

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 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 I Aldous
Councillor A Carroll
Councillor S Isaac

Apologies for Absence:

None

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting at 9.18pm and left the meeting at 9.55pm.

Councillor Isaac left the meeting at 10pm.

Clerk:

Mrs P Trull

Public Time

Parishioners attended to discuss the proposed skate board area in the King George V Playing Fields.
The Clerk will arrange a time for the Councillors to meet at the Playing Fields with the parishioners to discuss the area and size.

Register of Interests

Register of 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 D Howard is a member of the Open Spaces Society.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group, and Vice Chairman of the SSGC Laddenbrook Group.

Councillor M Summers declares an Interest concerning the Buthay Land Lease. The Parish Council Solicitor is known to him.

All Parish Councillors have a pecuniary interest concerning the setting of the Councils precept. The Chairman requested that the Clerk gives a dispensation to all Councillors attending so they may set the precept for 2014/2015.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th January 2014 were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Buthay Lease – The Clerk is in contact with the Councils Solicitor.

3. Planning Matters

COM/13/1108/OD – The Buthay Public House, High Street Wickwar

External lights in rear car park

SGC have decided there is no action required

PT13/4712/MW – Wickwar Quarry Downs Road, Wickwar

Continued implementation of planning permission PT07/0573/F without compliance with conditions nos. 9 and 20 for a temporary period to the 31st December 2015 to facilitate the export of surplus soils for the purposes of restoration of Quartzite Quarry.

Comments

PK14/0081/LB – School Yard High Street Wickwar

Repair and replacement of 2 external doors

No objection

PK14/0512/F – Pincots Farm Pincots Lane, Wickwar

Erection of extension to agriculture livestock building and installation of photovoltaic panels to east and west facing roof slopes.

No objection

4. Report Ward Councillor

Tree has fallen onto Road in West End, SGC will be dealing with this. Water run-off from fields is still causing problems.

SGC will be setting their 2014/2015 budget.

Public Footpath LYA/1/10 (20) has been blocked by the owners of the land who farm alpacas.

Ward Councillor Gawler and SGC PROW Officer Anita Robertson met with land owners to discuss a solution. Possible solution would be to move the footpath. This would imply an expense for SGC.

Wickwar Parish Council would like the blocked footpath to be reinstated and the obstruction to be removed.

Councillor D Howard asked Ward Councillor Gawler why SGC does not take notice of their Policies regarding blocked footpaths. SGC PROW should enforce their Policy, but apparently it is being ignored in favour of the land owner.

Councillor S Isaac stated that the diversion of a footpath across open land could therefore set a precedent.

5. **Items for information – Register of correspondence received**

No comment at this meeting

6. **General Business**

- **Castle Bridleway Group** - No report at this meeting
- **SGC Consultation on the future of highway and street scene services.**
The situation regarding the collection of dog waste bins. The collection of dog waste bins will still be provided and paid for by Wickwar Parish Council, King George V Playing Fields and Back Lane. Other bins may be removed by SGC. The Parish Council will monitor the situation.
- **SGC Electronic Planning.** It has been decided by SGC to save funds and not send out paper plans to the Parish Councils. The last date for the Parishes to be sent paper plans will be May 2014.
- **PROW – Blocked Footpath LYA 120.** The Parish PROW Group will be walking this route on Sunday 23rd February 2014 and will be discussing this matter at their March 2014 meeting.
- **Contingency Meeting 18th January 2014.** The Council met to discuss contingency funds and future spending for the Parish.
- Thank you letter from Teenage Cancer Trust. Letter read out at this meeting.
- Thank you letter from Yate Heritage Centre. Letter read out at this meeting.
- Letter from Mr D Luton, Wickwar Web site. Councillor A Carroll proposed £500 to continue with the web site, seconded by Councillor I Aldous. All in favour therefore the motion was carried.
- **Budget meeting – Setting of precept.** As all Councillors have a pecuniary interest when debating the Council precept the Clerk gave a dispensation in order to agree the precept for 2014/2015.
Chairman Mr T Proffitt proposed that the Council set their precept for 2014/2015 at £34,000. seconded by Councillor m Summers, all in favour therefore the motion was carried. The Clerk will contact SGC.
- **Chairman Community Awards.** The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman.

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Group** – Next meeting February 12th 2014
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – Next meeting March 6th 2014
- **Speed Watch** – No Report
- **Youth Club** – Letter from Youth detailing equipment needed for the clubs activities. Councillor D Howard proposed £500 grant, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. Councillors Proffitt and Aldous declared an Interest as they are on the Youth Club Committee. All attending and able to vote, voted in favour therefore the motion was carried.

Letter received from the Committee regarding building maintenance read out at this meeting by Councillor T Proffitt.

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Burglaries noted in Station Road, Wickwar.
- **Safer & Stronger Community Group** – The group met on the 29th January 2014, 7.30pm, at Wickwar Community Rooms. Next meeting 30th January 2014 in Rangeworthy.
- **PROW** – Group to meet 19th February 2014.
- **Community Centre** – Management Committee meeting on the 27th January 2014, held in the Olive Pollard Memorial Room.
The Committee would like a disabled toilet and a dedicated storage cupboard.
- **Village Hall** – Gas central heating for the hall is now in situ. New cupboards to be considered in the ladies toilet along with a baby changing unit.
- **George V Playing Fields**
 - Inspection of Play equipment – Equipment inspected report sent to Council.
 - Wood Gate Post – Still awaiting post which is on order.
 - Damage to gate into playing Fields. Awaiting quote for new metal gate.
 - Play equipment. Further grant applications made, awaiting reply. Further quotes are being sought for the improvements.
 - White Line Marker – No report from Football Club.
 - KGV Management Committee meeting 30th January 2014. Minor amendments to Club agreements, Football Club representative could not attend.
 - Grass cutting tenders to be considered by the Parish Council in March 2014.
 - KGV – skate park proposals by parishioner. Meeting to be arranged on site.

8. Burial Matters

No report at this meeting

9. Accounts

Clerks pay agreed at £843.64 per month with effect 1.4.2014. Proposed by Councillor Summers, seconded by Councillor A Carroll, all in favour therefore the motion was carried.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue	£26.80
P Trull BT Phone Account	£70.73
South Glos Council – Dog Bins	£187.27
Trull – Sun Dial Cemetery	£20.00
Bristol Water – Town Hall	£56.39

Direct Debits & Standing Orders

February 2014

N Power – Town Hall	£36.00
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Clerks Salary	£835.24
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Income January 2014

Memorial – Inscription	£26.00
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The next meeting of Wickwar Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 5th March 2014, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm.