

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 13th June 2007, No. 06/07

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Public Session.

Several letters had been received regarding the 2 new planning proposals re- 34 Drysdale Close. A resume of these were read out and would be taken into consideration later in the meeting when the council discuss the applications.

A point was made that if dwellings can be demolished and new dwellings erected this would "open the floodgates" for other planning applications. The Chairperson commented that this can be acceptable providing there is adequate space and the proposed properties are not out of character.

Other points raised were,

1 Single Dwelling.

Has the 45 degree angle been taken into consideration, also the frontage seems to be a parking area only.

3 Detached Dwellings.

The new plan has now changed from 1 detached and a pair of semi detached to 3 detached properties.

A question was asked if Severn Trent had been made aware of the detrimental effect this would have on the already inadequate sewerage system. The chairperson stated that this would be an automatic requirement.

Councillor David Folkes explained the rules of planning applications saying that letters of objection should be sent by all concerned.

A question was asked regarding the reclaiming of pathways especially in Manor Road and also if anything could be done regarding homeowners shrubs/bushes overgrowing the pathways. Clerk to write to Highways regarding first issue. Second issue needs further discussion.

A question was asked regarding the traffic counter installed on Manor Road. The Parish Council were unaware of this being installed but the Clerk will make enquiries.

A question was asked as to the reason why there are areas marked out on pathway's etc. in Drysdale Close.

The Clerk will contact Highways dept. and if an answer is received ahead of the next meeting this would be placed on the notice boards and also posted on the website.

A point was made that certain households are placing rubbish bags out days in advance of the collection day which could possibly create a health hazard. Although there does not seem to be a ruling on this it was suggested that we could make this an item for inclusion in the June Newsletter.

Parish Council Meeting

Present. Miranda Rogers, John Poulter, Kevin Moore, David Folkes and Mike Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies. Roger Gilks due to holiday

2. Declaration of Interests.

No declarations at this meeting.

3. Review of Minutes of previous meeting.

A minor change required to these minutes which will be signed at the next meeting.

Corrected minutes of the 11th April meeting were duly signed.

4. Co-option of Councillors.

Nanci Austin co-opted as Parish Councillor.

5. Progress Reports.

No email reply from Councillor Liz Eyre regarding the meeting therefore no report. A further email will be sent.

Apologies received from PC Gail Greenhouse but she will try to make the next meeting.

6. New & Ongoing Items.

No problems with the website which continues to be updated.

Our insurers have confirmed that Councillors are insured to carry out work on the play area. Mike & Nanci will measure for surface materials required. These will be ordered and work teams arranged at the next meeting. It is hoped that the RoSPA report will finally arrive (being chased) which may identify further maintenance.

7. Grass Cutting.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Maurice Parkinson regarding the unsatisfactory work carried out over the last 2 grass cuts after receiving complaints from villagers and also Parish Councillors.

8. Codes of Conduct.

These were given to all Councillors for reference. Also our own Parish Council procedures were given to all. These need to read and agreed / amended and re-adopted and signed at the next meeting.

9. Training.

There is a 4 module course for new Councillors in Sept/Oct. Decision at the next meeting if possible so booking can be arranged. Clerk has a one to one with a tutor arranged for 25th June.

10. **Newsletter.**

A draft newsletter was available for comments. Format was acceptable but a few more items were suggested for addition.

Refuse collection, List of hall users.

11. **Manor Close Parking.**

Item deferred to the next meeting.

12. **Planning.**

Two Planning applications for 34 Drysdale Close were discussed along with the comments from the earlier Public Session. Clerk will submit objection to both submissions via the Wychavon website as per the Councillors comments.

13. **Finance**

Auditor still has the accounts.

14. **Financial Statement.**

Forms received from Abbey to open a new bank account to transfer funds. Forms to be completed and signed ASAP.

15. **Date of next meeting.**

11th July 2007