

WICKHAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes to Meeting 13th July 2005

1	<p>Present John Poulter (Chairman), Miranda Rogers (Deputy Chairman), Jeanne Pearce, Carole Smith, David Folkes Liz Eyre (CC) Alan Saunders (Rural Housing) Apologies Apologies received from Sherry Webb and David Noyes</p>	
2	<p>Review of Minutes of meeting held 11th May 2005 These were agreed and signed by the Chairman</p>	
3a	<p>WCC Report from Liz Eyres The structure of the CC is changing and will be in 6 departments as follows; 1 Performance and economic Development 2 Environment and Highways 3 Finance 4 Adult and Community (Culture etc) 5 Childrens Services (Educational and Social) 6 Corporate Services (Admin)</p> <p>Liz is issuing a regular update called 'Patch News' that we will receive. Both this and a new Internet system for reporting and chasing outstanding issues will hopefully fill the gap when she cannot attend meetings of WPC.</p>	
3b	<p>Alan Saunders – Rural Housing Enabler for Worcestershire and Community First Mr Saunders gave a very interesting talk about the need for affordable housing in the Worcestershire villages. He explained that his role was to facilitate a bridge between the PCC and the various agencies. He would help with a housing needs survey and help develop a scheme for the local community. The scheme restrict occupancy to local people only by use of a 'local exception site'. He handed out some information and said he would be available to assist when requested. There is no pressure to do this.</p>	
4	On-going Items	
4a	<p>Condition of pavements etc in Washington road Liz Eyre reviewed this and requested that WPC write formally to request action then she will formally respond.</p>	MC
4b	<p>Mowing in the Sally Close area John Poulter reported that this had now been done</p>	
5	Planning	
5a	<p>RTB Application There has been a Public Enquiry at Bretforton concerning this issue. The Ruling was that large lorries should NOT be using Wickhamford as a through route and that the Police should be able to enforce this. WPC to write to local Policeman and ask that this is done. There was also discussion about the height restrictions and signage. Explicitly, no exemption was given for this to RTB, effectively forcing them to use smaller lorries in future. WPC to comment as requested to Mr Hobbs who chaired the enquiry.</p>	MC
5b	All planning applications to be responded to even if there is no comment.	
6	New Items and Correspondence	
6a	<p>Parish Plans Agreed in principal. Involvement by residents is important so that this is not put together by the PC only. The Clerk to obtain copies of other plans for review before next meeting.</p>	MC
6b	<p>Ragwort pulling The Clerk was asked to remind Highways that Wickhamford required this service ASAP.</p>	MC
7	Finance	
7a	Rural rate relief was agreed for Wickhamford Post Office	MC

7b	It was agreed that a SINK FUND for asset replacement be started	MC
8	Date of next meeting is 14th September	