

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14th September 2011 No. 9/11

Clerk to the Council, Mike Smith, 12 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford WR11 7RT
01386 830676 email wickhamfordpc@sky.com website www.wickhamfordparishcouncil.co.uk

Present J. Newbury, Chairman, T. Waller, V. Chairman, Councillors P. Beaumont,
D. Heeks, J. Poulter, G. Curtis and M. Smith, Clerk

1. Apologies L. Eyre, District / County Councillor and CSO
2. Declarations of Interest
None
3. The meeting was adjourned for Progress Reports and also the Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.
4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August required amending and will be approved at the October meeting.
5. Matters arising from the previous minutes
None
6. District / County Councillors Report.
Precis of the email received from L. Eyre

County councillors will have more control in the support they can provide to projects on their own patch under a new fund. The Worcestershire Councillors' Divisional Fund gives each of the 57 elected county councillors £10,000 per year to spend on supporting local projects in their area.

Taxpayers can now find out exactly how much of the county is owned and leased by the public sector. The map can be viewed at www.publicassets.communities.gov.uk – also shows playing fields, nature reserves, office buildings and police stations.

Badsey Brook Scheme – hoping to arrange further meeting at the next Wickhamford Parish Meeting 12th October 2011.

Upper Car Parking in the District – charges are to go up from 1 October 2011.

Buses – there is a glitch with buses before 9.00am the Council is working with Castleways to find a positive outcome.

Social Club and Youth Club work to assist extension of lease, youth facility completed.

7. Police Officers Report.

The cause of a fire in the village is still being investigated.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police or if they do not wish to be identified then contact Crimestoppers

The CSO was informed of yet another case of a resident contacting the Parish Council regarding cars parking by the Telephone Kiosk.

7. Open Space Report.

Double gates on the Play Area are required to be kept locked. Councillor to purchase a lock.

The Chairman met with Jem Teal from WDC to discuss a grant towards the Play Area equipment. He said that no monies would be available until the middle of next year, but it seemed that they were only interested in large projects.

Councillor will speak with the Youth Club with a view to looking at the cost of a Basketball Court and equipment as a combined project.

8. Path/Pavement Report.

Two months have passed since a cable lying at the side of a footpath was notified to the Council
Contact L. Eyre for a response.

9. Grasscutting Report.

Problems seem to have been resolved.

10. Burial Ground Report.

One burial last week

11. Clerks Report.

None

12. New and Ongoing Items.

a) Pact. Home owners are reminded, when out at night, to leave an inside light on and not a porch light as this seems to be an invitation to burglars following a spate of burglaries in Broadway. It seems that the Police cannot take action regarding people who park on the Footpaths/Pavements unless you are the offended person.

No speeding motorists have been caught, but any caught will be offered re-training or three points on their license.

Clerk to contact R. Fullee regarding the “rubber strips” for traffic flow indication to be installed on the A44 and Manor Road.

- b) Flood Update. The Chairman proposed a meeting to discuss the merits of a, “bundling scheme”, for Badsey Brook with all the affected Landowners with a view to forward this to the EA, if agreed.
- c) Play Area Update. The Chairman requested that as there would be no funding for at least nine months we should look at other quotations with a view to funding the equipment using the parish funds.

The Clerk would have some details for the next meeting.

- d) Support for the Youth Club. It was agreed in principal to support the Youth Club.

13. Planning.

Plans for Review. (if applicable),
W/11 01918/PP, Orchard Farm House

Planning Notifications.

14. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.
Cheques signed,
M. Smith, Newsletter P & D
Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Aug)
Clement Keys, External Audit

15. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 12th October 2011

Meeting Closed at 8.25

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Question asked re Flood Update.

Drains blocked in Sally Close. Resident advised to contact Worcestershire Hub.