

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of Wick Parish Council, held on Wednesday 20th July 2016, in Wick Club at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Chairman D Scott Councillor A Smart Councillor R Kings
Vice Chairman L Raymer Councillor J Williams Clerk L Yapp

1927 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from County Councillor A Hardman

1928 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None were declared

1929 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from meeting dated 18th May were approved and signed.

1930 **MATTERS ARISING**

- Disabled Access, Waylands – Councillor Smart advised he had been trying to make contact with Fiona Argyle (CC) with a view to moving forward, unsuccessfully. Monies to finance the project included the £1350 donation from CC A Hardman and the balance, if needed, from New Homes Bonus
- Footway Issues – CC A Hardman has arranged to meet with Clerk and Councillor Williams on 27th July, along with a representative from CC Highways – to consider the condition of Wick House Close road / footway surfaces. It was also suggested that they take a look at the whole of the village whilst in Wick
- Increase Size of Parish Council – Nothing to report. Clerk awaiting contact from WDC.
- Broadband Update – Councillors Raymer and Williams had met with representative from BT with regard Superfast broadband in Wick. Government target is for 95% of properties to be able to receive Superfast Broadband by 2017. Currently only 27% in Wick are able to receive it. It would appear that BT are under the impression that as there is already a BT cabinet in the village, no further action is required. Once the data has been submitted, BT must respond within a 12 week period. This is a major investment for the village and will make a big difference to all, especially the businesses that run from Wick. Thanks were made to both councillors for taking the time to meet and record data.

Councillor Raymer further advised on Neighbours On Line – a scheme offered by Rooftop Housing, to teach basic computer knowledge to anyone wishing to participate, Sessions would be advertised in Wick and offered on a first come, first served basis. Course to start September 2016, in Wick Club. It was agreed that the parish council pay the hire charges of the club

- Gritting Route – the clerk reported that Wick would be included as part of the secondary gritting route

1931 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** had been circulated to councillors. It was agreed to be vigilant with regard fly-tipping

1932 **FLOOD ALLEVIATION COMMITTEE REPORT** – Councillor Smart advised that some remedial root cutting had taken place, to alleviate any problems in the short term. Some residents who had purchased flood alleviation products for their property had experienced problems. These had been reported to the manufacturer and the Parish Council had shown to be an interested party but would not be involved in any disputes with the manufacturers. According to the manufacturers, regular maintenance was necessary to ensure seals remained effective. This information was not made known at the time of purchase.

1933 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT – Councillor Raymer continues to keep those on the email distribution list informed.

1934 PLAYGROUND REPORT – Councillor Kings reported that some of the playground equipment was starting to look tired. The clerk to contact Wychavon District Council, as to whether there is a ‘playground repair company’ that are able to assist with repairs / routine maintenance. The clerk to check on the Insurance Policy as to how often playground inspections are required. Some tree cutting was necessary and this would be carried out in the autumn, with the help of a working party. A new rota to be drawn up, possibly incorporating the checking of the defibrillator

1935 WELCOME PACK - It was agreed that all village organisations be asked to provide a half page of information, which could be incorporated into an A5 sized booklet, adding information about bus time tables, opening hours and events at Wick Club. Councillor Smart to provide the clerk with emails to contact.

1936 GRASS CUTTING - Concerns had been raised with regard to the grass cutting at the playground / verges. There appeared to be some inconsistency. Councillor Smart agreed to contact other local grass cutting contractors for quotes. It was agreed that a monitoring system was necessary to ensure all areas were cut.

1937 FINANCE

a) Payments approved since last meeting:

PCC of Wick (754)	350.00
S Gwilliam (756)	7.50
HMRC (758)	86.80
L Yapp - Salary to corre	62.00
L Yapp (760)	209.00
SmartCut (761)	286.81

b) Parish Council accounts had now been incorporated onto a set of spread sheets, giving full details of all accounts. These would be circulated to councillors along with an agenda before every meeting.

c) It was agreed to raise the clerk salary in accordance with the recent NALC salary pay increases to £11.05 per hour – this would mean an additional £4 per month

1938 PLANNING REPORT - Nothing to report

1939 FOOTPATH OFFICER – Nothing to report

1940 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The clerk had shown interest in working towards a CILCA qualification. Information would be forwarded to councillors

1941 NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 7.30pm

