

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 8th July 2015 No. 07/15

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

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Present Chairman, J. Newbury, Councillors D. Heeks, J. Poulter, R. Gutteridge, M. Smith Clerk,
& County Councillor, L. Eyre

1. Apologies District Councillor, B. Thomas, V. Chairman, T. Waller & PC, P. Schroenrock
2. Declarations of Interest
Councillor DH. Item 13
3. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.
No members of the public were present.
4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2015 were agreed
5. Matters arising from the previous meeting
Councillor JP was concerned that not enough detail was included in the police report. He was informed that this would be the only information given to the Parish Council.
6. District / County Councillors Report.
District Councillor LE referred to complaints received from residents local to the Murcot Turn Business Park regarding the damage being caused by the lorry traffic.
She also asked about the development at the "old pub" and whilst on that subject Councillor JN informed her that Mr. James (the owner of the Manor & the "old pub") had arranged deliveries of lorry loads of materials in the early hours of the morning (awakening residents) to build an unofficial roadway of which the enforcement team at WDC had been made aware of.
She also spoke of the Sandys Avenue proposed development and was annoyed that she had also been misled by the comments of Rooftop Housing. She will speak to the planning officer and keep us informed
She asked the Parish Council to look at road surfaces throughout the village to ascertain if any work is required. Also that there may be a small amount of funds for Play Area equipment.
7. Police Officers Report.
Since the 16th May residents have called West Mercia Police on 12 occasions.

This has resulted in one offence of burglary of a dwelling occurring in the last few days and is currently being investigated, and one offence of criminal damage to a motor vehicle whereby a resident had a car scratched outside their premises.

Neither offences are linked to either each other or similar offences in adjoining parishes

A recent phone scam highlighted took the form of a resident receiving a telephone call from 03334432473 on the pretence they were due a refund and they were to press 5 or 9 on their phone, this would have incurred an extortionate charge to their phone bill. The resident was aware of this scam and the caller terminated the call

Residents are reminded that useful information on Crime Prevention can be viewed online at Warwickshire Rural Watch, a website supported by West Mercia & Warwickshire Police.

8. Defibrillator

This item was adjourned but it was noted that a defibrillator is available at 5 Washington Road

9. Speeding, Safer Roads Partnership

A survey carried out by SSRP over a given period resulted in the recorded average speed on the A44 as being 38.8 mph which apparently is within the guidelines so no further action to reduce the speeding will be taken

10. Play Area Update

Work is due to begin on refurbishing the Play Area with some new equipment on order and more to be ordered in the near future

11. Newsletter

Councillor JP noted that not much detail is included in the newsletter. The Clerk said that this is just a précis of the meeting but if more detail is required it would require perhaps a four page newsletter.

12. Church, Village Fete

A request for funding towards an event had been withdrawn as the Church appreciate the funding from the Parish Council already in place by way of the mowing of the Churchyard

13. Sports Club

It had been brought to our attention that a resident had "booked" the playing field for a company event and not used the correct channels to do so. This had caused a lot of trouble and the company cancelled the event leaving a large amount of lost revenue for the club. As the Parish Council are the landlords of the Playing Field the Clerk and the Parish Council were initially

blamed for the cancellation but after a meeting with members of the club committee more details emerged and the issue had now been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties.

Following on from our discussions with the Sports Club the following decision was made.

It was proposed by the Councillor JN and seconded by Councillor RG that we allow some leeway with the use of the field without a request, for non-events, i.e. a gazebo, bouncy castle etc. on the understanding that if the Parish Council deem that this privilege is being abused it will be terminated immediately and the Sports Club will then have to revert to abiding by the lease to the word. The vote was unanimous.

14. Solar Farm Update

The appeal for the Solar Farm has been upheld so the work will begin in the near future.

15. Correspondence

Emailed L. Eyre again re the damage to the footway by the Dogs Trust

Emailed V Signs re rewording the Playing Field Sign

Emailed Liz/Bradley re retail units at Lisbon Nurseries

Email sent to Safer Roads Partnership re results of their survey

Emailed Royal Mail again re re-siting the Post Box in Manor Road

Letter sent to Dogs Trust re staff parking in Sandys Avenue

Email sent to Sports Club requesting a copy of their insurance schedule

16. Plans already reviewed,

W/15/01286/PN Land at Sandys Avenue

Public meeting held on 17th June with all residents comments uploaded to WDC Planning Portal

W/15/01522/CU "The Finnick" Pitchers Hill

Comments uploaded to WDC Planning Portal

W/15/01483/PN Dogs Trust Pitchers Hill

Comments uploaded to WDC Planning Portal

17. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

M. Smith, Newsletter + Mileage

HMRC, 1st Quarter Tax

Clerk, Office Rental, Computer, Telephone & Sundries
 Smart Cut, Grasscutting for (May / June)
 Grant Thornton, External Audit
 Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Hall Hire
 G. Evans, Lengthsman (Jun)
 WDC, Playing Field Rent

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (Mar) £144.00

Tomlins, Burial Fee £270.00

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (Apr) £144.00

Items for the next Agenda

None

18. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 9th September 2015

Meeting Closed at 9.00

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

None