

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 7th July 2009 No. 07/09

Clerk to the Council, Mike Smith, 12 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford WR11 7RT

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Present

M. Rogers, Chairperson, J. Poulter, V. Chairman, Councillors, D. Heeks, R. Gilks, T. Waller, A. Smith. M. Smith, Clerk and PC Gail Greenhouse.

1. Apologies

Liz Eyre

2. Declarations of Interest

J. Poulter declared a personal interest in item 5. h)

Items 5. a) and 5. b) were brought forward from the agenda to allow the outgoing Chairperson to sign the 2008/2009 internal audit and to preside over the election of a new Chairperson.

5. New and Ongoing items.

a) 2008/2009 Audit. The internal audit was approved and signed by both the Chairperson and the Clerk. This will now be sent to Clement Keys, the External Auditor.

b) Election of Chairperson. Councillor T. Waller was proposed by M. Rogers and seconded by J. Poulter. As there were no other nominations Councillor T. Waller, by a unanimous vote, was elected as Chairman.

As the outgoing Chairperson had previously announced she would be resigning from the Parish Council for personal reasons, before leaving she was thanked for her past six years of work for the Council and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

3. The meeting was adjourned for Progress Reports and also the Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

Councillor Liz Eyre sent a report stating that there is some funding available for footpath repairs. This fund is for one footpath only per village to be repaired. We need to inform Liz ASAP as to which footpath is in the most need of repair.

PC. Gail Greenhouse reported the incidents of a stabbing in a private dwelling and the arson attack on a motor vehicle. The stabbing assailant has been remanded in custody. There is work ongoing in

the background regarding these incidents. There will be a leaflet drop in the village regarding information on these issues. There will also be ongoing speed checks in the village.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June required amending and will be approved at the August meeting.
5. New and Ongoing Items.
 - c) Co-option of J. Newbury. The co-option of J. Newbury was proposed by Councillor D. Heeks and seconded by Councillor R. Gilks. The vote was unanimous.
 - d) Play Area Report. After lengthy discussions it was decided that all Councillors should visit the site and make notes regarding repair / replacements. A decision would then be made at the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would endeavour to contact companies to get some prices and also to look at some funding opportunities that may be available.
 - e) Flood Alleviation Grant. The WDC grant applied for regarding a flood defence to the rear of Hodys Place was refused. Mr. & Mrs Austin have been informed.
 - f) V.A.S. It was resolved to go forward with this venture. The cost would be spread between the four villages with the cost to each of approx. £600 plus £300 per post. J. Newbury to clarify that a sign can be placed on the A44 as well as Manor Road as the speeding is more prevalent on the A44 than Manor Road. A meeting will need to be organised with Dave Clee regarding the positions of the posts.
 - g) Pact. Councillor J. Newbury stated the WDC Dog Orders have been updated. Dogs are to be kept under control at all times. Dogs are to be kept on leads on all highways of 40 mph speed limit or less. Clean up after dogs on all land / highways.
 - h) Councillor J. Poulter met with the British Horse Society to discuss the Bridleway / Footpath issue. A proposal that an automatic gate for riders to access the Bridleway via Mill Lane will be considered. Ongoing for the next agenda.
 - i) Bins / Sandbags. Arrangements to be made for 2x2 slabs to form the base for the bins to be installed on at the two sites. Sandbags can then be ordered.
 - j) Road Signs / Advertising Signs. Chairman and Clerk to walk the village to list all signs and their locations. A meeting will then be sought with Dave Clee to ascertain the need for so many signs. An approach by WDC to the owner of the Sandys Arms regarding the need for the amount of advertising signs will be made.
 - k) Telephone Kiosk. As these kiosks seem to be disappearing from the landscape it was decided to try and ensure ours stays intact.
 - l) Flooding Report Update. The long awaited report is now due in September, however the Clerk reported that Councillor Liz Eyre has a meeting with Steve Jordan next week so there may be a further update.
She also advised that we keep up the pressure by emailing Charles Chandler on a regular basis.

j) Bank Account Signature changes. It was agreed to delete M. Rogers from the signatory list and to add Tom Waller.

6. Planning.

None .

7. Finance.

Cheques signed post meeting,

P. Skeys, Lengthsman.

M. Smith, Newsletter.

WDC, Play Area Rental.

P. Burch, Internal Audit.

Wickhamford Youth Club, Donation from WDC.

GBD (Evesham) , Grasscutting.

8. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 5th August 2009

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

Footpath at the end of Sallys Close.

Lengthsman.

Lorry Parking.