

Wickwar Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 5th March 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.

Councillor A Carroll left the meeting at 8.40pm.

Councillor S Isaac left the meeting at 9.57pm

Public Time

Mr R Killen Tortworth Estates Office, attended this meeting to give the Estate's proposal to put forward land in Wickwar, owned by the Tortworth Estate as possible land for development. No plans have been submitted to South Glos Council. The Land in question is situated between Turnpike Gate and Chase Lane.

Ward Councillor H Gawler says that village boundaries are being looked into by SGC, and maybe it would be better if Wickwar PC gives information as to what development we would like to see rather than what development we would not want in the village. Sites and Policies meeting to be attended by Councillor T Proffitt.

Proposed Skate park. Parishioners attended to put forward plans for the skate park. Councillors will be meeting up with the parishioners to look at the proposed plans.

Parishioners attending, e mailed and phoned the Parish Council to put their views forward regarding the blocked foot path LWA/1/20, Firing Close. The Parish Council will be meeting with SGC PROW Officer to try and resolve this issue.

Condition of the road surface in Chase Lane has been reported to the Council. The Clerk will forward concerns on to SGC Highways Department.

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.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th February 2014, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

2. **Matters Arising**

Buthay Lease – The Clerk has been in contact with the Council's Solicitor and will report back at the April meeting.

3. **Planning**

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

PK14/4594/F – 21 Turnpike Gale, 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

Prior notification of a change of use of agricultural building to a store, Office and Display Area (Class B1 and B8) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended)

No objection.

PK14/0498/TCA – Holly House 67 High Street Wickwar

Works to 1 silver birch tree reduce by 35%

No objection

4. **Items for Information – Correspondence received**

No comment at this meeting.

5. **Report Ward Councillor**

Chase Lane Road Closure for road repairs.

6. **General Business**

- Castle Bridleway Group - No report at this meeting

- SGC – Consultation Highways and Street Scene Services. Wickwar Parish Council will continue to pay for the emptying of the Dog bins in Back Lane and King George V Playing Fields.
- PROW – Blocked Footpath LYA/1/20. Meeting with SGC Prow Officer to be arranged.
- Grass cutting tenders to be considered at the Councils April meeting.
- Letter from Village Hall requesting grant for urgent hall improvements. Letter read out at this meeting.
Councillors R Stimpson and D Howard declared an interest and will not be able to vote on this matter but will be able to take part in the debate.
Request for £2000. Councillor I Aldous proposed a grant of £2000, seconded by Councillor S Isaac. All able to vote voted. All in favour, therefore the motion was carried.
- AGM and APM Dates. It has been agreed to hold the AGM and APM on Thursday 1st May 2014.

7. Reports

- Quarry Liaison Meeting. Last meeting held on the 26th February at Wickwar Town Hall. No complaints regarding quarry compliance have been received by SGC or Cemex.
- Frome Vale Area Forum – Next meeting 6th March 2014. To be attended by Councillor R Stimpson.
- Wickwar Youth Club – Working towards becoming a registered Charity. AGM to take place 24th April 2014.
- Neighbourhood Watch – No report at this meeting.
- Safer and Stronger Community Group meeting. Next meeting 30th April 2014, at Rangeworthy Village Hall.
- PROW – Prow group to walk blocked foot path LYA/1/20.
- King George V Playing Fields
Inspection report, play equipment. Inspection undertaken by the clerk on a monthly basis. Reports sent to all Parish Councillors.
Damage to inner gate and post – quote received. £350 + VAT. Proposed that D Howse Services will be undertaking the work. Proposed by Councillor D Howard and seconded by Councillor M Summers. All in favour therefore the motion has been carried.
Grant application Fields in Trust for play equipment – Awaiting FIT reply.
White Line machine – no report at this meeting.
KGV Committee – It has been noted that there is an over run of clubs use of the facilities. This will be discussed with the clubs at the next Management Committee meeting in April.

8. Burial Matters

IRO Keirnan

IRO E Lancaster

9. **Accounts**

1% pay increase for Clerk as per NALC National pay agreement, with effect from 1.4.2013. 12 months @ £8.40 per month. £100.80 arrears to be paid. New Salary with effect from 1.4.2014 £843.64.

Cheques signed at this meeting

Inland Revenue	£40.71
N Power – Pavilion	£200.64
Bristol Water – Parkfield	£23.19
Bristol Water – Pavilion	£63.77
Wickwar Village Hall Committee	£2000
P Trull Salary arrears	£100.80

Standing orders & Direct Debits March 2014

Clerks Salary	£835.24 (Gross)
N Power Town Hall	£36.00
Clock winder quarterly salary	£150.00

Income February 2014

IRO E Lancaster	£62.00
VAT repay	£594.75