

Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Community Centre on Monday 16th March 2009 at 7.15pm.

Present: Angela Clear (Chairman), Sue Roger-Jones (Vice- Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Jenny Hollis, Colin Roke, Michael Sadler-Forster

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, Nic Holladay WAHG, Sgt Chris Stanton, PCSO Hannah Martin, Phil Mills Trading Standards, five members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Mike Carter, Thérèse Evans
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items**
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Chris Ward, Chairman of the Scout executive spoke regarding provision for Scouts. Cllr Mike Bennett requested the Council's views on a proposed grant request for Wickham Twinning, Cllr Sue Roger-Jones similarly a grant request for Wickham Primary School, both will be considered by the Finance Committee on 27th April on receipt of grant application forms.

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive concerns from the community

PCSO Hannah Martin reported an increase in anti-social behaviour over half term, young people on mopeds causing a nuisance and thefts from cars in School Road are current problems in the area.

A presentation was made by Phil Mills, Trading Standards, on the No Cold Calling Scheme which the Police and HCC propose to promote in Meon Park. Members were supportive of the scheme.

3.2 Report from County Councillor: report circulated prior to the meeting.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Angela Clear reported on a briefing for City Councillors on the LDF (Local Development Framework) process and the proposed time table for adoption of the Core Strategy:

- May – Nov 2009: Ongoing public and stakeholder participation, including the Preferred Option stage.
- Dec 2009 – June 2010: Consultation on Pre-Submission document, assessment of comments and preparation of Submission document .
- July 2010 – Sept 2010: Submission of Core Strategy to Secretary of State and appointment of Inspector .
- Sept 2010 – March 2011: Inspector's Pre-Examination Meeting, Examination in Public, report writing.

- March 2011 – June 2011: Council receives draft Inspector's Report for fact-checking, final Inspector's Report, consideration of Report.
- July 2011 - Core Strategy adopted.

3.4 Questions from members of the public: included above.

3.5 Chairman's announcements: The Chairman thanked Michael Sadler-Forster for his tireless work as Forward Planning Chairman, particularly in drafting the Village Design Statement, keeping abreast of the WCC and Fareham LDF processes including the North Fareham SDA and confirmed her support for his work.

- 4. Meeting resumed to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting 16th February 2009.** Minutes approved and signed.
- 5. Matters properly arising from those minutes:** included below.
- 6. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

6.1 To receive a report on Knowle issues . (Cllr Roke) It is understood that Berkeley is appealing against the refusal for Phase 3. A group of residents is planning to challenge the appeal.

6.2 Forward Planning Committee report (Cllr Sadler-Forster)

6.2.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 13th February 2009 (verbal report made to last meeting) Minutes received.

6.2.2 To receive minutes of meeting held 11th March 2009: Minutes received.

6.2.1 Recommendation that the Parish Council reaffirms its support for an exception site scheme to provide 12-15 houses (as an extension to Gwynn Way) as set out in its decision made 19th November 2007. This recommendation is made in response to a perception from Winchester City Council and Rookesbury Estate that a further scheme would not be supported by the Parish Council **Agreed to reaffirm support.**

6.2.2 Recommendation that the Parish Council pursue higher and more challenging standards of design for exception site projects. **Agreed. Cllr Sadler-Forster noted that very encouraging progress has been made in this regard in other parishes.**

6.2.3 Recommendation that the Parish Council asks that the Recreation Committee reviews the decision to invest all its available Open Space Funding on the existing recreation ground in view of the anticipated acquisition of a 10 acre recreation ground site in Mill Lane and the need for substantial match funding to secure the necessary grants to develop the site for sports and recreation. **Agreed to ask the Recreation Committee to review decision as detailed above.**

6.2.4 Recommendation to Full Council that the changes to street lighting maintenance and replacement be passed to another committee. **Agreed to pass to the GP Committee to progress.**

6.3 Youth Club Committee report (Cllr Astbury) Nothing to report this month.

6.4 *General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin)*

6.4.1 *Proposal to sell the Glasdon handcart to Bishops Waltham Parish Council at a sum to be agreed by GP Chairman / Parish Clerk: **Agreed.***

6.5 *Lighting Representative's report (Chairman)*

6.5.1 *Proposal to pass 15 streetlights: 11 in The Square and 4 in Manor Close to HCC for adoption, potential saving for the PC of £1251 per year: **Agreed.***

6.6 *Planning Committee report (Cllr Hollis): **No report this month, meeting on 23rd March.***

6.7 *Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones) **Work has started on the improvements to the skatepark.***

6.8 *Traffic and Highways Representative's report (Chairman) **Work has started on Mayles Lane drainage investigation, repairs to Mill Lane are being pursued.***

6.9 *Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones/ Clerk) **The annual cut has been completed, repairs to vandalised handrail are being progressed.***

6.10 *Finance Committee report: (Chairman/Clerk) **Next meeting 27th April.***

6.11 *Cemetery Committee (Chairman) **No report this month.***

6.12 *Report on recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk*

27th February HCC to discuss Lighting PFI contract proposals: notes circulated to all councillors

5th March WCA meeting to discuss proposals for a youth council: the Chairman attended this meeting, the outcome was not to pursue a youth council but to encourage community leaders to both speak and listen to young people at every opportunity to ensure their views are heard.

The Chairman was also invited to speak to pupils at Wickham Primary School, the young people had many interesting demands and ideas for the village including a request for an underground car park in The Square to allow its use for more recreation and leisure activities.

The majority of councillors attended the HALC training session on the Power of Well Being. It was agreed that the power and its implementation should be a future agenda item for Full Council.

7. Recent correspondence: list circulated prior to meeting.

8. Accounts for payment: it was resolved to pay the accounts as set out on page 4.

9. Questions and comments from Councillors

Cllr Mike Bennett noted that the Primary School's *Green Powered Goblin* won a trophy for the best prepared car at a recent competition.

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	1920	Paul Collins £180.00 £200.00 £200.00 £300.00 £160.00 £1,040.00		February Village cleaning Play area maintenance Verge/flowerbed maintenance Rec ground maintenance Repairs to play area fence, hedge maintenance
2	1921	RG Warwick	£14.45	Fencing strainers, padlocks for zip wire repairs
3	1922	Zurich	£3,023.93	PC insurance 09/10 £6K in precept, may be a further payment to make for increased fidelity cover. Many items covered under All Risks previously removed as agreed by Finance Committee
4	1923	Wickham Community Centre	£49.13	Room hire
5	1924	HALC	£549.00	HALC affiliation fee, NALC levy. This is £149 over the precept budget due to extra houses at Knowle which were unknown when budget prepared
6	1925	Cannon	£293.25	Play area safety checks Dec/Jan
7	1926	British Gas	£89.47	Gas for pavilion (meter read, have been undercharged in last year on estimates)
8	1927	Nik Skelton	£1,200.00	Art work for Parish map £3K in budget for this project which isn't completed yet
9	1928	Revenue and Customs	£748.86	Tax and NI to end of financial year
10	1929	Co-op / Tesco	£8.10	*Refreshments for HALC training
11	1929	Nicki Oliver £1,460.42 -£191.40 -£93.69 -£94.92 £1,080.41		March salary tax NI Pension
12	1929	Home as office	£31.50	*Clerk's expenses March
13	1929	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses March
14	1930	HCC	£359.26	Employee and employers pension conts
		Total	£8,517.36	
		Water Meadows		
1	231	Paul Collins	£750.00	Annual cut
		Total	£160.00	

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed

Date