



Wickham Parish Council News

December 2011

County Councillor Freddie Allgood

It was with sadness that the Council heard of the death of County Councillor Freddie Allgood. Freddie was very supportive of the Parish Council and worked hard to help residents with County Council issues and will be greatly missed.

Councillor Vacancy

Due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a parish councillor. Are you interested in local issues and working to improve the lives of residents?

Councillors need plenty of time and energy and also be able to attend evening meetings. training is available.

Please contact the Clerk for more information.

**Christmas Light Switch On
Wickham Square
6.30pm Thursday
1st December**



How will Father Christmas arrive this year?

Date for your diary

**Celebrate community life in
Wickham and Knowle**

**Annual Parish Assembly 6.30pm
Thursday 22nd March 2012
Wickham Community Centre.**

All residents, businesses and local organisations are invited to attend and to set up a display or make a presentation of their work if wished. Local councillors will be available to address any local concerns. There will be a buffet, wine and soft drinks.

The evening is a great opportunity to celebrate community life and Citizen of the Year awards will also be made.

Nominations are welcome for these awards which are for people working or volunteering in the Wickham and Knowle communities.

Categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Good Neighbour**
- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Customer service community award, for a local business making significant contribution to the community**
- **Lifetime achievement award for service to the community**

Offers of award sponsorship from local businesses would be welcome.

Nominations for the awards to be made to the Parish Council by **1st March 2012.**



Olympic and Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Party in the Park



Wickham Parish Council is hosting a Party in the Park on Wickham Recreation Ground.

Monday 4th June 2012

Afternoon tea with hog roast and bar in the evening.

Live music and entertainment.

Local organisations welcome to assist with providing entertainment.

Everyone welcome to the party!

Free Tennis Taster Sessions



To celebrate the Olympics all residents are offered the opportunity of five free tennis lessons on the new courts.

First come first served, contact the Clerk to book. (aged 7 and over)

All equipment supplied, just need to wear clean trainers!

Clock for The Square A Jubilee Project?



The Square needs a clock. There is no visible clock in the Square at present. The Parish Council had sought to address this issue with the purchase of a 36" (900mm) commercial, outdoor clock made in a composite material, to be mounted on Lilly's wall. The cost of this would be approximately £150 in total.

A small number of residents have said that they would prefer a more impressive clock, perhaps tied into our forthcoming Jubilee celebrations. The cost of this option will be between £1,000 and £1,500. The Parish Council is reluctant to undertake this sort of expenditure in the present economic climate without an indication that our residents approve it.

It has been suggested that residents may wish to pledge a financial donation towards the more expensive option. It may be possible to have plaque mounted beneath the clock acknowledging the benefactors.

Please let us have your views and offers pledges, so that we can decide how to proceed.

£150 option:

http://www.primrose.co.uk/outdoor-clocks-large-clocks-c-136_713.html

£1,000 option:

<http://www.hawkinsclocks.co.uk/classicclock1.html>

£1,500 option:

<http://www.hawkinsclocks.co.uk/heritageclock2.html>

Winchester City Council Local Development Framework – update



Winchester City Council is proposing to include a requirement for 150-250 new homes in Wickham for 2011-2031 in its Core Strategy. In the first instance this will be through infilling and redevelopment but green field sites may also be required.

At this stage no sites have been identified.

The Parish Council has challenged the need for such high numbers and has asked that consideration be given to reducing the number of new houses to 100.

Details of the progress to date can be viewed on Winchester City Council's website

www.winchester.gov.uk

Affordable Housing for Local People

Twenty new homes that can only be let or sold to people with a connection to Wickham are under construction on a site adjoining the community centre.



Individuals and families with an income of up to £60,000 can register for affordable housing.

If you have not registered your interest in an affordable home please contact Winchester City Council as soon as possible.

Tel

01962 840 222

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 12th December

Plans for the recreation ground



Work has started on the two floodlit tennis courts on Wickham recreation ground, and will be funded through grants.

There is also planning permission for a new Scout HQ but the Scouts have indicated they are unable to accept the terms of the lease required by the Parish Council's landlord Rookesbury Estate.

The offer of the land is still open to the Scouts but we understand they are looking at other possible sites.



Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year from the Parish Council



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