

## Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 11/16

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

1. Apologies

Councillor K. Nash. T Waller, District Councillor B. Thomas & PCSOP. Schroenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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 14<sup>th</sup> September were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

The District Councillor reported that,

The current five year housing land supplied us is 7.8 years – well above the five years we need to demonstrate. This coupled with the SWDP puts us in a robust position where it gives us much control over determination of supplementary applications which aren't designated plots in plan already.

The County Councillor requested areas from the Parish Council that are in need of repair. The Parish Council proposed that the remainder of the footpath in Manor Road and the roadway in Drysdale Close are prime areas

7. Police Officers Report.

Since the 9<sup>th</sup> of September West Mercia has received 16 calls from residents which has resulted in only two offences of common assault. In both instances, all parties knew each other. I would like to make a timely reminder regarding the darker evenings and at this time of year, we normally experience an increase in domestic burglaries due to residents not having timer lights etc. etc.

## 8. Parish Boundaries

Deferred

## 9. Smartwater Update

It was agreed to proceed with this project. The Clerk will liaise with WDC

## 10. Grasscutting Contract

The Grasscutting contract will again be offered Smartcut with some additional areas to be added to the existing.

## 11. Dog Bins

It was agreed to purchase an additional Dog Waste Bin for the Playing Field which will be sited at the Play Area end of the field. Also signs are to be ordered for the Playing Field notifying owners that dogs must be kept on leads at all times on the Playing Field.

## 12. Pact

A program designed for a group of villagers trained to use “hand held speed cameras” has been re-introduced and we await further details.

## 13. Playing Field / Play Area

A decision as to the siting of Goal Post as requested by the children of the village was deferred to the next meeting although the provisional purchase of the goal posts had been agreed

## 14. Rate Relief

A request for rate relief for Wayside Farm Shop via WDC to further subsidise their rates was discussed and a response will be sent to WDC

## 15. Postman's Retirement

Further information regarding our local long serving postman “John's retirement can be found on the November issue of the Newsletter.

## 16. Correspondence

Letters sent to two residents regarding the overgrown conifers at their properties to request they arrange to have them cut back from the footpath 12/10

Email sent to Rooftop Housing regarding one of their tenants parking issues and allowing a visitor to drive and park on the footpath and then to valet the car blocking the footpath 10/10

Request received for a "Dog Bin" at the Sandys Avenue end of the field (Item 11)

Telephone call received from a resident re parking issue in Washington Road

Contacted WDC to request the Road Sweeper for the village. Ref. 238257

Contacted WCC again re the drainage issue at the corner of Manor Road and Golden Lane ref. 218079. Order no. CEN/36003 10/09 scheduled for w weeks.

Contacted the local Stonemasons regarding the removal of a memorial without the relevant permission.

17. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

M. Smith, Ink + Paper £32.00

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Sep) £529.20

M. Parkinson, VAS Changeover £90.00

L. Gutteridge, Lengthsperson (Sep/Oct) £90.00

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsperson 90.00

WCC, Lengthsperson 57.60

WDC, Precept £5,000.00

Campion & New, Burial £150.00

16. Items for the next Agenda

Goal Posts

Defibrillator

Community Fund

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

None