

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 11th November 2015 No. 11/15

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

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Present J. Newbury Chairman, Councillors, D. Heeks, J. Poulter and R. Gutteridge
District Councillor, B. Thomas and County Councillor L. Eyre

1. Apologies Police, P. Schroenrock and P. Lewis
2. Declarations of Interest
None
3. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.
No Public Attendees
4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2015 were agreed
5. Matters arising from the previous meeting
None
6. District/County Councillors Report.
The District Councillor reported that the amalgamation of three councils is an ongoing process. He has also spoken with Jonathan Edwards at WDC re the planning application at Wickham Farm and he confirmed that anonymous submissions are acceptable.
The County Councillor stated she had contacted D. Perridge of the Safety Roads Partnership and had obtained the relevant speed data.
She also answered our question regarding the allocation of 106 monies and the procedure to make a request.
Knotweed is still an issue but Councillors were asked to forward all the relevant information to her so she can move forward with the issue
7. Police Officers Report.
Since the 8th September to date West Mercia Police have received 29 calls from residents of Wickhamford which has only resulted in 1 offence of criminal damage being recorded that said, we should not be complacent. If any residents are concerned over security, then please direct to Paul or myself and we will undertake a free no obligation crime survey.

8. A44 Speeding

Item covered in County Councillor's report

9. Country & Western Event

Complaints were received regarding the late music noise from the last event. This has been discussed with the Sports Club who will ensure this is addressed for the next and any future events.

They have informed the Parish Council that they are intending to run the event again in 2016 and requested a booking form which they would complete for our November meeting to approve. No booking form had been received

10. Play Area

The new Springers have been delivered and will be installed within the next few weeks. Also quotes have been received to replace the Multi Play with a more modern version and also a 4 metre Climbing Net. These are both subject to adequate funding being in place.

11. Wickham Farm Update

The Chairman appraised the meeting of the correspondence between ourselves and WDC regarding the various questions raised on this application. We await answers from the applicant and the agent before we can decide upon our next course of action.

12. Sandys Avenue Development Update

A meeting is due between the Sports Club, Rooftop and their Builders and the Parish Council to come to an agreement for parking of site operatives private vehicles.

Also to submit our claim for Rooftops Community Fund towards Play Area equipment

13. Police Incident (MR. Green)

Mr. Green (a recluse) has been the subject of robbery, criminal damage and much more in recent Times, with his home, be it a caravan being destroyed. He is getting help but the Parish Council have agreed to pay the transport cost of an old caravan from a local site (I available) to be moved for him.

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14. Mowing Contract

It was agreed to offer the mowing contract once again to Smart Cut for the 2016/2017 season. It was also agreed in principle, but yet to be confirmed, that we would offer £250.00 towards the Church mowing for 2016/2017 as we believe they should use some of their funds raised from their fetes to subsidise part of their grass cutting needs.

15. Correspondence

- Contacted Highways re drainage issue at 49 Pitchers Hill, meeting arranged
- Contacted Rooftop Housing numerous times re contractors parking on footpath
- Emails received from a resident re Play Area & Playing Field. (Item 10)
- Telecon with Bradley Thomas re Sandys Avenue. (Item 12)
- Email received from Sports Club re 2016 C & W Event (Item 9)
- Email to Stephen Holloway re our disapproval of the Sandys Avenue approval (Item 12)
- Various emails & telecons with WDC re Wickham Farm

16. Plans Reviewed,

- W/15/02348/PP
- "No objections" uploaded to WDC planning portal
- W/15/01935/PN
- "No objections" uploaded to WDC planning portal
- W/15/02131/OU
- Objections uploaded to WDC planning portal
- W/15/02449/PN
- Following a public meeting the Parish Council highlighted many anomalies / inaccuracies within the application, design statement and other associated documents and also missing documentation
- It was therefore agreed to seek a meeting with the planning officer at WDC to discuss these and to formally request the application be rejected and resubmitted in its entirety
- Note.** This meeting was refused by WDC who suggested we upload all the found anomalies / inaccuracies which would then be put to the applicant for answers.

17. Finance.

- a) Balance sheets made available for Councillors.
- b) Budget for 2016/2017 presented to Councillors
- c) Precept for 2016/2017 for £10,000, proposed by Chairman, J, Newbury and seconded by Councillor R. Gutteridge. 4 votes (unanimous) for the proposal, carried
- d) New signature added to bank account for cheques

Cheque(s) already signed,

Playdale, Balance of Springer order

Cheques to be signed,

- Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Sep) £432.00
- J. Newbury, Play Area Materials £18.00
- M. Smith, Newsletter £30.00

M. Parkinson, VAS Changeover £90.00
G. Evans, Lengthsman (Sep/Oct) £288.00
S. Osborne, Church Mowing x 3 £90.00
Smart Cut, Grasscutting (Oct) £60.00

Receipts,

WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (JUL/Aug) £288.00
WDC, 2nd Precept payment £5,000.00
Merstow Green, Ashes Interment £60.00
WCC, Lengthsman Reimbursement (Oct) £144.00

16. Items for the next Agenda

Lengthsman
Sports Club

17. Date of the next meeting confirmed as 13th January 2016

Meeting Closed at 8.50

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Notes of the Public Question Time