

# Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 No. 08/07

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## Public Session.

14 members of the public were in attendance.

### Progress Reports.

Apologies from Liz Eyre due to holiday.

Officer Greenhouse gave the crime figures for April to May for the village as follows, Burglary dwelling 0, Burglary non-dwelling 1, Vehicle crime 0, Violent crime 2, Other crime (criminal damage, theft etc.) 4.

It was also pointed out that she was not aware of any arrests. The landlord of the Sandys Arms has again been made aware of the parking at the side of the premises. A suggestion was made that the Parish Council could investigate the possibility of having the footpath boundary marked. The Clerk will investigate. The driver of the offending tractor had been contacted and advice had been given.

Officer Greenhouse said that as well as herself there is also a CSO who will be seen in the village.

Questions were asked regarding Worcestershire County Council considering the following, (C2204 Badsey Lane & C2084 Badsey to Wickhamford Road). (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles of over 7.5 Tonnes) Order 1992. (Variation) Order 2007.

The meeting was told that an action group has already been formed in Willersey to oppose this issue. The question was asked if the Parish Council would be objecting to which the Chairman responded by saying that we would be sending a letter of objection on behalf of the Parish but also said that the more individuals send letters of objection the better.

Having received emails from a concerned Manor Close resident regarding the parking of cars by other residents, which has been an issue for some time, Mr Paul Newell from the Rooftop Group was invited by the Parish Council to attend the meeting to see if there was a way to alleviate the situation. As in previous meetings no Manor Close residents were in attendance so Mr. Newell explained that there was an issue but if an area could be created for parking the cost would have to be borne by all the residents as Rooftop could not afford this cost. He did feel that he would not get the agreement of all residents but he would be contacting them. He also added that he has written to all "offenders" that have been parking incorrectly and that he, and the Parish Council, would monitor the situation. It was pointed out that this is an area owned and maintained by the Rooftop Group therefore the Parish Council has no jurisdiction, however their help and advice is always available.

It was pointed out that the verge on the on the left hand side (field) along Manor Road does not seem to be cut properly (in width). This will be mentioned to our grass cutter but this is a narrow strip of grass and at one part there is a ditch. We will contact the WDC to ascertain if we have a legal obligation to mow this area.

Various concerns were raised regarding the flooding in the village and with the inconsiderate people driving too fast through these conditions sending more water flooding into properties. A question was asked if the Parish Council could write to the various motoring organisations asking them to advise their membership of the impact of these actions.

One resident raised the issue of the drainage pipeline as being inadequate and has various photographs of the work carried out from 2002 and countless letters written to the Council with little or no response. He was asked to liaise with the Parish Clerk who will write to WDC on this matter using this material. Another resident stated that the pipeline does work but after only a few hours rain the tank capacity is reached and water/ sewerage again floods his garden. This will also be added to the letter. This letter will be copied to Liz Eyre.

A resident asked if the results of the Traffic Survey were available. It is expected that Liz Eyre will have this available at the next meeting.

Councillor Gilks gave a brief report on the Traffic Forum he attended but unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and has yet to receive the minutes.

## Parish Council Meeting

**Present.** Miranda Rogers, John Poulter, Roger Gilks, Dave Heeks, Kevin Moore and Mike Smith  
(Clerk)

1. **Apologies.** David Folkes (Holiday).

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

Dave Heeks declared an interest in 4c

3. **Review of Minutes of previous meeting.**

Minutes of July meeting agreed and signed.

4. **New and Ongoing Items.**

- a. The Manor Close parking issue was dealt with in the public session. No further comments were made.
- b. It was decided that the work on the Play Area will commence on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September. The materials are to be ordered the week previous. Dave Heeks and the Clerk will arrange. The Clerk will contact our insurers to ascertain a cost for non-Councillors to assist with the work.
- c. It was agreed to financially assist the Sports & Social Club with their grass cutting cost as we have done in the past however, having received complaints from villagers and from several people who use the Sports Field facility complaining about the amount of dogs fouling the field and owners seemingly not adhering to the rules regarding dog fouling the Parish Council recommends that as this is used not only by villagers but by clubs and people from outside of the village substantial signs should be erected at all entrances and the car park banning dogs from the sports field.

5. **Codes of Conduct**

The Codes of Conduct were adopted and WDC would be informed.

The Parish Council Procedures were re-adopted and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Planning.**

Planning approval notices for Fairview Villa circulated to Councillors.

7. **Finance.**

New bank account forms finalised and will be taken to Abbey to begin the procedure.

Cheques signed.

Councillors advised of VAT refund and also the Grass cutting rebate.

Copy of up to date balance sheet circulated to Councillors.

8. **Date of next meeting.**

12<sup>th</sup> September