annual subscription £12.00. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Stimpson. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.

Senior Citizens Forum - Request for donation. Proposed by Councillor Proffitt and seconded by Councillor I Aldous to give the Centre £50.00.. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.

Parishioner sponsor village planters – Clerk will seek permissions from SGC and look into the costs.

Parish Council – Jubilee medals for the school. The Parish Council has been asked to sponsor the cost of giving the children attending Alexander Hosea School medals to commemorate the Jubilee. The Council would like to know how many children who live in the Parish attend the school. The Clerk will speak to the Headmistress, Mrs Quest and report back to the Council.

First Response Team – The Clerk will put a note in the Parish Magazine and see if any villagers are interested in being part of this scheme.

Rape seed planting - The Council have had an enquiry from a parishioner on this matter. The Clerk will speak to the parishioner and farmer responsible for the planting.

Date of AGM and APM – Date agreed by the Council 24th May 2012, start time 7.30pm.

SGC Orchard Survey - To be discussed at the APM

Village of the Year Competition – The Council will not be entering this competition.

Items of information received by the Council

PC to look at other insurance providers to get the best value for the Parish.

Discover Festival (SGC) the Clerk will contact SGC and find out more about the celebrations and see if Wickwar can be involved.

6. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – Next meeting to be held at Wickwar Town Hall on Wednesday 2nd May 2012, commencing at 10.30am.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting September 2012.
- **Speed Watch** – Wickwar Speed Watch is liaising with the Police in order to purchase a new speed gun. Speed Watch meeting to be held at the Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne on the 3rd May 2012.
- **Youth Club** – Committee meeting with Steve Webb MP, regarding the alleged closure of the club within a year. The Clerk will contact SGC Youth Services for more information.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – AGM to be held on Wednesday 16th May, at Wickwar Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.
- **Safer & Stronger Community Group** – Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th April 2012, at Rangeworthy Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.
Next meeting will be held at Wickwar Town Hall on the 25th July 2012, commencing at 7.30pm.

- **Parish Walk** – The next Parish Walk is Sunday 22nd April, 10am, meeting at the Town Hall.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - Club Agreements – Amendments to the agreements to be sent to Clubs.
 - Date to meet D Sullivan – Dates from Danny will be taken to the next Parish Council meeting.
 - Grass cutting tenders to be considered.
It should be noted that Councillor A Carroll left the room whilst Council considered the Tenders for grass cutting in the burial ground and King George V Play equipment area.
Nine quotes for the work were received and taken into consideration. All quotes were seen and considered by all Councillors present.
Councillor S Isaac proposed that the Council retain the current grass maintenance which offers best value and service for the parish, seconded by Councillor Stimpson. All present in favour therefore the motion was carried.
No increase in costs for grass cutting 2012/2013
- **Community Centre**
 - **Hirer agreement** – Still being considered by the Committee
 - Jubilee Room kitchen improvements and permissions from the Committee/parish Council for the WOOSC club (user) to remove kitchen cupboards to accommodate a large free standing fridge.
 - Above to be discussed at the next Community Centre Committee meeting to be held on the 23rd April 2012.
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting
- **Village Hall** – No report at this meeting.

7. Accounts

Budget Meeting Applications for Grant from Wickwar Parish Council
 Alexander Hosea School PTA
 Wickwar Pre School
 Wickwar out of school Club
 Wickwar web site
 Avon Crescent Community Club
 Youth Centre
 Yate & District Heritage Centre
 The above to be discussed at the Councils May Meeting.

Monthly Accounts

Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 ("1972 Act") for 2012-2013 is £6.80 (per elector)
 The Parish Council is allowed to spend.

Cheques to be signed

Inland Revenue Clerks NI March 2012	£26.76
BT Phone Account	£63.49
Carillion – KGV Signs	£59.40
ALCA – Subscription	£364.73
P Trull – Printer paper, envelopes, note books & punch pockets	£17.30
P Trull – Tea urn Town Hall	£47.60
JNC Fire Protection – Town Hall Fire extinguisher check	£89.16
Petty Cash	£50.00

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Signed.....Chairman.....Date

The Vassall Centre	£20.00
Clerks & Councils Direct	£12.00
Senior Citizens Forum	£50.00

Income February 2012

Grant SGC Safer & Stronger – Speed Gun	£1700.00
IRO J White	£31.00
IRO R Nelmes	£63.00
Hire of Town Hall – SSGC	£10.00
IRO Tovey X 2 Memorials	£63.00
Wickwar Cricket Club	£462.13
Wickwar Football Club	£749.05

Standing Orders/Direct Debits

Clerks Salary April 2012	£782.95
N Power – Town Hall	£19.00
SGC Rates Town Hall April – October 2012.	
April 2012	£55.00
(May – October 2012 £56.00)	
SGC Rates Pavilion April – May 2012	
April	£54.45
(May £55.00)	

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