

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 8th March at 7.30pm.

Present: Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Therese Evans (Vice-Chairman), Trevor Astbury

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Angela Clear, 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) **Work has been completed, a couple of mistakes to be reported to WCC. Action Cllr Clear/Clerk.**

4.1.2. Map of parish (Clerk) **Map complete and printed, four locations suggested: Knowle Community Building, Wickham Centre, The Square, Station Close car park entrance to Meon Valley Trail. Quotes for frames and posts have been requested. Action Clerk.**

4.1.3. Review of parking permit system in The Square (Cllr Clear) **WCC plans to implement the new scheme at the beginning of June. All residents within the boundary for permits should receive details shortly.**

4.1.4. Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **Publicity to be posted on notice boards and in the April and May Parish Magazines. Copies of councillor letter inviting participants to be circulated again. Action Clerk.**

4.1.5. Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery **A group of residents at Knowle are interested in looking after the Cemetery. Clerk to check with Ted Fitzgerald to see if he wishes to be involved.**

4.1.6. Development of land adjoining recreation ground gifted for a cemetery, update on agreed proposals for gate and land management. Agree way forward for the site. **The gate has been installed, it was agreed to look for help in preparing a management plan for the site and to ask the village for ideas for a name. Action Clerk**

4.1.7. Monitoring Southern Water's plans for improvement to Wickham's drainage system – Riverside Mews in particular **Southern Water has advised that the current system is at capacity and that the application for government funding to carry out improvements has been unsuccessful. Developers of new sites will have to demonstrate that a connection to an adequate supply can be made.**

4.1.8. Flower beds and hanging baskets, to agree a way forward **A plan for one large bed to replace the small beds on Fareham Road to be researched. A proposal to plant daffodils on the verges of School Road and for more on Fareham Road was approved. Action Cllr Astbury.**

4.1.9. Speed warning signs, update on installation **The sign is installed and has been well received by residents. It is currently facing the wrong way in location 3 and a request for it to be moved made. Clerk to monitor.**

4.1.10. Notice board for Community Centre grounds, update on installation **It was agreed to place the order for the notice board. Action Clerk.**

4.1.11. Refurbishment of railway bridges (Cllr Bennett) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.1.12. Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **Meeting arranged with all agencies to discuss further 10am 22nd April at Wickham Centre.**

4.1.13. Re-landscaping open space either side of Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments. (Chairman/Clerk) Work to remove trees will start 22nd March. **Plans for seating / public art etc to be discussed with Wickham Society and residents.**

4.2 To consider supporting the following new project proposals:

4.2.1. Clear weed trees, shrubs and brambles Manor Close/A334 verge **This was agreed in principle subject to receipt of a quote from Paul Collins. All adjoining residents would like the trees removed as the roots are causing problems.**

4.2.2. Emergency planning **Cllr Bennett circulated a report from a recent meeting with WCC to discuss local issues. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with local interested groups to agree a plan for future use. Action Clerk.**

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

4.2.4. Proposal to purchase display boards for community use (Cllr Carter) **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the purchase of 3 No sets of table top boards @ £100 each and 2 No sets of floor standing boards @ £260 each.**

4.2.5. To agree proposed locations for grit bins. HCC has invited Parishes to put forward proposed locations which it will then check for suitability.

Locations proposed to serve:

- 1. Normandy Court (older people)**
- 2. Upper House Court (older people)**
- 3. Bridge Street / Mill Lane**
- 4. Tanfield Park**
- 5. Holt Close junction with A334**
- 6. Junction Elizabeth Road with Buddens Road**
- 7. Cold Harbour Close junction with A334**
- 8. Garnier Park junction with Mill Lane**
- 9. Dickson Park junction with Mill Lane**
- 10. Springles Lane junction with Titchfield Lane (older people)**
- 11. Knowle Avenue, Knowle Village when adopted (more than one location)**

4.2.6 To consider request for additional allotments / community growing land. It was agreed to advertise in the Parish Magazine for potential land to rent or buy. Action Clerk.

- 5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** Continue to monitor.
- 6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
- 7. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee**

Following a meeting with WCC to discuss Wickham Fair, Cllr Clear has had a request that the Parish Council considering funding the cost to supply additional WC facilities to serve visitors. Complaints have been received of visitors using nearby walls. Total costs likely to be £650 to supply 2 No x 4 urinals and 2 No temporary WCs. WCC would maintain. It was agreed to ask WCC how often they would be emptied.

Meeting closed 8.55pm