

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14th December 2011 No. 12/11

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, G. Curtis,
J. Poulter, P. Beaumont & M. Smith, Clerk
L. Eyre, District & County Councillor

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

D. Heeks declared a personal interest in Item 9

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 meeting held on the 9th November 2011 were approved.

5. Matters Arising:

Councillor asked if the report (when received) from Councillor L. Eyre could be email to all.

Grasscutting was referred to but Councillors were advised that this would be discussed in the Precept discussion.

6. District & County Councillors Report.

Liz Eyre asked the Council if they had spoken with the Sports Club regarding the Sports Field.

The Council stated that although they welcome a meeting with the Sports Club there is no immediate hurry.

Letters are being sent to all households regarding the shortfall in funding for the Badsey Brook project. Councillor asked if fund raising for Wickhamford can be "off our own back"

The email from a concerned resident regarding the flood issue will be forwarded to L. Eyre.

The New Homes Bonus will shortly be available. All Councils will be notified.

There would be no free parking in Evesham for the Christmas period.

A new bus service is now in operation for Childswickham.

Liz was asked if there was any funding available to help with the Play Area upgrade. She agreed to a figure of £2,000 which was gratefully accepted, She will forward a form to the Clerk.

7. Police Officers Report.

None

8. Pact.

PC Greenhouse is now a "Responsible Officer" but will still be available if required.

Parishioners are reminded to anything on the new 101 number. This was requested to be included in the next newsletter.

Speeding offences are lower on the A44 but higher on Manor Road according to our latest figures from the VAS units. R. Fullee at the Highways Dept. has been appraised of these figures who has forwarded them to the police.

Councillor will contact R. Fullee requesting road signage for Manor Road.

9. Playing Field.

Councillors met with J. Prendergast from WDC to discuss the possible options of purchasing the playing field and outlined this to the rest of the Councillors. It is uncertain as to whether this is available either as Leasehold or Freehold, this needs clarification. A Councillor asked as to whether this would be a long term viable investment and also whether it would be a good investment for the Village.

WDC have stated that they have no interest in keeping the playing field.

A proposal to move forward in further discussion was proposed and seconded with a unanimous vote. This would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Jubilee Celebrations.

Councillor suggested a meeting for all interested in helping organise a "Big Lunch". The idea of a Kids Party on the playing field was suggested. A meeting for late January to allow time to have an article in the Newsletter was proposed and seconded with a unanimous vote.

12. Adoption of Standing Orders.

Councillors were advised that these were adopted by the Parish Council at the August 2007 meeting and WDC were duly advised.

13. Parish Plan.

A Parish Plan template will be forwarded to all Councillors. It was proposed and seconded that we move forward with this and place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Post meeting note. Template to be available at the next meeting.

14. Precept.

After due discussion it was agreed to call an extraordinary meeting to discuss this in more detail with attention focussing on Mowing, Dog Bins, Play Area Equipment. Also Newsletters and the Office Rental and Salary/HMRC breakdown of costs.

Councillor asked for a copy of the 2010/2011 budget to be available.

Clerk was asked to send out tenders for the grasscutting contract in the hope we would have some responses for the meeting.

15. Balance Sheet.

These were available for Councillors

16. Cheques signed,

Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Hall Hire.

Calico, Domain Name.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Yearly Hall Hire.

Date of the next meeting confirmed as 11th January 2012

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Signed.....

Chairman

Date 11th January 2012

Notes of the Public Question Time

None