

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 10th August 2011 No. 8/11

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

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Present J. Newbury, Chairman, T. Waller, Vice Chairman, Councillors J. Poulter, D. Heeks
G. Curtis, P. Beaumont and M. Smith, Clerk
District Councillor B. Parmenter and District & County Councillor L. Eyre

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. The meeting was adjourned for Progress Reports and also the Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed along with the revised minutes of the June meeting.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

It was agreed to keep the meetings to a minimum time length and not to exceed 2 hours..

It was also agreed to add "Items for the next Agenda" to future meeting agendas.

6. District / County Councillors Reports.

L. Eyre stated the following,

There would be an additional 10K available for her use as from the 1st September within her area.

Match funding would apply.

Residents would now be able to search online to see what property is owned in Wickhamford and the surrounding areas by WDC.

No answers as yet from the EA re flooding.

A discussion took place regarding the monies allocated to Wickhamford re the flooding issue but this now seems to be unavailable.

Met with the Sports Club and defined that no covenants were broken re the Country & Western Event.

B. Parmenter stated that he will be keeping the Parish Council up to date at future meetings with regard to the Localism Bill.

7. Police Officers Report.

None

8. Open Space Report.

None

9. Path/Pavement Report.

None

10. Grasscutting Report.

None

11. Burial Ground Report.

None

12. Clerks Report.

Items from matters arising,

Email sent to SMP re Play Area quote, Email to EA forwarded to L. Eyre, Bolt Caps ordered for play equipment, Response from Rooftop re parking issue, Dog Bin quote request, Draft parking letter for approval and Signage at Pitchers Hill.

13. New and Ongoing Items.

a) Sports Club/Youth Club Update

Councillor stated that the Youth Club will be continuing for young and older groups but like to propose in principal that the Parish Council could help in some form of funding. All were in agreement.

b) Play Area Update

Quotation received from SMP. Clerk to contact Jem Teal at WDC to arrange a meeting to discuss any funding that may be available.

c) Parking

This item has been shelved.

d) Feedback From EA/Flood Update

Dealt with in Item 6.

e) Footpath behind Poulterers Farm

It was reported the electric wires (covered in black sleeving) were lying beside the footpath. Councillor has reported this to WDC. This is actually part of the footpath wardens job.

f) Speeding complaints Update.

As first thought there is no training available for hand held speed monitoring devices for the general public. The Chairman will advise those parishioners who enquired.

g) Manor Road Update

The Clerk had requested the Planning Enforcement office to inspect the building work to ascertain if the work was in compliance with the approval. They reluctantly did a site visit and have stated that all is in compliance with the approval.

h) Wayside Farm Shop

A request for a one off ad in the Newsletter would be looked into.

i) Newsletter

Good response for the new style Newsletter.

j) 48 Pitchers Hill

Councillor met (unintentionally) with the residents of 48 Pitchers Hill who asked if they could explain their recent Planning application and their disappointment on the refusal. Councillor said he would convey this (for info only) at the next Parish Council meeting. He also said they were welcome to attend the next meeting.

k) Parish Council Notice Boards

This item has been put on hold.

l) Coombefield Plantation

It was agreed to make this a project for the Diamond Jubilee year.

m) C & W Event

There were complaints received regarding the access to the Play Area and also the length of time Caravans were using the field. This was a four day event from Thursday to Sunday but Caravans & vehicles were there from Wednesday morning until the following Wednesday afternoon.

13. Planning.

Plans for Review. (if applicable),

None

Planning Notifications.

W/11/01048/PP The Finnick, 48 Pitchers Hill. Refused

14. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

D. Heeks, Play Area Goods

M. Smith, Play Area Goods

J. Newbury, Play Area Goods

15. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 14th September 2011

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

None