

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 8th April 2009 No. 04/09

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

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Present M. Rogers Chairman, J. Poulter V. Chairman, Councillors, R. Gilks, D. Heeks, T. Waller
D. Folkes and M. Smith Clerk.
P.C. Gail Greenhouse

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.

Progress Report.

PC Gail Greenhouse stated that the crime figures were no different to the same period last year which was encouraging.

She also stated that the suspected arsonist had now left the village. Also it was not thought that the bus shelter fire was the work of this person.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March were approved with amendments and will be signed at the May meeting.

5. New and Ongoing Items.

a) Bus Shelter. The new Shelter has now been erected.

b) Play Area Report. The Rospa report had not yet been received. Item to be on the May agenda.

c) Flood Alleviation Grant Scheme. A request was put forward by Mrs Austin of Hody's Place, Manor Road to build a bank on their property to a height to hold back any floodwater and a gully on the far side of the brook. This will be put forward and should hopefully alleviate flooding to a number of properties.

Also a recommendation was tabled to purchase flood warning barriers. This will also be put forward.

- d) Wickhamford Youth Club. It was agreed to purchase Space Hoppers and Sumo Suits for the younger members whilst with an agreement with the youth leader, if they purchase certain items or they were donated, that the Film Making Software would be purchased for the older group.
- e) Cemetery Shed. It was agreed that the shed needs to be vacated. The Clerk would serve notice to that effect to the person sleeping rough in the shed stating that this will be locked as from a specific date and any damage will be reported to the police. . We will however try and assist his cause and will be writing to Wychavon District Council to this effect.
- f) Flooding Update. The following was received from Severn Trent,
The work we have completed to date is as follows,
1. Cleansed the Storm Tank adjacent to No. 52 Manor Road.
 2. Removed the roots from the public sewer running through the garden of No. 52.
 3. Installed an NRV (non return valve) to protect No. 52.
 4. Installed an NRV (non return valve) at No. 2 Pitchers Hill.
 5. Installed an NRV (non return valve) on the CSO (consented overflow) at the pumping station to prevent the brook from entering the station during high flows.
 6. CCTV'd the FWS (foul water sewer) in the village itself.
- Since then steps were built into the brook for inspection purposes by the ST Engineering team.
- Post Meeting Note.**
- Since the meeting ST have informed the Parish Council that the steps had now been removed.

6. Planning.

None

7. Finance.

2008/2009 year end balance sheets and first balance of 2009/2010 already with Councillors
Cheques already signed,
Hillend Sawmills, Bus Shelter
GBD (Evesham) Grasscutting
Cheque to be signed,
M. Smith Newsletter.

8. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 13th May 2009, which will also be the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.00

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Wickhamford to Murcot. Re-location of Bridlepath. This is an issue between the Users and the Landowner although the Parish Council may assist in their capacity.

Speeding Signs.

Speed Limit survey.