

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 10th September 2014 No. 09/14

Clerk to the Council, Mike Smith, 12 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford WR11 7RT

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, T. Waller V. Chairman, Councillor G. Curtis,
D. Councillor, B. Parmenter & M. Smith, Clerk.

1. Apologies

Councillors D. Heeks, R. Gutteridge & PC's L. Pegler & P. Schoenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2014 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Letter again sent to the occupant of 55 Manor Road re hedge

Email sent to M. Bell re the Youth Club

Green space at Pitchers Hill now cleared of rubbish etc.

Contacted CCL E. Eyre reference re-siting the Sandbag Bin

6. District / County Councillors Report.

The District Councillor stated that the building works at Drysdale Close are still a concern with WDC.

The Chairman then said that the Parish Council are quite dismayed that the planning officers do not seem to take into consideration the comments made by the Parish Council on any amendments or retrospective applications but just approve them all. The District Councillor said he would forward our comments.

He also mentioned that the Solar Farm application was being reviewed again the following day and as a member of the planning committee he would be voting against the application

A communication from the County Councillor gave the proposals for work to begin on the A44 and the stretch of pathway between 5 and 27 Pitchers Hill to alleviate the flooding issues after further discussions. At this point one of the Councillors pointed out that he only had discussions with the District Councillor re the footpath at Pitchers Hill.

7. Police Officers Report.

Since July 9th last, residents have contacted West Mercia on 24 occasions, resulting in two offences being recorded, one of theft by employee and one of attempted dwelling burglary. In neighbouring Parishes, there have been a spate of thefts from garden sheds of lawn mowers, pressure washers and other various power tools. Residents are requested to ensure adequate measures are maintained to reduce such instances, considering post coding equipment with permanent marker pens, DNA chemical marking, if anyone requires advice, please contact me via 101 or email.

8. Parking on the Grass areas in Coombefield Road

This will be forwarded to Rooftop Housing as it is their property.

9. Motion to accept "Application Form" for the hire of the Playing Field

The form was discussed and amended with all Councillors in agreement

10. Playing Field Sign

The Clerk will have the quote for the signs at the next meeting

11. Playing Field Fencing Quotations

Two quotations had been received but after discussions it was agreed that there were some amendments to our requirement that needed discussing with the relevant companies before a final quotation would be ready. This included the possibility of a "security type" gate to aid the Sports Club security.

It is hoped a final quotation will be available for the next meeting.

12. Sandbag Bins & Sandbags

One of the Sandbag Bins will be re-sited to the green space at Pitchers Hill. The Clerk will be contacting suppliers regarding sand bag quotes

13. Hedge at 55 Manor Road

A further letter will be sent

14. Sports Club

A letter received from the Sports Club was circulated to all Councillors to read. After a discussion a response was prepared and agreed as follows,

Thank you for your letter concerning the Country & Western Festival.

As you are aware we had written to the event organiser and look forward to their reply in due course. For 2015 we look forward to an application for this event from the event organiser to whom we will be sending our application form.

Along with this letter is a copy of the application form for **your** forthcoming events.

As your letter states "we fully intend to apply for the Country & Western Festival", reading this we are therefore unclear as to actually who "runs" the event.

15. Plans for review (if applicable)

None

16. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

WDC, Field Rental

R. Langdon, Lengthsman (Jul / Aug)

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Jun / Jul / Aug)

M. Smith, Newsletter (Jul)

HMRC, 2nd Quarter Tax

S. Osbourne, Grasscutting (Church x 4)

M. Parkinson, VAS Changeover

L. Slade, Cemetery Hedge Cutting

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (Jun / Jul) £288.00

16. Items for the next Agenda

Big Lunch Monies

C & W Event

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 12th November 2014

Meeting Closed at 9.10

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman