

Wickhamford Parish Council

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

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, J. Poulter, D. Heeks, P. Beaumont, District Councillor, B. Parmenter & M. Smith, Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillor G. Curtis, Police Officers

2. Declarations of Interest

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

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

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

The D. Councillor reported that the SWDP does not affect Wickhamford re housing but there is an issue regarding a large development for Broadway. There is an online petition if anyone is interested.

The District Council would like to arrange a "Village Walkabout" and the D. Councillor would confirm a date.

The D. Councillor was asked to check as to whether permeable surfaces are still a requirement on planning applications and to also check as to whether Councillors who do not sign the Register of Members Interests can still carry on as a Parish Councillor

D. Councillor stated that as there has been no change of use to the Sandys Arms planning approval for alterations is not required.

7. Police Officers Report.

Emailed Report

PC Burrows has now moved to Worcester and has been replaced by PC Les Pegler.

Crime in your area, we have had since September three reports of burglary,

1. To a dwelling.
2. To out buildings where property has been taken despite adequate security precautions.
3. One vehicle had its catalytic converter stolen.

Through your community news letter could we ask that residents consider additional crime prevention measures such as timer lights set inside their houses due to the earlier dark evenings looming upon us. If any one would appreciate additional information / advice please don't hesitate to contact me.

If anyone is thinking of setting up a Neighbour hood Watch in their area, Adrian Symonds at Worcester Police Station is the co-ordinator in charge.

8. Bollards at Pitchers Hill.

Highways at WCC are still pursuing this issue. They have the posts but due to underground pipes / cables etc. they have to liaise with the correct departments before they can be installed.

9. Cemetery Path.

This seems to be a non starter as funding is not available.

10. 005/12/11 Playing Field Update.

The Chairman had made contact with Jem Teal at WCC to see if he could assist with any funding that may be available as our request to Sport England was turned down. He asked for a copy of our submission and would be in contact.

11. Locks at the Manor.

A resident had complained that the locks at the Manor are not opened when there is very heavy rainfall and flooding could be imminent and says that the Parish Council should intervene.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have no jurisdiction to intervene

12. Sandys Arms Update.

As per the D. Councillor's report
Sand Bag bin needs re-siting

13. Dogs on Playground.

The Chairman reported the a stray dog found in the playground of an Evesham school was refused to be taken in by Wickhamford Dogs Trust. He questioned their remit

14. Planning.

None

15. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.

The following motions were proposed,

1. "To accept Dispensation requests from Councillors".
2. "To consider granting a dispensation up until the next ordinary election to all town/parish councillors who live within the town/parish to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept".

Both motions were unanimously agreed.

Cheques signed,

Smart Cut, September + (June invoice just received)

Clement Keys, External Audit

16. Items for the next Agenda

Cemetery Shed, Yellow Hatch Lines

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 9th January 2013

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time