

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 9th July 2014 No. 07/14

Clerk to the Council, Mike Smith, 12 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford WR11 7RT

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, T. Waller V. Chairman, Councillors D. Heeks, J. Poulter
R. Gutteridge & G. Curtis.
District Councillor B. Parmenter & P.C Les Pegler
D. Dean, INRG

1. Apologies

P. Schroenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.

Mr. David Dean representing INRG gave a brief overview of the proposed Solar Farm project at Lower Field Farm. This was in no way an attempt to “get the Parish Council on their side” as the Parish Council had already submitted their comments regarding the application to WDC. It was just a courteous presentation. He did however say that if the application is approved, and when the project is commissioned, an amount of funds would be given to the Parish Council, as is their normal procedure, for the Parish to use for the benefit of the community. This however will not materialise until mid-2015.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2014 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Letter to be sent to No 55 Manor Road re Hedge.

Post meeting Note

C.C. L. Eyre will also visit the occupier

6. District/County Councillors Report.

District Councillor B. Parmenter briefly spoke about the Solar Park asking our comments also about the planning application for the Dogs Trust.

He also said that an enforcement notice had been applied re the building site of three dwellings in Drysdale Close until the latest application had been decided upon.

7. Police Officers Report.

The PC said that six crimes had been reported recently

Speed checks have been carried out in Manor Road and the A44 culminating in numerous warnings and two reported for excess speed.

The V. Chairman commented on the (10.00pm) brigade of speeding motorbikes, as did the Clerk.

8. Cemetery Charges.

The Clerk had identified the need to increase the charges in line with the surrounding area charges. These were outlined to the Councillors who agreed unanimously to the increase of approximately £35.00 on each of the current charges.

9. Meetings Review

It was unanimously agreed to continue the bi monthly meetings after the agreed one year trial was successful

10. Road Repairs (Drysdale Close)

It was agreed to submit the list of repairs onto the Worcestershire Hub.

Post meeting Note

Thank you for informing us of a Highways, Other Road or Pavement issue at DRYSDALE CLOSE.

The reference number for your records is 6267950.

We will notify you by email to confirm when progress updates have been made.

11. Big Lunch Monies

There is a £445.00 balance in the account and Councillors were asked for ideas for an event for 2015

12. Youth Club Items

As County Councillor L. Eyre and ourselves had donated either funds or equipment to the Youth Club (now disbanded) L. Eyre has asked the Clerk to write to the committee to ask the whereabouts of the funding and equipment.

13. Funding from INRG

Ideas were requested for future meetings as to projects if this funding becomes available

14. Sandbags & Bins

Clerk to cost for new sandbags and also to contact Highways regarding re-siting one of the sandbag bins.

15. Lease Update

We can finally confirm that the lease has now been signed and the monies paid, also the Land Registry documentation has been filed.

16. Green Space at Pitchers Hill

The “green space” at the corner of Pitchers Hill, where certain residents have been dumping their garden rubbish, will be cleared by the Parish Council

Post meeting Note

This has now been completed

17. Plans (if applicable)

A separate meeting will be held to discuss the Dogs Trust application as there are answers required to many questions before we can submit comments

18. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques already signed,
WDC, Playing Field Lease

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Smart Cut, Grasscutting (May x 2)
R. Langdon, Lengthsman (May / Jun)
M. Smith, Office Rental / Computer etc. + Newsletter + Flowers
Grant Thomson, External Audit
HMRC, 1st Quarter Tax
S. Osborne, Grasscutting Church (x 2)

Receipts,
HMRC, VAT Re-imbusement £602.83
M. Grinnell, Internment £105.00
WCC, Lengthsman Re-imbusement £144.00

19. Items for the next Agenda

Parking on grass areas in Coombefield Road.

20. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 10th September 2014

Meeting Closed at 9.10

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time