

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 9th January 2013 No. 01/13

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, D. Heeks, G. Curtis, P. Beaumont, District Councillor, B. Parmenter & M. Smith, Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillor, J. Poulter, County Councillor, L. Eyre & P. Parfitt, Lengthsman

2. Declarations of Interest

J. Newbury, Item 8

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 14th November 2012 would be amended and signed at the March meeting.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

Councillor gave contact details re Community Grants for the Playing Field and asked for the email sent to J. Prendergast at WDC be forwarded to him.

He said he had spoke with his colleagues regarding the sewerage flooding in gardens in Manor Road which then flows into the Brook creating a health & safety issue.

Severn Trent have stated that there is a maintenance for the "Tank" but it has never been inspected. It also does not show on plans when the engineering team attend the site

Councillor stated that there would be no increase on Council Tax this year.

Councillor showed plans for the Broadway Flood Alleviation Scheme which would ultimately affect Wickhamford. The Chairman stated that M. Young from the EA had been looking at the Wickhamford site.

7. Police Officers Report.

None

8. The following report was submitted to the Clerk.

PB Burrows has been replaced by PC Les Pegler
Crime in the area.

In September there were three of burglary,

1. A dwelling
2. Out buildings where property had been taken despite adequate security precautions.
3. A vehicle had its catalytic converter stolen

Through you community Newsletter 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 anyone would appreciate additional information / advice please don't hesitate to contact me. If anyone is thinking of setting a Neighbourhood Watch in their area Adrian Symonds at Worcester Police Station is the co-ordinator in charge

9. Footpath Parking in Manor Road.

See Pact

10. Footpath from Sandys Arms to the Village Hall.

This is in need of repair as are the road surfaces at the junction of Manor Road & Manor Close, Sally Close and Drysdale Close. The Clerk would inform R. Fuller at Highways.

11. Cemetery Shed.

It was proposed and seconded that the shed should be removed. The vote was unanimous.

12. Yellow Hatch Lines.

Item closed

13. Flood Scheme. Update & Letter from a Resident.

It was agreed to respond to the resident with an invite to attend the next meeting.

14. Pact Update.

The CSO will warn people re parking on the footpath in Manor Road.

Speed checks have been made locally. The Speed Check Van would be requested for this area. Looking at "Entrance Gates" on A44 entering the village and also 30mph Roundels in Manor Road.

Complaints of mud on the road from Sandys Arms to the Manor also the vehicles used are not taxed. The Police will look at this again.

Complaints from a resident of a householder burning rubbish at all times on a regular basis. This will be monitored.

15. Continuation of Newsletter.

It was decided to continue with the Newsletter

16. Parish Plan Contingency

Five people are required to move forward in developing a plan. The PC will create a survey but can take no further part.

17. Council Recruitment

There are still vacancies on the PC for new members.

At this point one of the Councillors said that due to work commitments he would not be able to attend meetings for 12 months, but did not want to resign. The Clerk said he would consult Calc to see the legal position on this and report back at the next meeting.

18. Planning

None

19. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

Maurice Parkinson, VAS Changeover

HMRC, 3rd Quarter Tax

P. Parfitt, Lengthsman

16. Items for the next Agenda

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 13th March 2013

Meeting Closed at 8.45

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time