

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 12th November 2014 No. 11/14

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

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Present J. Newbury, Chairman Councillors D. Heeks, J. Poulter, R. Gutteridge, G. Curtis
and M. Smith Clerk

Two directors from Coombefield Plantation

1. Apologies County Councillor L. Eyre, District Councillor B. Parmenter, V. Chairman T. Waller, PC L. Pegler & PCSO P. Schoenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

A brief presentation was given regarding the acquisition of Coombefield Plantation and the ongoing project to manage the wood. There was also a discussion regarding the obstruction (at times) to their access. This issue was on the agenda for later in the meeting.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2014 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

A letter had again been sent to the owner of 55 Manor Road with no response.

A letter of response sent to the Sports Club

A response sent to L. Eyre re the footpath repairs

A letter sent to Councillor P. Beaumont

6. District / County Councillors Report.

A report from the County Councillor (although not present) stated the following,

Pitchers Hill footpath plan & timetable had been agreed and the work will commence at the end of February 2015.

Severn Trent issues need to be reported to get "dots on maps" otherwise no action will be taken

There are plans to do some work to alleviate issues re- highway run-off including issues

further up the A44 towards the Dogs Trust to help solve the issues at 2/4 Pitchers Hill

7. Police Officers Report.

The police report (although not present) stated that three crimes were recorded since the 5th September, these being 1 dwelling burglary, 1 theft from a car and 1 “other building” burglary. He also stated that if residents require advice on additional security for their home or property they can contact the local PCSO who will return your call. His contact details are, email at Philip.schoenrock@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or telephone 101 and leave him a message.

8. Big Lunch Monies

Item deferred to the next meeting

9. Bridlepath Sign

It was decided to procure two signs for the Bridlepath at Burnt Lane with the wording, “Bridlepath & Vehicle Access. Please Keep Clear” along with a replacement sign for the Cemetery.

10. Parking

The PCSO has agreed to “knock on doors” of residents who are parking on the footpaths.

11. Mowing Contracts

It was agreed to continue the contract with Smart Cut. We await a request from the Church for the mowing of the graveyard.

12. Playing Field Fencing

It was agreed to re-visit the fencing obligations once ownership and maintenance can be established.

13. Playing Field Sign Quotations

It was agreed to order 1 sign 1200mm x 915mm (including fittings) plus 2 x repeater signs 460mm x 310mm (excluding fittings) with wording already agreed.

14. Sports Club

A request was received to host the 2015 Country & Western Festival on the Playing Field. This was agreed with the normal terms with a response being sent.

15. Plans for review

W/14/02338 planning application for a bungalow on land adjacent to Mesamere, Willersey Road were discussed. The Parish Council comments will be uploaded to WDC website.

16. Correspondence

Responses sent to the occupants of 9 Coombefield Road regarding their issues with the grass cutting of Rooftop areas asking why should they pay.

Letter sent to Coombefield Plantation inviting them to the meeting.

Site working hours at 35 Drysdale Close confirmed by DC B. Parmenter after complaints by residents.

17. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

a) 2014/2015 budget figures made available to Councillors

b) 2015/2016 Precept was discussed and unanimously agreed at £10,000

Cheques signed,

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Sep)

HMRC, 3rd Quarter Tax

M. Smith, (Newsletter (Sep)

R. Langdon, Lengthsman (Sep / Oct)

S. Osbourne, Grasscutting (Church x 3)

Receipts,

WDC, Precept £5,000.00

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement £288.00

WCC Grasscutting Subsidy £694.68

16. Items for the next Agenda

Fencing

Sandbags

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 14th January 2015

Meeting Closed at 8.40

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Coombefield Plantation