

Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Centre on Monday 21st September 2009 at 7.15pm.

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

PCSO Hannah Martin, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Mike Carter, 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**

The Chairman welcomed Maria Ackland the new headteacher of Wickham Primary School. Miss Ackland is looking forward to further developing close links with the community.

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

PCSO Martin reported that the increased police presence over the summer holidays had been very successful with very low levels of antisocial behaviour. Officers held a street dance event in Wickham to engage young people in an activity. An early morning presence is proposed for the centre of the village following a significant theft from a local shop and also to look out for youngsters waiting for buses. Concerns about excessive policing and warnings about the Labs protest were discussed at the Safer Neighbourhood Panel on 15th September.

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

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Evans reported that measures to deter travellers had been installed on Knowle Road, the yellow lines are waiting for a Cabinet meeting decision, a planning application to relocate Wickham Labs to Upham will be heard on 23rd September. A date for the opening ceremony of Fitzgerald Court at Knowle is awaited.

Cllr Clear reported that paving and lighting improvements for Elizabeth Close were being investigated. Cllr Clear has joined the Older People Scrutiny Panel.

3.4 Questions from members of the public Members noted that Wickham Labs is the last significant site for development in the village and the importance of taking the opportunity to include improvements to pedestrian access along Winchester Road. It was agreed to contact WCC's Head of Planning Simon Finch to discuss community involvement in the redevelopment proposals at the earliest stage. Action Clerk

3.5 Chairman's announcements none.

4. Meeting resumed to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting 20th July 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 review need and proposed tenure for exception site housing schemes planned for north of the Community Centre and as an extension to Gwynn Way in the light of the recently granted permission for 64 affordable houses at Knowle – refer to **Strategic Projects Committee**

6.2 To receive a report on Knowle issues (Cllr Evans/Cllr Roke) **The clamping trial has been temporarily suspended and careless parking has returned. It was noted that Parish Council contributions toward the Village Post will not be made unless sponsorship is acknowledged in the newsletter.**

6.3 Youth Club Committee report (Cllr Astbury/Cllr Carter) **Nothing to report.**

6.4 Wickham Community Association report **David Roger-Jones reported that improvements to the Centre were resulting in more bookings. WASPS, the after school drop in service, has been revitalised with new leaders Mike Lock and Liz Rowe and an open evening is planned for 30th September. Some ex-WASPS members have expressed an interest in volunteering which is very welcome and will be encouraged.**

The Beer Festival was moderately successful with some problems due to the Lab protest road closures.

The proposals for a new surgery and exception site housing require access across Centre land to proceed. This is a key issue for trustees who must meet the challenging conditions of the charitable trust. Independent advice is being sought before a decision is made but the principle of the surgery as a neighbour is supported. There are also concerns that residents of the exception site housing will suffer noise nuisance from the Centre.

6.5 General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin)

6.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 14th September 2009 **Minutes received.**

6.5.2 Proposal that the Parish Council joins the HCC PFI Lighting contract and that the legal agreement be signed. **Resolved.**

6.5.3 Proposal that a replacement bench be installed opposite The Old House Hotel in The Square budget not exceeding £700 + VAT funded through new projects budget **Resolved, bench to match existing.**

6.5.4 Proposal that display boards be purchased for community use, budget to be determined, funded through new projects budget **Refer to next meeting.**

6.5.5 To consider letter from WCC 15th September regarding demand for £3000 per year towards costs of running Wickham's public conveniences or facilities will be closed. **Refer to next meeting, WCC portfolio holder invited to discuss its request for funding.**

6.6 Lighting / Highways Representatives report (Chairman)

6.6.1 Proposal to replace streetlight between 51 and 75 Wykeham Field at a cost of £914.59 funded through the lighting maintenance budget **Resolved.**

HCC is carrying out exploratory work to map drainage systems and identify causes of flooding in Meon Park and Mill Lane.

6.7 Planning Committee report (Cllr Hollis)

6.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2009 **Minutes received .**

6.7.2 To receive update on the proposals for a new surgery and CLT housing to the north of the Community Centre **Members considered again whether to pursue the site swap as resolved at the last meeting, it was agreed to continue (six for and three against). Action Cllr Sadler-Forster/Clerk**

6.8 Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones)

6.8.1 To receive minutes of meeting held on 2nd September 2009 **Minutes received .**

6.9 Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones)

6.9 To receive update on 10th Anniversary celebration picnic Sunday 27th September **Cllr Roger-Jones to finalise arrangements.**

6.10 Finance Committee report: (Chairman)

6.10.1 To note receipt of certified External Audit Annual Return - no issues raised **Noted.**

6.10.2 Proposal to make grant of £500 to Knowle Community Buildings Association towards costs of cricket event funded through new projects budget **Resolved.**

6.11 Report on recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk

Meeting with Scout Committee 15th September (Chairman) **Demolition of the old Scout HQ has started. The Scouts have been informally offered the opportunity to explore providing a smaller and lower building on the existing site, noting that at the present time this is contrary to previous resolutions made by the Council that require the HQ to be on a new site.**

7. **Recent correspondence** list circulated prior to meeting.

8. **Accounts for payment** it was resolved to pay accounts as shown on page 4 and 5:

Accounts for payment August 2009

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	1971	Paul Collins £180.00 £200.00 £200.00 £300.00 £300.00 £240.00	£1,420.00	July Village cleaning Play area maintenance Verge/flowerbed maintenance Rec ground maintenance Additional grass cutting as precepted Football pitch summer repairs, install hanging baskets, reline tennis court, repair vandalism to Rec ground play equipment
2	1972	Wickham Community Association	£62.25	Room hire
3	1973	PCC Wickham	£3,500.00	Annual report in summer parish mag and delivery to every household
4	1973	PCC Wickham	£150.00	Printing and delivery of Parish Plan surveys to every household
5	1974	RG Warwick & Ptnrs	£155.22	Play area repairs £20.58 Litter pickers £134.64
6	1975	MACRO	£13.74	*Clip boards for parish plan surveying
7	1975	Nicki Oliver £1,464.86 -£170.40 -£91.93 -£95.21	£1,107.32	*August salary Gross Tax NI Pension
8	1975	Home as office	£34.75	*Clerk's expenses August
9	1975	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses August
10	1976	HCC	£367.67	Employee and employers pension conts
		Total	£6,840.95	
		Water Meadows		
1	239	Paul Collins	£160.00	Maintenance July
		Total	£160.00	

Accounts for payment September 2009

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	1977	KCBA	£500.00	Grant for cricket event
2	1978	Paul Collins £180.00 £200.00 £200.00 £300.00 £300.00 £185.00	£1,365.00	August Village cleaning Play area maintenance Verge/flowerbed maintenance Rec ground maintenance Additional grass cutting as precepted Cut rec ground hedge, two extra cuts to pitch
3	1979	Cannon	£488.75	July and August play area checks
4	1980	Audit Commission	£460.00	External audit fee
5	1981	Allspeed	£43.57	Flower bed sign for Kutis
6	1982	Southern Electric	£42.57	Electricity for pavilion
7	1983	British Gas	£10.02	Gas for pavilion
8	1984	Commercial Gas Services	£74.75	Pavilion gas heater safety check
9	1985	Mike Carter	£15.51	Stan Woodford comp. exhibition expenses
10	1986	Winchester City Council	£80.60	Empty dog bins
11	1987	St Nicholas PCC	£871.89	Churchyard maintenance
12	1988	Nicki Oliver £1,464.86 -£170.40 -£91.93 -£95.21	£1,107.32	*September salary Gross Tax NI Pension
13	1988	Home as office	£34.75	*Clerk's expenses September
14	1988	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses September
15	1989	HCC	£367.67	Employee and employers pension conts
		Total	£5,492.40	
		Water Meadows		
1	240	Paul Collins	£160.00	Maintenance August
2	240	Paul Collins	£30.00	Cut hedge and remove debris
		Total	£190.00	

9. Questions and comments from Councillors none

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Signed

Date