

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 11th January 2012 No. 01/12

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

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Present

J. Newbury, Chairman, T. Waller, V. Chairman, Councillors D. Heeks, G. Curtis,

P. Beaumont, J. Poulter and M. Smith, Clerk

P.C. G. Greenhouse

1. Apologies

District & County Councillor L. Eyre, District Councillor B. Parmenter and

Local CSO

2. Declarations of Interest

One Councillor, Item 14

3. The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes (if applicable).

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2011 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Question raised regarding the letters being sent to householders re the flood alleviation program regarding the shortfall of funds. The Clerk will clarify.

6. District / County Councillors Report.

None.

7. Police Officers Report.

PC Greenhouse reported that she had been speed monitoring in Manor Road today. She also reported that there had been no accidents or burglaries recently.

8. To consider the Grasscutting Tenders received.

As only one tender had been received the matter was deferred to the next meeting for a decision.

9. Play Area.

Motion to accept the increased rental charge.

This was voted on and unanimously agreed.

To discuss details required on sign.

The following was agreed on wording,

Wickhamford Parish Council Play Area, For children up to the age of 13. Children under 5 to be supervised, No Ball Games, No Dogs, Contact details for the Clerk.

To decide upon further quotations for equipment.

The Clerk was asked to obtain 2 further quotes. All three quotations should be for supply and delivery / supply and installation.

10. Update on Olympic Torch.

No update on the route change request. Clerk requested to contact P. Harrison (Sports Club) regarding a joint venture on the Sports Field.

11. The "Big Lunch".

It was decided to host a meeting at the Memorial Hall for all villagers interested in helping to organise this event. The meeting will be 28th January at 2.00 with an article placed in the Newsletter.

12. To discuss the way forward for a Parish Plan, which is required to be led by the Parishioners

It was agreed to place an article in the Newsletter to gauge interest.

13. Motion to disband the old website with a view to using the WDC site.

All agreed the WDC website was more beneficial.

14. Update on further discussions with WDC regarding the Sports Field

Letters from WDC to the Sports Club and to the Parish Council were read out by the Chairman. There still needs to be more clarification required therefore the Chairman will endeavour to arrange another meeting in person. It was also agreed to invite P. Harrison of the Sports Club to our next meeting.

15. Dog Bins.

The Clerk was requested to supply a breakdown of the costs for the next meeting.

Also Councillors asked to think of possible sites for new bins.

16. New Homes Bonus Update

The Clerk advised the meeting that the New Homes Bonus of £2,558 is the amount for each of the next six years. It can be taken yearly, or the whole six years allowance could be claimed for a major project.

17. Balance sheets available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Oct)

HMRC, 3rd Quarter Tax

Items for the next Agenda

Newsletter

18. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 8th February 2012

Meeting Closed at 8.30

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

Notes of the Public Question Time

New villager introduced himself.

Question asked re planning applications / regulations