

WICKHAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes to Meeting March 14th 2007 numbered 003/007

Held in the Memorial Hall Wickhamford

1	Apologies – None Miranda Rogers, John Poulter, Carole Smith , Mike Smith, David Folkes and Mary Campbell (Clerk)	
2	Declarations of Interest None declared	
3	Review of Minutes of meeting held February 14th 2007 These were unanimously agreed and signed by acting Chairman, John Poulter.	
4	Progress Reports	
4a	Report by Councilor Liz Eyre Not present	LE
4b	Report by Local PC Gail Greenhouse Not Present	SB
4c	Report by Manor Road Group No update provided	
5	New and on-going items	
5a	Communication Website Progress Mike continues to update and improve the Website. Costing deferred to next meeting Newsletter Draft circulated and amendment made. Will be ready for distribution with Evesham Journal 23 rd March.	
5b	Play Corner Maintenance As no other suppliers other than Record have come forward, Mr Heeks will be asked whether he has the necessary insurances etc and a decision will be made next meeting.	
5c	Discussion of proposal for removal of grass area in Manor Close Residents have been asked to provide a plan of suggested revision to be looked at in the next meeting.	
5d	Affordable Housing Francis Evans met with John Poulter and Carole Smith to review possible sites etc. A presentation by her is expected to be given at the next meeting.	
6	Planning Drysdale Close Comments made were generally against the development and included: Flooding/sewer capacity – already an issue in Wickhamford Height and design out of character 45 degree rule should run from the room (kitchen) closest to the proposed development. This will then be breached to the detriment of neighbour amenity. Loss of daylight Detrimental to the gardens of the neighbours Hedge is out of keeping Aggregate is not a suitable material Clerk will submit an objection to the proposal on these grounds.	

	<p>If case officer is recommending refusal it will be a delegated decision and we will not be required to take further action. If not then David Folkes will request it is considered by the planning committee and that the committee make a site visit. A member of the parish Council will represent the residents.</p> <p>Clerk to find out when next committee meeting is and advise next action.</p> <p>36 Pitchers Hill</p> <p>Chairman declared interest</p> <p>Other comments made have been sent to the planning department at Wychavon.</p>	
7	Finance	
7a	Finance Review New transactions distributed	
7b	Long Term Investment Agreed that Abbey should be used as both the current account and investment account for the Parish. Clerk to arrange.	
7c	Grass Cutting It was agreed that Maurice Parkinson be offered the contract on provision of suitable references. Clerk to arrange.	
8	Date of next meeting is 11th April	

Public Session 14th March 2007

1. Parking in Manor Close

15 vehicles but only 5 spaces.

Meeting took place with Housing Association and it was suggested that more parking could be made available.

After much discussion it was requested that the residents would produce a plan of the area with a detailed suggested remedy.

2. Flooding

This generated much discussion as it appears that the current works still overflow sewage in several places including houses and gardens. This may be due to additional toilets/showers etc being added to existing homes and new buildings all adding to the amount of water being run off.

Requested that the PC approach Wychavon and Severn Trent to find out whether they understand the seriousness of the problem and what future plans may be.

David Folkes offered to arrange a site visit with Wychavon planners

3. Drysdale Close Planning application

There were a number of residents present that voiced concerns over the plans. Plans were presented by the developer. The level of objection to the proposal was very high and the Councillors were urged to submit an objection on behalf of the residents. A number of letters were passed to the clerk to be considered during the formal meeting.

Issues raised were

Light reduction, 45 degree rule, character, flooding, access, parking, precedent for using larger gardens for development, height, boundaries and eyeline.

The Councillors listened and indicated that this was for review during the formal meeting.

4. Parking in Manor road opposite Sandys Arms

The owner of the vehicle attended the meeting to state that he is parked legally and has no intentions of providing other arrangements for parking for himself or visitors. He stated that the WPC Gail Greenhouse has not approached him about this issue.

The clerk to contact WPC Greenhouse and find out what the resolution is.

The Memorial Hall to display a message about illegal parking outside the hall