

## Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 03/16

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, T. Waller, V. Chairman, Councillors J. Poulter ^ R. Gutteridge  
M. Smith, Clerk % District Councillor B. Thomas

1. Apologies

County Councillor L. Eyre, PCSO P. Schroenrock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

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

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

6. District / County Councillors Report.

County Councillors Report

Our Priorities for the Health & Wellbeing Board for 2016-21

- Good mental health and well-being throughout life – areas of focus, under 5s and their parents, young people, older people, populations with poorer health outcomes,
- Being active at every age – areas of focus, under 5s and their parents, older people, populations with poorer health outcomes
- Reducing harm from alcohol at all ages – areas of focus, middle aged, older people, populations with poorer health outcomes

Public Health England (PHE) is creating a new marketing-led behaviour change programme to help adults live healthier lives called **One You**. Many adults can expect to live into their mid-80s, but far too many people believe that a gradual deterioration in physical and mental health is an inevitable part of aging. How we age is down to lifestyle that could, in the main, be prevented.

## ONE YOU WILL HELP EVERYONE...

- **Move more.** Active people live longer and get ill less frequently. But it's not about turning people into Olympic athletes. We want to get people moving, whether it's walking or running.
- **Be smoke free.** Quitting smoking is still the single most important change a person can make to improve their health.
- **Drink less.** Drinking a little less can make a real difference. Cutting back on alcohol can reduce health risk and boost general wellbeing.
- **Eat well.** Losing weight, getting in shape, feeling energised – eating well has lots of health benefits.
- **Check yourself.** Many people sleepwalk gradually into ill health, so taking a little time to monitor our health is essential.
- **Stress less.** Life is hectic and we all need to take time to better deal with the pressures of the day to day.

### Public Health England is targeting all adults?

It could make a massive difference to people aged 40 to 60. How you live your life after 40 has a huge impact on how you live after 60. People in this age group tend to put others first – focusing on the needs of their children, their grandchildren and their own elderly parents. Public Health England want to change this behaviour. A little more 'me time' is good for you.

### Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Local authorities and local health services are required to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessments of health and wellbeing to inform decisions made locally about which services are commissioned for the future.

### Recent JSNA publications:

#### Sexual Health Needs Assessment

Since 1st April 2013, local authorities have had the responsibility to improve the health of the population through the provision and commissioning of effective and efficient sexual health services. Through a review of current sexual health outcomes, service delivery data, views of users and stakeholders and evidence and best practice, this sexual health needs assessment has been conducted to offer a strategic review of the sexual health needs of Worcestershire and to offer recommendations for improving sexual health and reducing sexual health inequalities.

## Sexual Health Profile

The purpose of this profile is to provide in depth information on sexual health trends and outcomes in Worcestershire to be used for needs assessment, planning and future monitoring purposes. It complements the Sexual Health Needs Assessment by providing an epidemiological analysis of sexual health outcomes.

Documents published on the JSNA website since the last newsletter include:

Wyre Forest CCG Profile  
 South Worcestershire CCG Profile  
 Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG Profile  
 Viewpoint Survey  
 Malvern District Health and Wellbeing Profile  
 Worcester Health and Wellbeing Profile  
 Briefing on Early Help  
 Briefing on Rural Health  
 Briefing on Road Safety and Older People  
 Briefing on Childhood Obesity  
 Briefing on Physical Activity  
 Briefing on Mental Health  
 Mental Health Needs Assessment  
 Early Help Needs Assessment  
 JSNA Annual Summary

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20122/joint\\_strategic\\_needs\\_assessment](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20122/joint_strategic_needs_assessment)

## South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)

The official examination conducted by a Government-appointed independent Inspector concluded that the Plan is sound. It has now been adopted by the three councils that prepared it: its emphasis is on boosting the local economy and delivering sustainable housing development, up to the year 2030 including plans for 28,400 new homes as well as land for retail and employment.

## Rail Consultation

Reminder again the 14-week rail consultation, for the next franchise closes on 22 March 2016, which asks for comments on a number of areas, including

- how the region's rail services and stations can be improved, including any current barriers to using the railways,

- how to create space for more passengers and tackle overcrowding,
- how services can be changed to best meet customer demand,
- how ticketing, customer satisfaction, performance and security can be improved

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/west-midlands-rail-franchise>

## Superfast Broadband - The Broadband Team

Worcestershire County Council's Superfast Worcestershire partnership with BT will bring fibre to around 95% of residential and business premises in the County. The programme will also ensure that all residents and businesses can access the minimum universal service commitment of 2mbps download speeds.

This '2mbps' commitment will be delivered by a satellite solution. During March, all eligible residents and businesses will be receiving a flyer direct from DCMS' Broadband Delivery UK Arm, promoting this option for our hard to reach communities.

More information about the scheme and how to apply can be found on our website:

[www.superfastworcestershire.com/other-projects](http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/other-projects). A very useful Frequently Asked Questions guide is also available at [www.superfastworcestershire.com/USC-FAQS](http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/USC-FAQS).

Eligible for satellite broadband? How to apply? see attached to these notes

## Sell off of Council Buildings

The sale of council buildings in Worcestershire is being extended in a move to bring £10 million into the coffers. Worcestershire County Council's new four-year plan is to to make better use of its property by selling, merging or renting out more of it.

## Sale of Farmland - not necessarily.

Worcestershire County Council says there'll be no systematic sale of farmland in the county despite plans to raise £5 million that way between now and 2020. The authority currently has 93 tenants and farming families on its estates. In the past, council farms have offered the opportunity for young people to get a foothold in the industry. WCC will only sell where and when appropriate.

## Flooding

Worcestershire's administration is calling for more "natural solutions" to flooding. The County cannot keep on erecting barriers and bunds everywhere. People stricken by rising waters is a real worry and the administration wants renewed efforts to tackle the "human misery"

## Badsey Brook

The EA will be sending a newsletter out shortly to residents. It is attending the next parish council meeting in Broadway on 17th to outline the current situation. Childswickham Parish Council are invited. I have helped in prompting a meeting with senior management at Worcestershire County Council to help with the archaeological challenges.

The positive messages are:

The EA has purchased 18 acres of land where they want to construct the flood storage area in Broadway.

- They have planning permission for the scheme
- They have the necessary reservoir safety design approvals.
- £2.6 million of funding is secured.

The challenges are:

- The archaeological trial trenches have highlighted a requirement for more extensive works before construction - to comply with the planning condition.
- The ground investigation has highlighted a larger layer of gravel across the site which will mean more double handling of material during construction. This, with a number of other design safety requirements, has meant that construction costs have increased from estimates.
- Discussions continue re land issues.
- a funding shortfall is now slightly greater than we had envisaged.

The EA

- are meeting with other partners to see where they can reduce costs, and whether further contributions can be made,
- have visited the benefits for the Defra partnership funding, and are confident about some more money out of the national six year national programme.

Farm and forestry businesses are being invited to submit an application for the next round of funding in the LEADER programme.

Projects which support farming and forestry productivity in rural areas, support new innovative and efficiency saving practices are invited to submit an application for the Leading Rural Business small capital grant funding programme.

The call for bids opened on Monday 15 February. Businesses must apply before the Friday 1 April 2016 deadline.

The key objectives of the programme include the growth in the rural economy and the creation of additional rural employment in rural Worcestershire.

**Bidding applications are welcomed to provide:-**

- Support for Farming Productivity – examples could include small scale water management investments and innovative farming practices
- Support for Forestry Productivity – examples could include investments in non-timber forest products and using new forestry technologies

The range of potential capital grants will be between £2,500 and £35,000.

The Worcestershire 'Leading Rural Business' programme is funded through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) 2014-2020 under the LEADER approach, utilising money from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

### Wickhamford

- Pitchers Hill, No's 11 – 27- when Western Power install the underground cables the newly surfaced footpath will have to be reinstated as per Section 58.
- Grants available for individual households for flood protection measures for their homes: contact the EA
- Speed on Manor Road an issue – latest info sent

### District Councillors Report

The SWDP had now been adopted. Planning applications outside of the boundary of this document may be rejected. A discussion then took place on delegation

#### 7. Police Officers Report.

Since the 7th February last, West Mercia Police has received 5 calls from residents of Wickhamford which has resulted in one offence of theft (by an employee) being recorded. PC Lewis and I will be conducting speed campaigns in our villages which obviously includes Wickhamford.

#### 8. Combatting Loneliness

A discussion took place regarding the setting up of a club similar to that of the recent Friendship Club.

#### 9. 106 Windfall

Councillor JP attended a meeting to glean some information regarding 106 monies, but found it difficult to understand due to the sound system

#### 10. Sports Club

A request had been received to site a marquee on the Playing Field for a charity event for "Bens First Steps". This was agreed with the proviso that the relevant documents are provided to the Parish Council, which had been agreed at a previous meeting with the Sports Club.

## 11. Newsletter

The Clerk outlined a proposal for discontinuing the publication and distribution of hard copy Newsletter's in favour of an online issue instead with a copy in the notice board on Longdon Hill. After a discussion it was proposed that a new high quality printer be purchased by the Parish Council and to continue with the distribution of the Newsletter.

## 12. Lorries thru the Village

The issue of heavy lorries through the village has again been raised. Topic to be discussed at the next PACT meeting

## 13. Church Mowing

A letter had been received from Wickhamford PCC requesting we again assist with their church mowing.

It had already been agreed in principle at the last meeting to donate £250.00 towards their mowing needs as the Parish Council thought they could also use part of their funds, achieved from their fetes, towards their mowing. The Clerk will write to the PCC with the offer to donate £250.00 towards their mowing along with the details of the previous contractor.

## 14. Correspondence.

Reported two "Fly Tipping" issues on WDC website for action

Met with site manager of Sandys Avenue development re workmen using the playing field as access to the site. This has now been addressed.

Requested a place for Councillor J. Poulter to attend the next Parish Conference (Item 9)

Response sent to L. Hughes (Environment Agency) regarding a letter received and subsequent tele-con re resident flood protection.

Request from Sports Club (5/2/16) to erect a marquee for a charity event. We have requested a meeting to discuss in more detail, but no response as yet (Item 10)

Reminder email sent 01/03/16

Email sent to all Councillors re continuing hard copy distribution of Newsletter (item 11)

Letter received from Wickhamford PCC re church mowing funding (Item 13)

## 15. Plans for review. (if applicable).

None

## 16. Finance.

Balance sheets made available for Councillors.

## Cheques signed,

M. Smith, Newsletter £30.00  
 HMRC, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Tax £163.80  
 M. Parkinson, VAS Changeover £90.00  
 J. Newbury, Play Area Materials £64.95  
 G. Evans, Lengthsman (Jan / Feb) £288.00

## Receipts,

Wickhamford Sports Club, Half Year Rent £425.00  
 Memory Lane, Memorial Installation £150.00  
 Wilcox, Memorial Installation (x2) £100.00

## Items for the next Agenda

Cemetery Charges  
 Road Signs  
 Bus Shelter Notice Board

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 which will also be the Annual Statutory meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.45

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time