

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2016
at Wick Club.

Present: Councillors: Mr. D. Scott – Chairman
Mrs. L. Raymer
Mr. A. Smart
Mrs. J. Williams

Electors – 2.

Apologies. Councillor English, Councillor Kings.

Declaration of member's interest. None.

Approval of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

- The Waylands - Disabled Access. Councillor Smart reported that he has had meetings with the Landowner and Fiona Argyle (Footpath Officer for Worcestershire) to try to improve access for the disabled. It was agreed on the type of gate required. Ms. Argyle will cost the proposed changes and report her findings to the Parish Council for consideration.
- Footway Issues/Highway Issues – update. Councillor Williams met with W.C.C. and Councillor Hardman. After supplying W.C.C. with further information as requested. To date there is not a satisfactory outcome. Councillor Williams will continue to pursue this issue.
- Councillor Williams confirmed that the pothole in School lane has now been filled in.
- Increase size of PC. Councillor Scott understands that it is now possible to increase the members of the Parish Council. The clerk will investigate this further.
- Broadband – update. Cllrs Raymer and Williams took part in a conference phone call with BT. We have asked for feasibility (technical and financial) study to be undertaken under BT Community Fibre project.
- Grass Cutting. Councillor Smart has been unable to obtain quotations at the moment and pursue this when the clerk returns.
- Village Welcome Pack – update. It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting.

District Councillors Report. Councillor English did not attend and no report was available.

The Parish Council expressed their disappointment at the lack meetings attended by the District Councillor. The District Councillor would be contacted regarding the situation.

County Councillors Report. Councillor Hardman did not attend and no report was available.

Flood Alleviation Committee Report. Councillor Smart reported that work had been carried out alleviating the flooding at the junction with Timber Lane/Main Street. It is hoped that further work on this will be carried out in 2017.

Problems have occurred with numerous faults to the doors fitted to the properties of residents who have had work carried out after receiving the Individual Property Protection Grants to alleviate flooding to their homes.

Neighbourhood Watch Report. Councillor Raymer advised that she has nothing new to report, and that relevant emails are forwarded to residents when received. She confirmed that the car that had been in the ditch on the B4084 has now been removed.

Playground Report. Councillor Scott advised that Councillor Kings had circulated details of maintenance work needed at the Playground. The Parish Council agreed to the repairs being carried out.

Approval was agreed to a working group being set up to assist where necessary.

Lengthsman. The Parish Council agreed to contribute towards the cost of the Lengthsman obtaining the required Weed Killer Spray Certificate. Councillor Smart will speak with the Lengthsman to ascertain the safety issues involved regarding pets.

Finance. The Account Balances / Activity has been circulated to the Council.

Councillor Raymer updated the Council regarding the position with the change of bank mandate. Compensation of £100.00 has been agreed for the bank errors.

Planning Report. Councillor Scott advised there were no planning applications to be consider.

Footpath Officer Report. Councillor Scott has spoken to the footpath officer and there are no problems.

Village Organisations / Volunteers. Councillor Smart suggested that a 'Fresher's Fair' be staged to advertise the varied clubs and recruit additional volunteers within the village. Councillor Kings would be consulted on the possibility of holding it at the same time as the 'Winter Warmer'.

Any other business.

- Authority Levels. Following discussion, it was resolved as follows:

Except as provided in 3. below no councillor has authority to bind the Council in contract or otherwise.

1. The Council acts by majority decision (in the event of a tie the Chairman has a casting vote); this will usually be by the council meeting in-person and being quorate. If matters are urgent such that they cannot be held over to the next scheduled council meeting any Councillor may seek a decision from the council by:

calling an emergency in-person meeting; or
seeking majority approval via email

2. Should any Councillor feel that the matter should not be dealt with by email they may call an emergency in-person meeting of the Council even if they are in the minority.

3. Notwithstanding 1. and 2. above, each Councillor is authorised to spend up to £100 on matters within their portfolio of responsibilities in the period between Council meetings. For the avoidance of doubt, under-spent authorities may not be carried over from one period to the next.

- Wychavon District Council Survey. Councillor Williams asked what is the procedure for completing surveys received by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk would be respond with advice from Councillors if necessary.
- Parish Council Notice Boards. Councillor Smart brought to the attention of the Council business advertising that has been put on the notice boards without approval. It was decided that the notice boards are to continue to be used only for non - profit making information only.

Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Questions. There were no questions.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everybody for attending.