

# WICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012

## AT WICK CLUB

Present: Councillors Mr. D. Scott - Chairman  
Mr. P Edmunds  
Mr. R. Hill  
Mrs. L. Raymer  
Miss S. Young  
Councillor A. Hardman

2 Electors

1560 Apologies. None.

1561 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. Councillor Scott was elected as Chairman proposed by Councillor Edmunds and seconded by Councillor Raymer. Councillor Edmunds was elected as Vice-Chairman proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Hill.

1562 Declaration of members' interests. None.

1563 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved after the amendment was agreed to Minute No: 1555 and then signed by the Chairman.

1564 Matters arising.

- a) Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012. Councillor Scott thanked Councillor Raymer for all the work she and her committee had put in to make the event possible. Councillor Raymer reported that despite the bad weather the event had been greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Commemorative mugs will be available to order towards the end of June.

A number of suggestions have been made to commemorate the Jubilee.

- i) The cross be tidied up and a plaque erected.
- ii) To build a petang area in the playground.
- iii) Councillor Scott suggested that a bench might be suitable.

It was decided to make these proposals an agenda item for the next meeting.

- b) Wick Parish Council Playground Committee. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would take over the running of the Playground Committee financial accounts. The insurance company will be notified that the running of the playground will revert back to the Parish Council with monies handled on the same basis as the Parish Council account with the Clerk and 2 Parish Councillors as signatories. All playground funds will be kept as nominated funds.

Councillor Scott will thank Clive Brown for his time and advise him that legally the Parish Council or a sub committee of the Parish Council must operate the bank account.

- c) Footway – Main Street. Worcestershire County Council had been contacted and they advised that there are no plans to include the re-surfacing of the footway in the 2012/13 Footway Enhancement Scheme. They will arrange for the area to be inspected prior to the next routine inspection if not yet imminent. Councillor Raymer asked that we continue to press for this work to be considered as it is in a dangerous state.

- d) Ditch Pipe – Yock Lane. Following Wychavon District Council being contacted, the landowner has now carried out the necessary work satisfactorily.
- e) Speeding on B4084. Councillor Scott expressed the Parish Council's condolences to the relatives of those involved in the tragic accident at the weekend.

West Mercia Safer Roads Team carried out a survey and found no evidence to suggest non-compliance with the 50mph speed limit. Steve Wood will take the Parish Council's concerns forward for discussion at the next Worcestershire Operations Forum.

Councillor Scott will ask for a meeting with West Mercia Safer Roads Team to put forward the views of the residents.

- f) Correspondence from a resident. A resident asked that the following be minuted.

The resident has put a notice in the garden of 1 bungalow in response to the questions raised in AOB in the last Parish Council meeting.

The resident feels the problem of the dog waste in Yock Lane and The Waylands has not gone away and that he was not consulted with regard to the provision of a dog waste bin. A number of residents had been consulted and were not in favour of this. The Parish Council therefore decided not to proceed further.

He also felt the flood defence question had not been addressed. Councillor Edmunds advised that at the time of the 2007 floods, as Councillor McDonald was in receipt of the relevant information before the Parish Council it was Councillor McDonald who visited every property that had been damaged and advised residents exactly what was available at that time and where to find further information. The Parish Council then obtained a grant to have a new pipe put in School Lane. After attending a number of exhibitions it was decided that much of the materials that were available were expensive and grant aid not available at that stage. Airbrick covers etc. were available but would have been ineffective with flooding up to 6 feet. Andy Smart from the Flood Alleviation Committee has since been in contact with the resident.

1565 District Councillor's Report. Councillor McDonald did not attend.

1566 County Councillor's Report. Councillor Hardman reported that they are having a restructuring of Directors of the County Council and there will be 2 redundancies. He confirmed that the cap on redundancy payments is £50,000 whatever the length of service. The wage bill for this year has been reduced by over £7 million.

Councillor Hardman expressed his sympathies regarding the accident at the weekend. He had tried to speak with the Police Safety Investigator without success.

Councillor Hardman advised that they are planning to reduce the speed limit entering Pershore from Wick to 40mph. The number of traffic related deaths has reduced dramatically in Worcestershire to 14 last year. Councillor Scott suggested that a speed surveillance camera can be sited in the area.

Councillor Hardman would ask that the footway in Main Street be inspected and we should aim for the work to be included in next years budget.

1567 Flood Alleviation Committee Report. In addition to the attached report Andy Smart reported as follows:

The exercise to complete and photograph a full lay out of sandbags at a number of properties had been carried out satisfactorily.

The assistance given by Vic Haines is essential to the operation, as he provides the equipment to move sandbags to make this all possible. It was agreed that he is to be reimbursed for his expenses. Andy Smart will liaise directly on this.

It is estimated that another 500 sandbags in UV resistant bags will be required and also 22 wet weather suits and gloves for volunteers. Wychavon District Council will be approached to see whether they will supply these free of charge.

It was confirmed that the Flood Alleviation Committee are now a sub-committee of the Parish Council with Councillor Edmunds being the Parish Council representative.

1568 Finance. The clerk presented the current statement. Lengthsman re-imburement of £308.00, Donation to Diamond Jubilee Celebrations £205.00 and Precept of £3327.00 has been received. The following has been paid, Room Hire £21.25, Lengthsman costs £528.00, Playsafety £86.40, Smart Cut £612.45, Printing (Diamond Jubilee) £36.00, Wick News £350.00, Insurance £934.39. The following is to be paid, Lengthsman costs, Smart Cut, Clerks Salary, H.M.R.C, Petty Cash, Competition Prize (Diamond Jubilee Celebration).

- a) The Audit Statement of Account was approved by the Council.
- b) The Audit Statement of Assurance was approved by the Council.
- c) The insurance premium for 2012-2013 was approved by the Council.

It was agreed that volunteers within the village for the Flood Alleviation Committee and Playground should be added to the Insurance policy.

1569 Review of Risk Assessment. It was agreed to revise the Risk Assessment.

1570 Planning Report. The following application has been received W/12/00417/CU Old Fallow Farm, Wick Rd, Little Comberton WR10 3ES. Change of use of land to residential curtilage and alterations of the roof pitch and covering of existing garage, to which the Parish Council have no objections.

1571 Playground Management Committee – See Matters Arising.

Total funds stand at £7462.39 as at 31.03.12.

1572 Footpath Officer. Councillor Hill reported that he would be attending a training event on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012. After corresponding with Fiona Argyle at W.D.C. regarding the footpath in Wyre Lane near the river (Wick footpath 500) Councillor Hill was advised that no further action will be taken regarding signage).

Councillor Hill had walked a number of the footpaths and had found it difficult due to the growth in the fields.

Councillor Young advised that the sign pointing to Wick at Pershore bridges has been broken.

1573 Any Other Business.

Councillor Raymer suggested that the dates of meetings should be arranged for the year. The clerk will arrange this.

1574 Date of next meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.

1575 Questions. There were no questions.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm and thanked everybody for attending.