

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 8th January 2014 No. 01/14

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, T. Waller V. Chairman Councillors D. Heeks & G. Curtis
M. Smith Clerk

1. Apologies

District Councillor L. Eyre & P.C. Phil Schoenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

A motion to co-opt Mr R. Gutteridge as a Parish Councillor was unanimously agreed

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

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2013 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

Rubbish Bins now located in the Cemetery

Hedge in Manor Road still obscuring the Post Box

6. District / County Councillors Report.

An email from our DC raised the following,

Is the Parish Council & residents "up to speed" with the Bus Service Consultations?

She has a meeting with WDC on the 10th February re Flood Scheme. She will try and get an update for the Wickhamford scheme

If the requested work on the road surface in Manor Road had not been addressed she will continue to lobby

7. Police Officers Report.

Email from PC,

There has been another burglary in the village since the last Police report.

The Local Police urge you to ensure all doors and windows are secure on your homes including any outbuilding's.

8. Pact Update

There was a discussion on the viability of purchasing another VAS unit. No agreement could be reached between all the Parish Councils so the item has been shelved

Burglaries were also a topic. Residents should be aware

9. Golden Lane

Road surface has been surveyed but as yet no work has begun

10. Sandy's Arms

Deferred

11. Drains in Manor Road

The drains opposite the farm need surveying for blockages. Clerk to log issue on the Hub

12. Footpaths

At the last meeting the DC offered an amount of funding for footpath repairs. Councillors will look at the areas most needy and report back at the next meeting

Also the kerbstones in Manor Close are in need of repair. Clerk will log this on the Hub

13. Playing Field Lease Update.

Lease between the Parish Council & the Sports Club has been forwarded to them for approval

14. Country & Western Update.

The council agreed the revised schedule with the following actions & stipulations,

1 Footpath to remain open at all times

2 Play Area to remain accessible at all times

3 Vehicles to leave as soon as possible after the event. (12 noon Monday at the latest)

4. Copies of all relevant licences to be made available to the PC including Public Liability

5 Field to be cordoned off as per plan

6 A charge of £100.00 to be levied for the use of the field to be paid by the C&W event organiser as a donation towards the Parish Council funds

The Parish Council require a letter of conformation that this is acceptable and agreed

15 No. 35 Drysdale Close

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that it seems a rather large porch has been built on this property without planning permission. This has been put into the hands of our District Councillor to investigate

16. Paddock View Paddock

Deferred

17. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

Cheques signed,

Grant Thornton, Audit £210.00

WDC, Play Area Rental £43.50

Wickhamford Memorial Hall, Hall Rental £105.00

HMRC, 3rd Quarter Tax £163.80

M. Smith, Newsletter ££20.00

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement £691.85

N. Merrett, Memorial £120.00

16. Items for the next Agenda

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 12th March 2014

Meeting Closed at 8.15

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time