

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 11th July 2007, No. 07/07

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

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Public Session

A question was raised as to the ongoing issue of Manor Road traffic problems. Councillor Liz Eyre responded by saying that this is no farther forward but will keep pressing for action. She also answered the question regarding the traffic counter by saying that this was to both count traffic volume and also the speed of traffic. It was requested the outcome of the survey should be made available to the Parish Council.

C. Smith thanked the council through Liz Eyre for the work carried out on the pathways. Concern was expressed regarding rubbish bags left outside properties for long periods with one noticed in particular. The Clerk was asked to write to the householder.

A question was asked as to why the local police officer was not in attendance again. The Chairperson explained that for police matters she was unable to attend but would make an effort to make the next meeting. The clerk will pass the following issues on so answers can be made available at the next meeting.

1. Not enough police presence in the village.
2. Is there a reason for the absence of the "beat bobby?"
3. A tractor & trailer (P126NWP) with the front forks extended is being driven through the village between 6.00 to 10.00 pm. This is extremely dangerous.

Affordable Housing

Frances Evans attended the meeting to present an update.

Following on from the survey conducted with two members of the Parish Council eight possible sites were identified. Reports are being obtained from Planning, Land Drainage and Highways Departments at which time Landowners would be approached with the findings, if the site(s) are suitable.

This scheme is for local needs only with a maximum of ten homes.

A question was asked as to why the sites could not be identified at the meeting. Frances explained that the Landowners would be contacted first.

A point was also raised as to the ongoing pressure on the sewerage system and pointed out that Severn Trent should be made aware. Frances pointed out that they would as a matter of course be made aware.

Frances would email a copy of the "Guidance" document to the Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting

Present. Miranda Rogers, John Poulter, David Folkes, Roger Gilks and Mike Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies. Kevin Moore (away on business)

2. Declaration of Interests.

No declarations of interest.

3. Review of Minutes of previous meeting.

Minutes of the June meeting agreed and signed.

Corrected minutes of the May meeting were signed.

4. Progress Reports.

a. Liz reported the new addition on the website regarding the ability to report “highways” related issues. She will be sending the Clerk the link.

Also there is a new site called Plug & Play directed at youngsters. The Clerk will add this to our website and keep it in mind for the next newsletter.

Liz also explained about “Shindig” which incorporates the use of village halls. Liz will have more details for the September meeting.

Roger asked if the remainder of Drysdale Close pathways would be re-instated and also commented on the good job so far. Liz explained she was unsure as to whether it was in this budget.

It was agreed to send a letter to Liz regarding the “job well done”.

b. Gail Greenhouse (police) will try to attend the next meeting.

5. Co-Option of Councillors.

Dave Heeks co-opted as Parish Councillor with no objections.

6. New & Ongoing Items.

a. Grass now seems to be back on the right track.

b. Manor Road parking deferred to the next meeting.

c. The Play Area flooring will be inspected by Dave Heeks & the Clerk to ascertain the required materials.

7. Codes of Conduct.

Codes of Conduct deferred to the next meeting.

Re-adoption of Parish Council procedures deferred until the next meeting.

8. Planning

Councillors were shown a planning Notice of Refusal regarding 41 Pitchers Hill.

9. Finance

New Bank Account forms to be prepared ASAP.

10. Financial Statement

2006/2007 accounts signed by Chairperson in readiness to mail to the external auditor.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th August.