



Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Centre on Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present: Angela Clear (Chairman), Sue Roger- Jones (Vice-Chairman), Mike Bennett, Marie du Boulay, Thérèse Evans, Justin Gamblin, Tony Ryder, Jon Taylor.

PCSO Barry Towler, PCSO Owen Reeves, nine members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

The Chairman presented awards for the 2011 Best Garden Competition as follows:

Winner of Brian Sharp Cup Dorothy Wise, Mayes Lane (unable to attend)

Winner of Wickham Parish Cup Brian and Sue Eyley, Manor Close

Highly Commended Mick and Joan Kerley, Manor Close (unable to attend)

Best New Garden Hoare Family, School Road

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Di Frost, Jenny Hollis, County Councillor Freddie Allgood,
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

Residents Mr and Mrs Smith raised concerns about the withdrawal of the 38/138 bus service. **The Chairman advised that the bus was being replaced with a taxi share service, to register ring 01962 846786. The service will collect passengers from existing bus stops in Southwick Road.**

Resident Mike Carter asked if anyone had taken over the Stan Woodford Photographic Competition since his retirement from the Council. **To be considered at the next GP Committee meeting.**

Resident Mike Hollis asked about publicity for the Fareham BC (FBC) North Fareham SDA meeting on 10th November. **The Chairman advised that the meeting has been publicised on the Parish Council's website, notice boards, parish magazine and over 200 residents have been sent personal emails by the Parish Council (all those who responded to the Parish Plan questionnaires or who joined SHUV). Fareham BC is also delivering flyers to residents.**

Resident Robert Goulson expressed disappointment at the proposal to install at £95 plastic clock in The Square. Mr Goulson suggested the village raise the money for a clock as a Jubilee project. **It was agreed to review at the next GP Committee meeting.**

3.1 To receive Safer Neighbourhood concerns from the community PCSO

Barry Towler advised that incidents of intimidation at Wickham and Knowle skateparks by older children appear to have reduced. Local incidents were reported including thefts from sheds. PCSO Towler is hoping the local shops will set up a Shop Watch to help reduce thefts.

3.2 Report from County Councillor No report this month. The Chairman wished Cllr Allgood a speedy recovery from illness.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Evans reported that at the FBC meeting at Knowle to discuss the North Fareham SDA residents were concerned that the settlements of Knowle, Wickham and Funtley would coalesce and emphasised the need for gaps. Cllr Evans has asked FBC for the A32 to be kept as a green corridor. Cllr Evans advised some residents were waiting 3 weeks to have their bins emptied following changes to the routines.

3.4 Questions from members of the public Included above.

3.5 Chairman's announcements The Chairman advised that Trevor Astbury's resignation from the council had been received. Mr Astbury was thanked for his input during his term in office.

4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 19th September 2011

Minutes approved and signed.

4.2 General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin)

4.2.1 To receive minutes of a meeting held 10th October 2011 **Minutes received.**

4.2.2 Proposal to install clock on the external wall of Lilly's tea rooms, cost of clock £95 + VAT and delivery. **Agreed to review at the next committee meeting.**

4.3 Lighting / Highways Representative report (Chairman) **Proposals for new lights are being pursued. Completion to snagging work following re-surfacing in Bridge Street is also being chased. Hampshire County Council is inviting suggestions for projects to improve footways. Please forward requests to the Chairman.**

4.4 Planning Committee report (Cllr Hollis)

4.4.1 To receive minutes of a meeting held 10th October 2011 **Minutes received.**

4.5 Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones)

4.5.1 To receive minutes of a meeting held 10th October 2011 **Minutes received.**

4.5.2 Proposal to accept quotation from OCS for £1,610 + VAT for wear and tear repairs to The Circle play area **Resolved.**

4.5.3 Proposal to accept quotation from Gravity for £300 + VAT for repairs to Knowle skatepark **Resolved.**

4.6 *Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones)* **Nothing to report this month.**

4.7 *Finance Committee report: (Chairman)*

4.7.1 *To receive minutes of a meeting held 10th October 2011* **Minutes received.**

The Chairman checked some invoices against cheque stubs prior to the meeting as part of the Council's internal audit processes.

4.8 *Projects reporting to Full Council*

4.8.1 *Village Design Statement* **Refer to next meeting.**

4.8.2 *Parish Plan (Cllr du Boulay)* **A draft was circulated for comments. Cllr du Boulay was thanked for her input.**

4.8.4 *Monitoring Fareham LDF / North Fareham SDA (Cllr Evans)* **Cllr Evans advised that the next step would be the production of an Area Action Plan which would involve further consultation.**

4.8.5 *Monitoring WCC LDF (Cllr Clear / Cllr Evans)* **The Parish Council and District Councillors continue to challenge the number of houses proposed for Wickham.**

4.8.6 *Delivery of new Scout HQ (Cllr Clear)* **No further update has been received from the Scouts.**

4.9 *Reports from representatives of outside organisations including:*

4.9.1 *Wickham Community Association* **Secretary David Roger-Jones advised that the Hub Café would be closing due to insufficient customers, it will open again in the future. A Village Agent project is underway to improve the availability of information for older people.**

4.9.2 *Wickham Youth Club* **No report this month.**

4.9.3 *Safer Neighbourhood Panel* **Next meeting 8th December, more people are encouraged to attend these meetings to help set policing priorities.**

4.9.4 *Passenger Transport Group* **No report this month.**

4.10 *To receive update on proposals for events:*

4.10.1 *Christmas light switch on*

4.10.2 *Jubilee / Olympics celebration 2012*

4.10.3 *Parish Assembly 2012*

Plans for the above are in hand.

4.11 *Reports on other recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk*

28th *September Parish Police Partnership Forum (Cllr Bennett)* **Councillors were reassured that there would be no visible reduction in policing although police stations will be closing. Police will work from more accessible places in the community such as libraries and community centres. Concerns raised by parishes were rural thefts, scrap metal is a particular problem.**

Following a complaint by Cllr Bennett about lack of involvement in the management of Wickham Fair, Winchester City Council has acknowledged the criticism and will be inviting the Parish Council to future meetings.

5. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting. Correspondence includes notice from HALC that subscriptions will need to increase, £32 for Wickham, to cover loss of grant from Hampshire County Council. Employer and employee pension contributions are also likely to increase.

6. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

| | Chq no | Recipient | Amount | Notes *payments to Clerk |
|----|--------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 | 2313 | Southern Water | £34.67 | Waste water for pavilion |
| 2 | 2314 | Portsmouth Water | £15.61 | Water for pavilion |
| 3 | 2315 | Allspeed Signs | £30.00 | Play area signs |
| 4 | 2316 | RG Warwick | £28.00 | Bin liners |
| 5 | 2317 | Wickham CA | £114.66 | Room hire for August & September |
| 6 | 2318 | Cannon | £216.00 | Skatepark repairs - wear and tear to plates |
| 7 | 2318 | Cannon | £216.00 | Play area safety checks |
| 8 | 2319 | Katastrophies | £55.00 | Garden competition awards |
| 9 | 2320 | Leisure Lights | £64.20 | Christmas light bulb replacements |
| 10 | 2321 | Paul Collins | | September |
| | | £245.00 | | Village cleaning |
| | | £210.00 | | Verge/flowerbed maintenance |
| | | £315.00 | | Additional grass cutting |
| | | £200.00 | | Lysander Meadow maintain paths and litter pick |
| | | £350.00 | | Maintain recreation round |
| | | £108.00 | | Maintain The Circle play area |
| | | £150.00 | | Maintain the skatepark |
| | | £100.00 | | Maintain the Bridge Street junction |
| | | £1,055.00 | | Maintain three play area, skatepark, MUGA and village green at Knowle |
| | | £30.00 | | Fence repairs and graffiti removal at Knowle |
| | | £20.00 | | Litter pick Blind Lane |
| | | £40.00 | | Extra grass cut on rec for football match |
| | | <u>£250.00</u> | | Cut rec ground roadside hedge and clear away |
| | | | £3,073.00 | |
| 11 | 2322 | Greens vouchers | £50.00 | *Chairman's allowance Paul Collins' 60th birthday |
| 12 | 2322 | Nicki Oliver | £1,144.33 | *October salary |
| 13 | 2322 | Home as office | £38.25 | *Clerk's expenses October |
| 14 | 2322 | Telephone and internet | £33.00 | *Clerk's expenses October |
| 15 | 2323 | HCC | £376.37 | Employee and employer's pension conts Oct |
| 16 | 2324 | Revenue and Customs | £1,408.32 | Employee and employer's tax and NI |
| | | Total | £6,897.41 | |
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| | | Water Meadows | | |
| 1 | 282 | Paul Collins | £160.00 | Maintenance September |
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| | | Total | £160.00 | |

7. Questions and comments from Councillors

Cllr Bennett reminded the council that the Emergency Plan required a practice run.

Cllr Bennett asked whether a note could be added to the Parish Council website to ask visitors to boycott fast food vans on Boxing Day.

The December Full Council meeting to be held on 12th December, not 19th December as advertised. Committees due to be held on 12th December to be rescheduled.

Meeting closed 9.21pm

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