

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 14th March 2012 No. 03/12

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

1. Apologies Councillor, G. Curtis

2. Declarations of Interest
Item 16, T. Waller

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

4. The amended minutes of the meetings of January 11th 2012 and February 8th 2012 are to be approved in conjunction with the 14th March 2012 minutes.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting
No update from Councillor regarding the Olympic Torch route.
No response from the Dogs Trust regarding the request for funding a dog bin.

6. District / County Councillors Report.
The Clerk received an emailed report which was too late to circulate for the meeting. This would be emailed to Councillors.

7. Police Officers Report.
None

8. 010/03/11 Flood Defences - Update
The Chairman informed the meeting that in speaking, and meeting with Martin Young from the EA more investigations need to take place to reduce costs. He will liaise with landowners on this. The Chairman said that we would need a guarantee that our funding would not be allocated to another scheme.

9. 008/03/11 The Big Lunch – Application for Funding

Councillor updated the meeting on the progress of the event which has a 12 member committee with others willing to help

This will be an event for villagers and their families with music, goodies for the children and also children's sporting events and a bouncy castle. The WI will be catering and there will also be hot dogs and ice cream.

There have already been offers of donations of ice cream and cakes.

There will be music in the Sports Club in the evening with no admission charge for non-members

The Parish Council were asked if they would fund the purchase of the commemorative mugs for children costing approximately £250 with a further £250 if required. This was proposed and seconded with a unanimous vote.

The Clerk offered to fund any printing that is required.

10. Pact – Update

Speeding was again raised with the new PC. Other issues were dog fouling which is ongoing and the issues with the grass area at Manor Close which is owned by rooftop.

11. 002/05/11 Play Area – Swings Update

The swings are due to be installed Monday/Tuesday next week. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

12. Play Area / Cemetery Signs – Quote Received

The quotes had been received but further discussion is required to ascertain the wording and also the positioning of the cemetery sign. It was decided for councillors to meet on the next Sunday at the cemetery to agree a position.

13. 005/12/11 Playing Field – Update

The Chairman confirmed that the Playing Field was a lease option only.

It was decided that before we could move forward the Chairman and the Clerk would investigate any funding that may be available and to ascertain the approximate solicitor costs.

A special meeting on the 29th March would be convened to discuss this further

14. 011/02/12 Newsletter – Distribution & Printing

It was decided that the newsletter would now be bi-monthly with the next issue in April.

It was also agreed that councillors would take responsibility for the distribution with the Clerk arranging the area allocation.

In the event that a new source for printing the newsletter was required the Clerk had received three quotations all for approximately £70 for the required amount.

15. 012/03/12 Parish Council Notice Board

A suggestion that we should have a notice board in the bus shelter or the telephone kiosk, or both, was put forward. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Beavan regarding the notice board at the old Post Office.

16. Bollards – Pitchers Hill

Councillor said that the parking and driving along the footpath has increased. The Clerk said he would contact the Highways department to get an update on this issue.

17. Website – Notification of Shutdown

It was decided to close the website and use the WDC site. An article to be placed in the next newsletter to this effect.

18. Planning.

Plans for Review. (if applicable),

W/12/00240/PN Wickham Farm

No objections as long as this is to be used as an agricultural dwelling.

18. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

M. Parkinson, Sign Change

16. Items for the next Agenda

Logo, Parish Plan, Olympic Torch, Signage, Footpath by Cemetery.

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 11th April 2012

Meeting Closed at 9.40

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time

M. Gwynne the Parish Path Warden gave a précis of his job