

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 12th September 2012 No. 09/12

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

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Present

J. Newbury Chairman, Councillors P. Beaumont, D. Heeks, J. Poulter, G. Curtis
District Councillor B. Parmenter, District & County Councillor L. Eyre
M. Gwynne Footpath Warden & M. Young EA

1. Apologies

V. Chairman T. Waller & Lengthsman P. Parfitt

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.

Martin Young from the EA reported that there had not been much progress as he would have liked regarding the Flood Protection Scheme after meeting with two landowners. There is a need to work with the community with a view to resources and reducing costs. He has talked with other departments re the excavating of a new channel. The "Manors work" may have an impact on the EA's project. Martin will keep trying to arrange with the Manors owner

He added that the Broadway / Childswickham scheme, which is a holding scheme, will have little impact on Wickhamford. Copy of plans given to Councillor to pass on to G. Poulter

Footpath Officer Mike Gwynne was made aware of the condition of Burnt Lane.

He said that landowner access on this Bridleway is permitted

Hedges are the responsibility of the Landowners.

Footpaths 512 / 513 & 514 were due for the winter clearance. He also stated that footpath 511 was cleared earlier this year but only halfway.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2012 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

Councillor B. Parmenter was asked to clarify the legality of the Register of Members Interests with regard to whether a Councillor can continue without registering

Councillor's stated the following,

There is a need to lose 100m instead of the 70m first thought of the budget

Schools are getting less money

More children are being adopted, more foster parents required

Knotweed is again a problem and has been reported.

Remember the 15th November Police Commissioner election

Parish Councillor said that no speeding check are being carried out in the village

7. Police Officers Report.

None

8. The Big Lunch Update

None

9. 002/5/11 Play Area

Councillor asked if a weed killer could be sprayed at the base of the railings. All agreed

10. Footpath, Play Area to A44

Item addressed by Footpath Officer

11. Register of Members Interests

Awaiting feedback from Councillor B. Parmenter

12. Planning.

None

13. Finance.

Balance sheets available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

J. Newbury, Items for Play Area

P. Parfitt, Lengthsman Duties

Smart Cut, Grasscutting, July / Aug – Credit for extra unauthorised cut in May

16. Items for the next Agenda

Cemetery Footpath, Bollards at Pitchers Hill

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 14th November 2012

Meeting Closed at 845

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time