

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012 AT WICK CLUB

Present: Councillors Mr. D. Scott – Chairman
Mr. P. Edmunds
Mr. R. Hill
Mrs. L. Raymer
Miss S. Young

3 Electors

1604 Apologies. None.

1605 Declaration of members' interests. None.

1606 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st October 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1607 Matters arising.

- i. The new Code of Conduct was accepted.
- ii. The amended Risk Assessment was accepted.
- iii. Village Cross. Councillor Raymer reported maintenance work has been carried out and replacement items have been ordered. A storyboard will be sited near the church notice board.
- iv. Waylands - Cycling. Councillor Hill had received and erected the 'no cycling' signs, but these had subsequently been removed. Worcestershire County Council have been asked to consider putting up additional signage directing people to turn right through the car park.
- v. Footway – Main Street & B4084 Wick to Pershore. The Parish Council have received notification from Worcestershire County Council that there are no plans for work to be carried out in the near future on the footway in Main Street or on the B4084.

Councillor Raymer asked that a request be made under the freedom of information act to ascertain when maintenance work to Main Street was last carried out. Reference B4084 see County Councillor's report below.

- vi. Speed Limit on B4084. See County Councillor's report below.

1608 District Councillors Report. Councillor McDonald had no report to make.

1609 County Councillors Report. Councillor Hardman reported that they are awaiting the Local Government financial settlement that is due on the 19th December meaning that the budget consultation will be delayed until 7th January 2013. W.C.C. are expecting to have to reduce the cap by £50M over the next 4 years.

The County Council had received a lot of coverage in the local press on the Maximum Expenditure Policy. Councillor Hardman stated that their intention was not to put people into residential care rather the policy is to enable vulnerable people to remain within the local community.

Councillor Hardman agreed that we had received a negative response to the request for the repair of the footway in Main Street.

Councillor Hardman asked whether the problems of the footway on the B4084 had now been resolved. He was advised that the Lengthsman trims back the overgrown hedges where possible. Councillor Hill advised Councillor Hardman that the real problem is that the verges have now overgrown the footway causing the tarmac to disintegrate between the turning at Timber Lane and Cooks Hill. Councillor Hardman who will walk the footway himself said there is the possibility of work being carried out on the section between Pershore College and Cooks Hill.

With regard to the speed limits on the B4084 Councillor Hill reiterated his concerns of the various speed limits. Councillor Hardman confirmed that there would not be changes made to the revised limits.

- 1610 Flood Alleviation Committee Report. The attached report was given by Mark Richardson. It was agreed that a notice of thanks to the volunteers who worked during the recent flooding be put on the notice boards. Letters of thanks would also be sent to Dale Roberts, Michael Roberts and Richard Mercer. Councillor Raymer had contacted affected residents either by telephone or personal visit following the flooding.
- 1611 Grants. Councillor Raymer reported she would be applying for another grant in January, in addition to the two that already have been applied for.
- 1612 Playground Report. Maintenance work has been carried out. Trees with branches overhanging the cricket netting and overgrown brambles will be addressed in the spring. The winter warmer was well attended and raised £615.56. Positive feedback has been received regarding the idea of a Petanque court. Current funds stand at £7727.28. Investigations will be made to see whether a better rate of interest is possible for the deposit account.
- 1613 Finance. The clerk presented the current statement. Lengthsman re-imburement of £308.00, Precept £3327.00 and H.M.R.C. refund £179.00 have been received. The following has been paid Lengthsman costs £484.00, Smart Cut £723.12, Hire of Club £10.00, S. Baker (Sandbags) £604.80, Clerks Salary £1074.00, Head Torches £59.88, W. Gilder (Draining of field) £318.00.
- Precept. After discussion it was agreed that the Precept requirement of £6681 would be increased by £300 to £6981 to help replenish the reserves due to £1,500 being allocated towards the cost of flood alleviation.
- 1614 Planning Report. The following planning approval has been received. W/12/01101/OU Land adjacent to and rear of Grange Cottages, Owletts Lane, Wick – Outline planning permission for erection of four one-bedroom maisonettes. W/12/02019/LB The Cottage, Cooks Hill, Wick WR10 3PA – Retrospective approval for: 1.Widening the opening to the kitchen. 2.Inserting a window in the rear elevation of the kitchen wall. 3.Moving the bathroom into an existing bedroom on the first floor.

1615 Footpath Officer Report. Councillor Hill had received and erected way-marking posts as required and also received correspondence confirming that the Waylands is not a cycle route.

Councillor Hill had been contacted regarding footpath 505, the ditch crossing in Pershore College grounds, as the bridge and footpath are very slippery.

Councillor Hill had also received comments regarding the ditch and hedgerow that runs alongside the footpath in the Waylands that are overgrown, although one side of the hedgerow had been cut. He was asked to investigate this.

1616 Any Other Business.

Councillor Raymer reported that there are over 50 Diamond Jubilee mugs remaining, resulting in a shortfall of £152.00. It was agreed to reimburse Geoff Power for the amount he is outstanding. Councillor Raymer would make efforts to sell the remaining mugs.

The Clerk had been in touch with Worcestershire County Council again regarding the dead/dying trees in Wick House Close. The response is 'After inspection by Nigel Murray of Highways on the 8th November they found that they are not an immediate safety issue and they will determine the state of them in the spring when they start to leaf'.

The clerk has also spoken with Land Registry regarding ownership. The title register shows the area is owned by Dealdane Developments of New Barnet, Herts.

A letter has been received from a resident stating that previous points raised had not been addressed. After discussion where Councillor Edmunds advised that following the floods in 2007 Councillor McDonald said that he rather than the Parish Council would be contacting residents affected as he had all the relevant information available at that time. Councillor Scott will respond by writing to the resident directly.

1617 Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm.

1618 Questions.

A resident asked whether it would be possible to publish the minutes on a website. Councillor Raymer will look into this.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everybody for attending.