

Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Centre on Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.15pm.

Present: Angela Clear (Chairman), Sue Roger-Jones (Vice- Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Thérèse Evans, Jenny Hollis, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Colin Roke.

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** None
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** Cllr Evans declared an interest in agenda item 6.7.1 as a member of WCC's Planning Development Control Committee which is likely to hear the application.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive concerns from the community No report this month.

3.2 Report from County Councillor Report circulated prior to meeting. The snow and ice has involved over 300 men and women working around the clock using salt lorries, snow ploughs, farm vehicles, JCBs and shovels to keep main routes clear. A mixture of sand and grit has been used on pavements in the towns.

The HCC Leader is looking at a project to increase the number of grit bins and Parish Councils may make suggestions for locations. Funding has not yet been agreed.

HCC also co-ordinated visits to vulnerable people during the cold weather.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Evans reported that the Wickham Festival Licence has been approved. Cllr Clear reported that The Winchester Community Safety Partnership (WCSP) has developed a Community Engagement Plan showing how members can influence police and partnership work in the community. (Clerk also has details) Nominations for the Mayor of Winchester Awards needed by 14th February. WCC is promoting a handyman service, some subsidies available for those on low income.

3.4 Questions from members of the public None

3.5 Chairman's announcements

The Council has been asked by local resident Neale Fray whether it would like to lead a fund raising campaign for Haiti, particularly in view of the involvement of two local doctors. It was agreed not to take part as donations were being made personally through banks etc and use of public money was not considered appropriate.

4. **Meeting resumed to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th December 2009** Minutes approved and signed.

5. **Matters properly arising from those minutes** None.

6. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

6.1 *Proposal to co-opt councillor to fill vacancy* **Mrs Marie du Boulay was co-opted and welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.**

6.2 *To receive a report on Knowle issues (Cllr Evans/Cllr Roke)* **Berkeley's settlement of the Parish Council's legal bill is still awaited, it is chased regularly. The snow caused some problems at Knowle as the unadopted estate roads are not gritted.**

6.3 *Youth Club Committee report (Cllr Astbury/Cllr Carter)* **A grant of £3000 has been received for new equipment.**

6.4 *Wickham Community Association report* **No report this month.**

6.5 *General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin)*

6.5.1 *Update on speed warning sign installation* **Sites for the sign have been agreed and it is hoped the contract will start during the first week of February.**

6.5.2 *Re-landscaping open space either side of Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments. Proposal to accept quote for £3,000 to cut back trees funded from £5,000 budget for work on the site* **Resolved.**

6.5.3 *Proposal to fund supply of a grit bin for Hundred Acres cost £152 + VAT* **Resolved.**

6.6 *Lighting / Highways Representative report (Chairman)* **Potholes are a continuing problem following the ice and snow, the Council has received a report of a car being written off after swerving to avoid a pot hole in Frith Lane.**

Sewage overflow has occurred again in Riverside Mews; the response from Southern Water was unacceptably slow and it was agreed to write a letter of complaint.

6.7 *Planning Committee report (Cllr Hollis)*

To consider the following planning applications carried forward from cancelled meeting:

6.7.1 Case No: 09/02141/FUL **Case Officer:** Neil Mackintosh **Applicant:** Daniels Harrison **Proposal:** 1453.8 m2 Doctors' surgery **Location:** Field to north of Community Centre Mill Lane Wickham

The Clerk circulated a discussion paper on the proposals prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council supports the need for a new surgery to serve the local and wider community but wishes to raise the following concerns:

1. The current application does not include a detailed transport assessment or proposals for a travel plan which are expected for a scheme of this size.
2. The proposed access via Mill Lane is inadequate, the increase in traffic will be substantial; significant improvements should be carried out as a condition of the development to provide pedestrian and cycle access both on Mill Lane and the service road into the site together with measures to maximise pedestrian safety.
3. There is no evidence to show the parking provision proposed, although based on HCC standards, will be sufficient for a building that only a minority of users will be able to access easily on foot.
4. It is requested that the impact of the development on the inadequate village drainage system be thoroughly examined and improvements carried out prior to the start of the new building. Sewage overflowing into residential properties causes considerable misery on a regular basis due to the current system being unable to cope.

6.8 Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones) Next meeting 8th February.

6.9 Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones) Interpretation board has been damaged and needs replacing. Action Clerk.

6.10 Finance Committee report: (Chairman)

6.10.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 14th December 2009 Minutes received.

6.10.2 Proposal to make the following grants, copies of applications available on request:

| | Financial Year | Applicant | Grant request |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2009/10 | CAB | £1,750 |
| 2 | 2009/10 | Home Start | £1,000 |
| 3 | 2009/10 | Wickham Community Association 1 | £1,000 |
| 4 | 2010/11 | Wickham Community Association 2 | £2,000 |
| 5 | 2010/11 | Wickham Festival | £2,000 |
| 6 | 2010/11 | Wickham Community Association 3 | £2,500 |

Resolved. Cllr Hollis wished to minute her objection to the grant to the Festival as it is a commercial event.

6.10.3 Proposal to make a precept request for 2010/11 of £100,797 Resolved

6.11 Projects reporting to Full Council

- 6.11.1 Village Design Statement (Cllr Carter)
- 6.11.2 Parish Plan / Master Plan for village (Clerk)
- 6.11.3 Sports development plan / Mill Lane planning(Cllr Roger-Jones)
- 6.11.4 Monitoring Fareham LDF / North Fareham SDA (Cllr Carter)
- 6.11.5 Monitoring WCC LDF (Cllr Clear / Cllr Evans)
- 6.11.6 Delivery of new Scout HQ (Cllr Clear)

Refer to next meeting

6.12 Report on recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk **None.**

6.13 Review of snow and ice issues **It was agreed that an emergency plan should be developed in partnership with other agencies to deliver services in the event of another incident such as the snow evening on 5th January where drivers needed overnight accommodation / help to drive up Hoads Hill. Access to assistance for vulnerable local people to be part of the plan. Action GP Committee.**

7. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting

8. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay accounts as shown on page 5

9. Questions and comments from Councillors

Thanks are due to local people and the tractor drivers who assisted drivers on 5th January.

Thanks also due to the Christmas Light volunteers; a thank you drink to be arranged for 3rd February.

Concern was raised that the number of houses proposed for the two exception sites has increased from an agreed 25-30 to 36 and that WCC was not adhering to the request for housing to address the current social imbalance in the village. Letter to be sent to WCC Action Clerk.

Letter to be written to owner of horse left on the Parish Council's land adjoining the recreation ground asking for its removal and enclosing an invoice for grazing. Action Clerk.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Signed

Date

January 2010 Accounts for payment

| | Chq no | Recipient | Amount | Notes *reimburse Clerk |
|----|--------|---|------------------|---|
| 1 | 2032 | KVRA | £183.00 | Contribution towards Village Post |
| 2 | 2033 | Wickham Community Centre | £24.26 | Room hire |
| 3 | 2038 | Paul Collins £180.00 £200.00 £200.00 £300.00 £300.00 | £1,180.00 | December Village cleaning Play area maintenance Verge/flowerbed maintenance Rec ground maintenance Additional grass cutting as precepted |
| 4 | 2034 | Stevens & Bolton | £253.00 | Scout lease initial legal work |
| 5 | 2035 | Southwick Estate | £143.75 | Christmas tree for Square |
| 6 | 2036 | Information Commissioner | £35.00 | Data protection registration |
| 7 | 2037 | Joe Smith | £160.00 | Replace posts to Old Knowle notice board and concrete in |
| 8 | 2039 | HCC | £345.00 | Print Wickham map on lexan - 4 copies |
| 9 | 2039 | HCC | £67.85 | Web server 09/10 |
| 10 | 2040 | Canon | £293.25 | Play area safety checks |
| 11 | 2041 | Parrs | £97.76 | *Two long litter pickers for volunteers |
| 12 | 2041 | Contribution towards SLCC/ICLM | £200.00 | *Contribution towards Clerk's professional organisations as precept |
| 13 | 2041 | Royal Mail | £18.50 | *Postage |
| 14 | 2041 | Nicki Oliver £1,464.86 -£170.40 -£91.93 -£95.21 | £1,107.32 | *January salary Gross Tax NI Pension |
| 15 | 2041 | Home as office | £34.75 | *Clerk's expenses January |
| 16 | 2041 | Telephone and internet | £30.00 | *Clerk's expenses January |
| 17 | 2039 | HCC | £367.67 | Employee and employers pension conts |
| | | Total | £4,541.11 | |
| | | Water Meadows | | |
| 1 | 247 | Paul Collins | £160.00 | Maintenance December |
| | | Total | £160.00 | |