

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting was held for the above Council on Wednesday 8th January 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

Apologies:

Councillor A Carroll
Councillor S Isaac

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting.

Public Time

Parishioners attending enquired if the Parish Council had a policy on building houses in back gardens in the High street, notably on burgage plots. Parishioners believe that a precedent has been set in the village for people to use this land to build on and not for its original purpose. The burgage plots within the High Street are within the conservation area.

The Parish Council look at each planning application upon its own merits. Their comments and any objections are passed on to South Glos Council Planning Officers who will make the final decision. It has been noted that the 30mph sign has been damaged. The sign is situated on the left hand side of Station Road, as you enter the village from Kingswood.

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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.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meetings held on the 6th November 2013 and the 4th December 2013 were signed as a fair representation of those meetings.

2. Matters Arising

Buthay Lease – The PC Solicitor has assured the PC that this matter will be concluded by the end of January.

3. Planning Matters.

PK13/4223/F- 77 High Street, Wickwar

Demolition of existing outbuilding/garage to accommodate the erection of 1 dwelling with new vehicular access and associated works.

Objection

PK13/3496/F - Field at Mapleridge Lane, Wickwar

Creation of access and installation of gate onto Mapleridge Lane

No objection

PK13/4640/TCA- 2 Old School House, High Street Wickwar

Works to reduce two ash trees by a third.

No objection

PK13/4576/F – Wixoldbury Farm, Firing Close, Rangeworthy

Conversion of existing adjoining barn to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK13/4685/F – 53 Amberley Way, Wickwar

Erection of single storey side and front extension, erection of front porch

PK13/4693/HED – Frith Farm Frith Lane Wickwar

Removal of 2m hedgerow to facilitate the erection of a H Pole to support a transformer to provide 3 phase power.

No objection

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

External lights in rear car park

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

Continued implementation of planning permission PT07/0573/F without compliance with condition numbers 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

PK13/4594/F – 21 Turnpike Gate, Wickwar

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey front extension to provide additional living accommodation.

No objection

PK14/0007/PNC – Building adjoining Birds Bush Lane, Wickwar

Change of use of agricultural building to store and display area.

Comments

PK13/4550/DR - 87 Inglestone Road, Wickwar

Erection of single storey rear extension

No objection

PK14/00013/F – Fading Cottage, West End Wickwar

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension. Erection of front porch,

No objection

PK14/4719/F – 36 High Street Wickwar

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

Amendment to previously approved scheme ({PK13/4719/LB)

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

The Core Strategy has now been approved and new planning laws will come into being.

Budget meetings are now underway for South Glos Council.

5. **Items for information**

No comment at this meeting.

6. **General Business**

Castle Bridleways Group – No report at this meeting.

SGC – Future of highway and street scene services – Parish Council has inspected all litter bins and dog waste bins, waste collected at present by SGC.

Wickwar PC would like to convert 5 dog waste bins to littler bins. The Clerk will write to SGC and put this request forward for their consideration.

SGC – Planning Electronic – SGC Planning Department will not be sending paper copies of plans to Parish Councils. It is the intention of SGC that PC's will have to look at the plans at their meetings via laptop and projector. Wickwar PC along with smaller Councils does not have Wi Fi, lap top or a projector at their meeting places. Wickwar PC await SGC reply on this issue.

Victim Support – Request for grant. Councillor D Howard proposed a grant of £100, seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. All in favour, therefore the motion is carried.

Teenage Cancer Trust – Request for grant. Councillor D Howard proposed a grant of £100, seconded by Councillor R Stimpson. All in favour, therefore the motion is carried.

7. **Reports**

- **Quarry Liaison Meeting** - Next meeting 12th February 2014, Wickwar Town Hall, commencing at 10.30am.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum** – No report at this meeting
- **Speed Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Youth Club** – Parish Council will review a list of goods needed at the Youth Club at their Budget meeting.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No report at this meeting.
- **Safer & Stronger Community Group Meeting** – The next meeting will take place at Wickwar Community Centre on Wednesday 29th January 7.30pm.

- **PROW** - The next PROW meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th February 2014, at Wickwar Town Hall commencing at 8pm.
- **King George V Playing Fields**
 - Inspection of Play equipment – Reports sent to Parish Councillors.
 - Wood Gate post – Awaiting new post to arrive.
 - Damage to inner gate – awaiting quotes.
 - Grant for Play equipment – Agreed SSGC meeting at £2000, and HRA money agreed at £2400. These grants will enable the Parish Council to replace play matting and install new play equipment for the 3 – 5 year children. Grant from Alderley Systems plc.
Grant application has been sent to Field in Trust – awaiting reply.
 - White Line Marker – Chairman Wickwar Football Club, Mr A Belcher is dealing with this matter and will report back to the Parish Council in due course.
 - Pavilion Repair – Parish Council will meet at the Pavilion with the Clubs to discuss this matter on 18th January 2014, 10am.
- **Community Centre** – Annual Accounts have been presented to the Parish Council. The next meeting for the Community Centre is Monday 27th January 2014, commencing at 7.30pm.
- **Town Hall** – No report at this meeting.
- **Village Hall** - Heating installation taking place. Next stage of improvements will be to continue with the electrical upgrade for the hall.

8. Burial Matters

No report at this meeting.

9. Accounts

Clerk pay rise 1% as per NALC National pay scales with effect April 2013. To be considered at the Councils February meeting.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue	£26.80
Petrol – Lawn Mower. P Trull	£5.00
P Trull – Stationery	£16.42
Pansies – Planter – P Trull	£11.50
Teenage Cancer Trust	£100.00
Victim Support	£100.00

Standing Orders/ Direct Debits

January 2014	
Clerk Salary	£835.24
N Power – Town Hall	£24.00

Income 2013

December 2013	
Hire of Town Hall	£5.00
Cremation Plot	£63.00
Memorial	£31.00
Football Club	£720.33
Grant – Play equipment	£2000
HMRC Vat Repay	£116.51
Old Chapel – Easement	£20.00
War Stock Dividend	£5.15

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm