

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14th September 2016, 09/16

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Present J. Newbury, Chairman T. Waller, V. Chairman Councillors, D. Heeks. J. Poulter
K Nash and M. Smith, Clerk
S. Thompson, WDC

1. Apologies

Councillor, R. Gutteridge, PCSOP. Schoenrock, B. Thomas District Councillor.

No Apologies

L. Eyre, County Councillor

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

S. Thompson from WDC gave a presentation on the benefits to all households in the village being supplied with Smartwater kits on a free of charge basis by the Parish Council with associated advertising by WDC.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2016 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District Councillors Report.

Wychavon's latest land supply is over 7 years (so well in excess of the 5 years we must be able to demonstrate) this puts us in a strong position going forward

I am no longer Chairman of Planning Committee. I still sit on the committee, but I am now the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport & Infrastructure on the Executive Board of the Council

. No report received from the County Councillor

7. Police Officers Report.

Since the 1st June 2016, West Mercia received 29 calls from residents resulting in three offences

being recorded in the village, being one of theft of motor vehicle from driveway, one of theft from motor vehicle number plates and one of tampering with motor vehicle attempted theft of wheel/tyre. Although linked by all being vehicles, the offences are not linked and are not connected. In neighbouring parishes, there have been a number of thefts from vehicles carrying SatNavs. Two males have been arrested and enquiries are continuing.

8. Play Area/ Sports Wall Updates

The old Multi Play, Springers and Rubber Matting have now been removed and the installation of the new Play Area equipment is underway. The next phase will be to remove the Sports Wall and to also look at the feasibility of installing junior football goal posts at the far end of the playing field (by the play area) for the youngsters of the village and not for the football teams to use for training

9. Neighbourhood Plan

This item was deemed as not to be a necessity for the village

10. Smartwater

Following on from the presentation by S. Thompson the Parish Council agreed, in principle, to the idea of supplying the Smartwater kits for all households in the village if the general consensus of the villagers were in agreement following an article to be placed in the newsletter.

11. Footpath on Manor Road

Following an enquiry from a resident regarding a request to extend the refurbishment of the footpath to further areas of Manor Road a response from Councillor L. Eyre was that we should advise residents to log their request on to the Worcestershire Hub for action. The Parish Council should also log any issues onto the Hub.

12. Highway Signage & Speed Enforcement Update

A meeting had been held with members of the Traffic Management team to discuss the speeding issues on Manor Road and the A44. Speed enforcement action is being considered but a clear length of road is required on Manor Road to enforce any action.

A meeting was also held with Highways and Councillor L. Eyre with a view to creating a right turn lane on the A44/ Pitchers Hill. This could not be achieved due to the width of the road and the excessive work involved in re-aligning the junction.

It was however agreed to re-site the 40mph signs further back to slow the traffic before it enters the village on the A44 and Longdon Hill (if possible) and to also have 40mph signage on the road surface on the approach to the junction from Broadway.

It was also agreed that Highways would contact Mr. James at the Manor regarding cutting back the hedges on Golden Lane and the overhanging trees.

Responses from Highways post meeting,

The TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) was re-made in August 2015 so enforcement is a possibility, subject to the Police agreement

The wording of the 2 TRO's (40mph on A44 & 30mph on Longdon Hill) is quite precise so there is no room to change. Given the limited impact that moving the terminal signs would bring, I don't think we can justify the time/cost of making additional TRO's to extend what is currently there.

A 'SLOW' road marking sign has been ordered which will be placed near the slippery road sign on the approach down the bank towards the 'Badsey turn'.

13. Community Benefit Fund

Several suggestions were put forward regarding the use of the fund which included,

1. Purchasing a piece of land to enlarge the Cemetery (if available).
2. Additional benches to be erected throughout the village
3. Flower troughs at each end of the village beneath the signs.
4. A request for funds for the Memorial Hall

All these suggestions will be looked at in more details at the upcoming meetings

14. Sports Club / Football Teams

An issue had been brought to our attention regarding the football teams using / training on the playing field and the Sports Club. This was an issue for the Sports Club to rectify and not the Parish Council

15. Correspondence

Telephone call from a resident regarding the possible continuation of the footpath resurfacing on Manor Road (Item 11).

Email received from B. Thomas confirming that WDC have agreed that the developer at the Drysdale Close site does not have to comply with the installation of the water harvesting system as per the original planning approval.

Met with site manager of the Sandys Avenue development to discuss our concerns with the boundary fencing.

Met with Rooftop and L. Eyre to discuss the issues raised by a resident adjacent to the new development. Will contact the resident with an update.

Met with resident to discuss her concerns and the offer from Rooftop of completing the work to her satisfaction and addressing the damage caused. This offer was refused by the resident.

Emailed L. Eyre regarding the entrance to the new development (above) and also spoke with the site manager. A meeting has been arranged.

Email received from the Sports Club insurance broker regarding their insurance which in turn our insurers were contacted for clarification.

Met with D. Perridge & B. Haynes from Traffic Management to discuss the possibility of speed enforcement throughout the village. (Item 12).

Further letter sent to the Sports Club on the 28/07 requesting proof of their insurance for events being held on the Playing Field. Insurance document received 01/08.

Reminder sent to the Sports Club regarding the part of the field adjacent to the Play Area which is to be left available for residents to use during the C & W event.

Met with L. Eyre & Highways to discuss to possibility of creating a right turn filter lane on the A44/Pitchers Hill turn and also moving the speed signs to a different location so as to slow traffic entering the village on the A44, Longdon Hill and Manor Road. (Item 12).

Report of human excrement in the bus shelter at Longdon Hill reported to WDC for their immediate action.

Received payment for C & W field rental 02/08 from Sports Club.

An email was received from a resident 03/08 objecting to the C & W event being held again and also referring to the early arrival of caravans and the possibility of late night music again.

The resident was informed that the Sports Club have assured us that the music will cease at 11.30pm and the agreed use of the field would be adhered to.

Email to L. Eyre regarding a residents request for the footpath maintenance to be extended to more areas of Manor Road. (Item 11).

Email received from Sports Club thanking us for our support re the C & W Event

Responded to email received from WDC regarding Smartwater kits for residents. (Item 13).

Telephone call from a resident of Manor Road regarding the Highways issues highlighted in the newsletter and his compliments on the newsletter (Item 12).

Missing road sign at Golden Lane logged on WDC portal ref. khm-8735879

Issue arisen regarding the use of the playing field for football team training. This is being resolved by the Sports Club (Item 14)

Responded to an email from a resident re "inconsiderate dog walkers" either leaving dog poo bags in residents gardens or hanging them on tree branches.

A reported drainage issue at Golden Lane has been submitted on to the WCC Hub ref. 219050 for action

16. Plans (if applicable)

None

17. Finance

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Call received from the external auditor who noted a £12 difference between the accounts and the final bank statement, this has now been rectified with the auditors.

Cheque(s) already signed,

Playdale, Play Area Deposit £15,514.26

Cheques signed,

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Jun/Jul/Aug) £831.60
 L. Gutteridge, Lengthsperson (Jul/Aug) + Training Course £291.60
 M. Smith, Ink + Paper £21.00
 J. Newbury, Play Area Materials £37.55
 HMRC, 2nd Quarter Tax £163.80
 Playdale, Play Area Balance £15,514.26

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsman (Apr/Jun/Jul) £432.00
 WSC, Field Rent for C & W Event £100.00

18. Items for the next Agenda
 Parish Boundaries

19. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 9th November 2016

Meeting Closed at 9.15

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman