

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 18th March 2008 No. 03/08

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Present M. Rogers Chairman, J. Poulter V. Chairman, Councillors, D. Heeks, R. Gilks, K. Moore, D. Folkes and M. Smith Clerk.
Liz Eyre District & County Councillor. (Late)

1. Apologies PC Gail Greenhouse and CSO Phil Schoenrock.

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

Liz Eyre reported that she had visited the village on Sunday morning (16th March), at the request of the Parish Council, to see the effect of the floodwaters. She would be having a meeting at Wychavon with Steve Jordan to further this matter. She also re-iterated the idea of a "Wetlands" area. She also agreed there are problems with the drainage / sewage systems and the overgrown / blocked Badsey Brook. There is also the issue of the bridge near the Manor being inadequate to take the flow of water. She said that there is a need for all to "bombard" the Environmental Agency and Severn Trent to define their responsibilities. With regard to ongoing and future planning applications Liz will raise the issue regarding Health & Safety due to overloaded sewage systems. Liz will also be attending a meeting regarding the appeal lodged against the planning refusal for 34 Drysdale Close on the 2nd April.

John Newbury, one of our Pact representatives reported on the first meeting. Pact is a medium for local residents to highlight any issues / problems they might have which will then be discussed at the meeting in conjunction with the local police officer / cso.

The target for the next three months is speeding including various vehicle and other checks.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February were approved.

5. New and Ongoing Items.

- a) Traffic survey figures were available for Parish Councillors & Attendees
- b) No answers received regarding road signs.
- c) Notice Board now repaired (Item closed).
- d) Parish Bursary. One response received which suggested the monies should be used to start the clearing of the Badsey Brook.
Councillor K. Moore had been looking, via the website, for a type of early warning system for flood prevention. More details will be provided at the next meeting after an informal meeting with V. Chairman J. Poulter and the Clerk.
- e) It was agreed to award the 2008/2009 grass cutting contract to GBD (Evesham) Ltd.
- f) Lengthsman Scheme. Still awaiting further details.
- g) The Clerks vacancy will be advertised with a start date of 1st June 2008

6. Planning.

Wickhamford Manor W/08/00449/LB. Alterations to under floor heating ducts.

No objections

Mesamere, 64 Willersey Road W/08/00578/PN. To replace existing bungalow with a house and garage.

3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

7. Finance.

Balance sheets made available. Council was made aware that the books were now closed for the end of the financial year.

8. Date of the next meeting confirmed as the 8th April.

Meeting Closed 8.50 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Road Signs required for flood warning

Drainage system

Sally Close flood issue