

WICKWAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

A meeting of the above Council was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 4th January 2012, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

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

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

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.

Councillor Isaac cuts the hedges in the King George V Playing Fields.

Public Time Session

Members of the public attending this meeting asked the Parish Council to look into the following issues.

Church Lane – Blocked drains and ditches. – The Clerk will report this matter to SGC Street Care.

Church Lane – Wall (conservation area in need of repair) – The Clerk will report this to SGC Street Care.

Queens Jubilee celebrations, it has been mentioned that perhaps the Parish Council might light the beacon.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on December 7th 2011, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters arising

Buthay Lease – Terms are to be agreed. Letter received from Merlin Housing. The PC will instruct their Solicitor to draw up a draft lease for consideration.

Wickwar Educational Charities – Date for a meeting will be arranged by the Clerk.

3. Planning Applications

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

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

PK11/3516/CA -38 High Street, Wickwar

Demolition of garage block situated within Wickwar conservation area.

No objection

PK11/ 3440/LB – 36 – 38 High Street, Wickwar

Internal and external alterations to facilitate conversion of building to form 3 flats and conversion of stables

to form 1 dwelling.

No objection

PK11/3620/F – Archfield House, Station Road, Wickwar

Creation of new access track. (re submission of PK11/2810/F)

No objection

PK11/3786/F – 51 High Street, Wickwar

Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form one bedroom dwelling. (Re submission of PK11/0538F)

No objection

PK11/3604/LB – 50 High Street, Wickwar

Internal and external alterations to include installation of gas central heating and wood burners.

Replacement kitchen, relocation of bathroom, replacement of lean to roof with pantiles and removal of chimney stack extension.

No objection

PK11/3874/F – Oxwick Farm, Wickwar Road, Yate

Installation of 1 35m high wind turbine and ancillary works.

Councillors to comment in due course.

4. Report Ward Councillor

COM/11/0370/COU – Hall End Gypsy Site.

The site is occupied, and this is being investigated by South Glos Council Planning Enforcement.

Tan House Lane (Proposed Gypsy and travelers site) Planning permissions for this site have met with a lot of local opposition. This matter will be considered by SGC Planning Committee.

Rural Broadband speeds are due to be increased; £710,000 funding will be given by Central Government, which will be matched by South Glos Council.

5. General Business

Castle Bridleway Group – The group has contacted Mr D Morrison (SGC) and has been given permission to clear some dead wood from Plummers Trench, to open up the common for general recreation.

The Group has formally asked Wickwar Parish Council if they would formally support Castle Bridleways Group and the need for open access and recreation on common land. The Parish Council will consider this.

SGC – Part Night Lighting Scheme - SGC would like to undertake further consultation. The Clerk will enquire if this is to go ahead.

Public Right of Way – Bridleway – LYA 31/10. This was reported to Wickwar Parish Council as being blocked/diverted. The matter has been reported to PROW SGC.

PROW Officer Mrs. A Robertson states the following

'I have sent a letter to the landowners giving them until beginning of Feb to send in a completed HA80 diversion application. Due to historical circumstances and the need to improve the route for a growing number of users, we are proposing a waiver of all admin fees, with the condition that we get a 5m width and reserve the right to re-surface in the near future.

If we have no agreement by the specified date – 06 Feb 2012 – we will pursue the re-instatement of the definitive line and construct a piped crossing into Ladys Wood.

Wickwar Parish Council will look into this issue again in due course.

Green Dog Walking Scheme – Alison Richards (SGC) will discuss this matter at the Council's March meeting.

Spring Clean 2012 – April 14th 2012.

Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received (see attached)

6. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group Meeting** – Meeting Wickwar Quarry 25th January 2012.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No report at this meeting.
- **Speed Watch** – Wickwar Speed Watch have made a successful bid from SSGC for an updated speed gun.
- **Youth Club** – No report at this meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - No report at this meeting.
- **Safer and Stronger South Gloucestershire meeting** – Next meeting to take place at Wickwar Town Hall on 18th January 2012.
- **Parish Walk** – Dates 2012, meet at Wickwar Town Hall at 10am
Sunday – 22nd January, 19th February, 4th March, 22nd April.
Date for the parish tree walk to be agreed.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
Management Committee meeting – Wednesday 15th February 2012.
Grass Cutting Tenders – To be received no later than 7th March 2012. The Clerk has advertised for grass cutting in the King George V Playing Fields (Play equipment) and the Closed and open Parish Cemeteries. Adverts have been placed in the Parish Magazine, Parish Notice Board, Wickwar Web site and the local Gazette Newspaper.
Signs for King George V Playing Fields – The Clerk will seek further quotes for work.
- **Community Centre** – Hirers agreement to be agreed by the Council and Centre Committee.
Jubilee room improvements to be assessed by the Council and Committee.
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting
- **Village Hall** – No report at this meeting.

7. Burial Matters

IRO Callie – Grave 257

8. Accounts

Monthly internal accounts audit, date to be agreed with Clerk and RFO
Clerk Paid BT Phone Account £78.45 (VAT £13.07)

Monthly Accounts.**Cheques to be signed**

Inland Revenue Clerks NI January 2012	£26.76
P Trull – Paid PC Telephone Account BT	£78.45

Income November 2011

Old Chapel , Mr Ashton	£20.00
VAT Income	£530.14

Standing Orders/Direct Debits November 2011

Clerks Salary January 2012	£782.95
N Power – Town Hall	£61.00

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 1st February 2012, at Wickwar Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.