

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 8th May 2013 No. 05/13

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, County Councillor L. Eyre and M. Smith Clerk

1. Apologies

Councillors J. Poulter, G. Curtis, District Councillor B. Parmenter & M. Gwynne Footpath Warden

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 13th March 2013 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

L. Eyre reported that the road repair issue on Longdon Hill will be resolved shortly. With regards to the Solar Farm project transport issue items will not be delivered thru Wickhamford.

At this time there is no requirement for S. James to apply for a "change of use" for the Sandys Arms.

7. Police Officers Report.

Our local PC reported the following,

Two car crimes (including one fatality)

Parking on Pitchers Hill had again been noticed

Overnight parking also noticed in lay by, this is not allowed

8. P.C. will also check on reports of a tractor for sale parked on the green
Speed camera checks have been carried out on Manor Road. Constables have been on this and are authorised to fine motorists.
Councillors asked why the Speed Camera Van had not been sited in the village for the past 18 months. PC will check
9. WF 512/513/514
Bridleway has been cleared and widened by contractors and is now far more usable
WF 501 / Longdon Hill - The lettering on the existing waymark sign has worn away.
A new chevron is required.
WF 503 / Pitchers Hill (route to the right of Mill House Farm)
The need for a new waymark post has been identified.
WF 512 / Wickham Close
There is a bridleway sign at the junction with Manor Road where the bridleway officially starts, however it is agreed that an additional waymark post near Wickham Close would assist.
WF 518 (opposite Sandy's Arms) / 519 (Pitchers Hill to left of Mill House Farm)
These paths are currently the subject of discussion between WCC and the landowner with proposal to
modify route (Definitive Map Modification Order).
Entrance to recreation ground from Sandy's Avenue
Incorrect waymark signs have been removed. I understand this is not a public right of way.
10. Play Area, Signs & Litter Signs
Councillor has reported a bonfire was lit in the Play Area.
After discussion and a unanimous vote it was agreed to look at the costs for the following signs, 6 x "Do Not Drop Litter", 2 x "Under 5", 2 x "Under 15", 4 x "No Dogs Allowed Except For Guide Dogs".
11. Neighbourhood / Parish Plan
Invite Patrick Staines from "Evesham Our Future" to the next meeting
12. Newsletter
Councillor will continue working on this
13. Grasscutting Update
None
14. Pact Update
There are no further grants for additional Speed Cameras

Complaints re motorists “U Turning” at the end of the dual carriageway, Sign required

15. Rospa Report

Report is due for the next meeting

16. Sandys Arms Development

We have again responded “in the negative” for a meeting with the owner to enlighten the PC on his proposed development of the site.

17. Playing Field Update

It was proposed and seconded that the PC move forward with the Chairman and Clerk meeting with J. Prendergast and then a meeting with the Sports Club including the V. Chairman to keep them “in the loop”. The New Homes Bonus will fund part of the cost and all villagers will be asked their views in a flyer as to whether or not they have any objections

18. Planning

None

19.

20. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques already signed,

Calc, Training

Cheques signed,

Smartcut, Grasscutting for (March / April)

Zurich, Insurance

Calc, Affiliation Fee

Rospa, Play Area Report

HMRC, 4th Quarter Tax

M. Parkinson, VAS Changeover

Receipts,

Simply Stone, Memorial £120.00

WDC, Precept £5001.00

WCC, Grasscutting Subsidy £658.00

16. Items for the next Agenda

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 10th July 2013

Meeting Closed at 9.00

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time