

Wickwar Parish Council
Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 7th March 2012, at the Town Hall
commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

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

Councillor S Isaac attended this meeting at 8.30pm

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 the Gloucester Wildlife.

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

Alison Richards (SGC Street Care) attended this meeting to discuss the 'green dog walking scheme'.

The scheme encourages dog walkers to sign up and wear an arm band to indicate they will pick up their dog mess. They in turn will take arm bands around with them and encourage other walkers to do the same. The Parish Council feels this is a good idea and awaits further instruction from Alison.

Mr D Morrison (SGC Officer) attended to discuss recreational use and definition of the local Commons. Wickwar Parish Council may address issues concerning the use of Common Land with other neighbouring parishes.

A route along Plummers Trench could be established if enough evidence was submitted and proven. The route must be safe for all potential users.

Mr Morrison said he did not always agree with the wording in the Wickwar Parish Council's Minutes. Mr Morrison was informed he could address the Parish Council and/or put in any amendments he sought to the Clerk.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st February 2012 were signed and accepted as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Buthay Lease – Information passed on to the Parish Councils Solicitor

Wickwar Educational Charities – Trustees have met and further meetings will be held to decide how to run the Charity in the future.

3. Planning Matters

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

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

COM/12/0104/OD – Castle Motors, Sodbury Road, Wickwar

Construction of a showroom without benefit of planning permission – Alleged

Planning consent given by SGC Planning Dept... SGC have registered the Planning Application as High Street and not Sodbury Road. Which led to confusion when searching for the application on the South Glos Council web site.

4. Report Ward Councillor

Hall End Gypsy and Travelers site is occupied, and SGC planning enforcement are still looking into the matter. The site has planning permission for Gypsy and Travelers to occupy and it is alleged the site has been sold on to another group who do not fall under that category.

South Glos Council has set their annual budget.

5. General Business

- **Castle Bridleway Group** – Invitation to Mr Morrison to attend this public meeting.
- **SGC – Part Night Lighting for Wickwar** – SGC has put a further notice in the Parish Magazine and await any comments from Parishioners.
- **Alison Richards – Green Dog Walking Scheme** – Public Time.
- **Bradley Stoke Town Council Fire Regulation Training** - Clerk will attend.
- **Neighbourhood planning event** – to be attended by Chairman Mr T Proffitt.
- **CPRE Neighbourhood Planning and Localism** – 27th February.

Clerk and Councillors attended. The Parish Council could write a Neighbourhood Plan; this would deal with possible future development in Wickwar but could not define areas of no development. Such a plan would give parishioners an opportunity to express their views and aspirations for the future of Wickwar.

Costs of the expertise to write the plan will have to be borne by the parish, as will the costs of the accompanying parish referendum concerning the plan's content. There is a rigid framework to be adhered to when writing the plan and the plan has to be checked by South Glos Council that it conforms with their Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

SGC will be implementing a Policies, Sites and Places development plan and participation in drawing this up may be of more value to the Parish than a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will be looking into these options.

- **Community Governance Review** – Consultation closes 12th March 2012.

Items for Information

No comment at this meeting.

6. Reports

- Quarry Liaison Meeting – Next meeting 2nd May 2012, 10.30am, Wickwar Town Hall.
- Frome Vale Area Forum – Next Meeting 8th March 2012.
- Speed Watch – Grant for new Gun has been passed on to Wickwar Parish Council. The Speed Watch Co-ordinator will liaise with the Police.
- Youth Club – Councillor S Isaac attended a Youth Club Committee meeting. SGC are cutting budgets to Youth Clubs in South Gloucestershire, and it may have to close the club in 12 months due to funding problems.
- Neighbourhood Watch – There has been a spate of graffiti around the village and this is being dealt with by the police. SGC Streetcare will remove the graffiti from public and private buildings. The Police have been informed and are dealing with this matter.
- Safer and Stronger Community Group meeting – Next meeting to take place 11th April 2012, Rangeworthy Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- Parish Walk – 4th March 2012. Rained off. Next walk, Sunday 22nd April 2012, 10am Wickwar Town Hall.
- KGV – Clubs agreement to be discussed. Meeting for Council only 29th March 2012, 8pm.
- Date to meet Mr Sullivan, still to be agreed by the Parish Council.
- Grass cutting tenders for the KGV play equipment and Parish Cemeteries to be announced at the Councils April meeting,
- Gate open and close signs have arrived and will be in situ by the end of April.
- Community Centre – Jubilee Room improvements. Plans to be presented to the Committee at the next Committee meeting.
- Town Hall – New tea urn requested by users.
- Village Hall – Looking for new Committee membership.

Just needs a bit more in Section 6 under Neighbourhood Watch as the sentence starting on line 2 does not flow with the words on line 3.

7. Burial Matters

IRO J White Plot 273

IRO R Nelmes – Cremation Plot 20A

Request for an out of Parish burial. Letter and circumstances taken into consideration by the Parish Council. The Council decided that there was not a case to allow a burial plot to be purchased.

Councillors voted, six councillors voted not to allow the purchase of burial plot, one councillor abstained. Therefore the motion has been carried.

8. Accounts

SGC acknowledgement of Parish Precept

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. April 2012.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue – Clerks NI	£26.76
P Trull – Printer Ink (Amazon UK)	£30.57
N Power – Pavilion	£278.36
Bristol Water – Parkfield	£18.86

Bristol Water – Town Hall	£41.81
Bristol Water – Pavilion	£33.99
News Quest – Payment for advert (Gazette)	£176.40
Mr A Jackson (Computer services)	£40.00

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

Clerks Salary March 2012	£782.95
N Power – Town Hall	£19.00
J Mackie – Town Hall Clock Winder (Quarterly Salary)	£125.00

Parish Council Income (January 2012)

VAT Refund	£80.09
IRO M Laker Memorial	£63.00

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th April 2012, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm

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