

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 11th July 2012 No. 07/12

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Present J. Newbury, Chairman, T. Waller, V. Chairman, Councillors P. Beaumont, D. Heeks, G. Curtis, J. Poulter. District Councillor B. Parmenter, District & County Councillor L. Eyre. CSOP. Schroenrock & PC Emma Burrows.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.

The Lengthsman gave an update on his progress and tendered his estimate to repair / stain & paint the bus shelters which was accepted by the parish Council. He was also asked to clear the path in the Cemetery.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2012 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

District Councillor reminded the Parish Council the need to update the register of assets within the Village on the WDC website.

A discussion took place re the works being started at the Manor before the planning application had been approved. Pedestrian access only was approved for the barn. The Chairman had been in contact with WDC and the Enforcement Officer had stopped the work being carried out.

The District Councillor was asked to look into this further.

7. Police Officers Report.

The Police need registration details of speeding motorists to help with monitoring the issue.

There is a need to warn residents of leaving windows / doors unlocked / open owing to an increase in burglaries in some areas.

Due to the concern by Councillors of increased traffic through the village due to the roadwork's in Badsey the Police asked to be kept informed of any increase in traffic flow.

Councillor complimented the police for their presence during the Olympic Torch Relay

Adjourned for District/County Councillors Report

Councillor reported the following,

The Queen had been in Worcester touring the "Hive"

No changes to the SWDP

There is a fund of 20-50K available for Sports Fields

Councillor for a receipt for the grant of 2K

The Chairman appraised Councillor of the Manor planning application discussed earlier

8. 013/05/12. Sport England Update

No response as yet to our application.

9. Telephone Kiosk.

A suggestion was put forward by a Councillor to use the Kiosk as a library. It was decided to have the Kiosk cleaned and painted before a firm decision was made.

10. 010/02/11 Flood defence Update.

Martin Young from the EA had spoken with G. Curtis. It was hoped to invite M. Young to our next meeting for an update

11. Bus Shelters.

This was dealt with in the Public Session by the Lengthsman.

12/13. Sandy's Avenue Footpath Sign & Bridlepath at Burnt Lane.

The Parish Council agreed that above required urgent attention therefore it was agreed to contact the Parish Path Warden on these issues.

14. Memorial Seat.

Although there are funds left over from the big lunch to purchase a seat the Sports Club have decided to purchase the seat.

15. Cemetery/Grasscutting.

A letter from a concerned resident was read out regarding the "unkempt state of the place" and the "hit & miss" grasscutting.

The Parish Council would contact the contractors re the grasscutting and would also endeavour to ensure that the Cemetery is highlighted on the maintenance program for the Lengthsman.

16. Jubilee Fund / Big Lunch.

There have been ideas suggested if the Big Lunch was to be held again in 2013 and beyond, these included, Table Top Sales, Kid's Races, Charity Run etc. This will be announced in the next Newsletter. The Big Lunch account is still holding £200.00 of Parish Council funding. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to "gift" this to the Big Lunch.

17. Parish Plans Update.

There are two people, S. Bearcroft & E. Elspeth, who have shown an interest in being part of Parish Plan Committee. The Clerk will arrange to get some data to Councillor to pass on.

18. Meeting Changes / Sub-Committees.

It was unanimously agreed to change the meetings to bi-monthly on a trial basis until the end of the financial year.

It was agreed to form a Planning Sub-Committee rather than call "short meetings". In the event of a substantial planning application a full Councillor meeting would be called.

The Committee would be Councillors, J. Newbury, D. Heeks & J. Poulter.

It was agreed (where possible) to email Councillors with the hyperlink to the plans.

19. Code of Conduct.

The Code was unanimously accepted "as is". Councillors were also reminded to complete the Register of Member's Interests.

20. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

J. Newbury, Padlock Keys & Cement

M. Smith, Benches

V. Signs, Play Area & Cemetery Sign

P. Parfitt, Lengthsman (May/ Jun)

HMRC, 1st Quarter Tax

16. Items for the next Agenda

Footpaths

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 12th September 2012

Meeting Closed at 9.00

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time