

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14^h January 2015 No. 01/15

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

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, Councillors D. Heeks, R. Gutteridge & J. Poulter.

District Councillor B. Parmenter & M. Smith Clerk

Also present were two Parishioners, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas

1. Apologies County Councillor L. Eyre & PC P. Schoenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

The parishioners present asked if there were any possible means of alleviating the speeding traffic on the A44 especially the heavy lorries. It was explained that speed activation signs were in regular use to alleviate speeding but other methods are being co-ordinated with police and would come into effect once agreed. He was given a contact name if he wished to pursue the matter on a personal basis. He also asked if the stretch of A44 (Pitchers Hill) could be again be re-surfaced as it is "rather noisy"

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2014 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

The County Councillors report was distributed to all present.

The District Councillor reported that the drainage work on the A44 has been completed. He did say that a blockage had been found during the work

7. Police Officers Report.

The police report stated that since 12th November there had been one burglary from a dwelling and two from the "open air" reported. Although this is a low crime rate residents should not be complacent and report anything suspicious. In adjoining Parishes there have been a number of thefts from tradesman's vehicles. Owners should consider coding their equipment.

8. Sandbag Quotation

A quote for 200 replacement sandbags totalling approx. £700 was unanimously accepted therefore an order will be placed once the sandbag bin has been re-sited.

9. Big Lunch Monies

Item again deferred

10. Solar Farm Update

The Parish Council had been notified that an appeal will be lodged against the previous refusal of the application. Once we have official notification an extra-ordinary Council meeting may be convened to discuss any relevant matters applicable to the appeal and our comments if necessary.

11. Fencing Update

A quotation had been received, and accepted, for replacing the Playing Field fencing plus additional fencing and two gates however at this point a Councillor stated that he knew someone who may be able to give a more favourable quote. It was agreed to allow a week for this quote to be received by the Clerk. A decision would then be made.

12. Correspondence

After various letters and conversations regarding the hedge at 55 Manor Road the matter has now been placed in the hands of the Highways Department to deal with.

13. Plans for Review

None

14. Finance

Balance sheets made available for Councillors

Cheques signed,

M. Smith, Signs + Newsletter

Memorial Hall, Annual Hall Hire

R. Langdon, Lengthsman (Nov)

Receipts,

Lengthsman Reimbursement (Oct) £144.00

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15. Items for the next Agenda

Big Lunch Monies

Fencing Update

Solar Farm Update

Post Box at 55 Manor Road

16. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 11th March 2015

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Speeding on Pitchers Hill

Re-surfacing of Pitchers Hill