

# Wickham Parish Council

## GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 8.02pm.

Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Trevor Asbury, Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Angela Clear

Parish Councillors Di Frost , Sue Roger-Jones and Colin Roke, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Thérèse Evans (Vice-Chairman), Jenny Hollis
2. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Agenda**

4.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

4.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **Yellow line proposals have been agreed by WCC, a date for completion awaited.**

4.1.2 Map of parish (Clerk) **The map is being printed, proposed locations for map boards to be considered.**

4.1.3 Review of parking permit system in The Square (Cllr Clear) **WCC has revised the existing system. Visitor permits will no longer be administered by Warwick. Within the agreed boundary of The Square and its immediate surroundings, three permits per house for named registered vehicles will be provided on request at a cost of £10 each for the first and second, £30 for the third. Volunteer fund raising groups needing temporary permits may apply to WCC's Parking Office for permission.**

4.1.4 Best Garden competition 2009 (Cllr Evans) **Photos taken of winning gardens to be displayed at the next Parish Assembly.**

4.1.5 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery **Refer to next meeting.**

4.1.6 Development of land adjoining recreation ground gifted for a cemetery **It was agreed that the hedge adjoining the A32 be cut down and back on both sides, the land cut with a flail to keep tree and bramble growth down, a field gate and pedestrian gate with ditch culvert installed to allow access. The anticipated cost of this work is £1,500 to be funded from the £10,500 budget for a new road to the site. It is proposed that the new road across the recreation ground to the site not be progressed at this time. Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**

4.1.7 Monitoring Southern Water's plans for improvement to Wickham's drainage system – Riverside Mews in particular **A report on work being carried to existing drainage systems was made in the November Parish Magazine.**

4.1.8 Flower beds and hanging baskets. **Options for the flower beds were discussed; Mount Folly has been contributing between £1,000 and £1,400 in time and plants for the flowerbeds, the village planting costs the Council about £3,000. To improve the quality of planting and to increase the maintenance would cost another £3,000. Mount Folly is not happy with the beds at present and would be like to cease input. Residents views to be sought on removing the beds, revising the layout and / or increasing expenditure.**

4.2 To consider supporting the following new project proposals:

4.2.1 Refurbishment of railway bridges (Cllr Bennett) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2.2 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2.3 Re-landscaping open space either side of Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments (Chairman/Clerk) **The following proposal was supported:**

**Vision: a village green at a key entrance to the village ( the left hand/ south side open space) with seating inviting walkers to sit and view the church.**

**Proposal: open up the space to create a village green feel; remove the flower bed, existing seat, self sown trees and scrub including two 'weed' maples closest to the road, thin the trees on the embankment to lower the tree line. Cutting back the trees and remove the ivy undergrowth to allow the grass to grow beneath. Make well maintained grass the main feature of the space. A green carpet.**

**Install semi circular seating facing the church and avoiding looking over the signs. Consider new planting if the end result is too bare. Fund through the £5,000 included in the precept for work in this area.**

**It was noted that the flower bed has been removed as the supporting timbers had rotted. It was agreed to cost the removal of trees as proposed for consideration.**

4.2.4 To consider proposals for additional seats in the village. **The replacement seat for The Square (opposite the Old House Hotel) has been installed. Remove this item from future agendas.**

4.2.5 Footpath and rights of way review (Cllr Bennett) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2.6 Speed warning signs for Winchester Road (Cllr Clear) **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the purchase of one sign plus posts and sleeves as required, cost approximately £3,600 and to fund one year's running costs approximately £3,500 to be reviewed after a year. Funded through new projects budget.**

4.2.7 Proposal to purchase display boards for community use (Cllr Carter) **Proposed cost to be confirmed.**

4.2.8 Proposal to install notice board at Community Centre similar to that in The Square (Clerk) **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the installation of a notice board approximate cost £2,300 to be included in 2010/11 precept request.**

4.3 To review 2010.11 precept request for this committee , to discuss whether budgeting for asset renewal is appropriate. **It was agreed a sum should be included in the precept to cover the cost of asset renewal.**

7. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
8. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Residents to be asked for views on the flower beds and whether additional expenditure is supported.
9. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee.** None.

Meeting closed 9.20pm