

Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Centre on Monday 19th April 2010 at 7.15pm.

Present: Angela Clear (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Marie du Boulay, Mike Carter, Thérèse Evans, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Sue Roger-Jones, Colin Roke.

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

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

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive concerns from the community No report this month.

3.2 Report from County Councillor Cllr Allgood reported that the County Council has announced Operation Restore and Resilience, an investment of £100 million to improve the county's roads and pavements.

Operation Restore aims initially to restore roads to the condition they were in before the extreme weather of 2009.

Operation Resilience is to restructure roads and pavements over seven years, starting in 2011.

Cllr Allgood noted that the new street lighting contract to replace and maintain the County's lights will allow lights to be switched off or dimmed at night if the community wishes.

Members asked whether road restructuring will be prioritised and whether parish councils will have any input into this. Cllr Allgood advised that councils will be invited to submit their priorities.

It was noted by members that resurfacing work does not last very long. Cllr Allgood advised that some the contractor's work is not acceptable at present.

There was some concern that crime would increase if lights are switched off or dimmed. Cllr Allgood advised that some pilot studies have not shown this to be the case.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Evans advised that a third of the Council is standing for election in May, the application for the new surgery has been resubmitted, the Council may be adopting a Winchester Compassionate Charter which takes reference from Animal Aid policies.

Parish councils have received a letter from WCC advising that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment has been published, this shows sites that have been put forward for development but does not give them any new planning status, it is just a paper exercise at this point.

Cllr Clear advised that the above report covered all relevant issues.

3.4 Questions from members of the public Resident Dr Morgan O'Connell would like to see the tree cutting at the Bridge St junction continued on the opposite side of the road. Dr O'Connell raised concerns about the volume of litter after the Boxing Day event and asked whether the traders could contribute towards the clearing up costs and also suggested that pee bales be considered as an eco alternative to providing portable WCs for Wickham Fair. The Chairman noted Dr O'Connell's concerns and suggestions.

3.5 Chairman's announcements None.

4. Meeting resumed to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22nd March 2010. Minutes amended to show Cllr Evans reported to the meeting. **Minutes approved and signed.**

5. Matters properly arising from those minutes

5.1 Response from WCC to the Parish Council's letter dated 4th March regarding exception site schemes, report from meeting held 30th March. **A report from the meeting was circulated, it was agreed the Clerk would draft a response for Councillors' comments.**

6. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

6.1 To receive a report on Knowle issues (Cllr Evans/Cllr Roke) **Work on the community building has started, road and sewer adoptions are being pursued including for Old Knowle which has been overlooked. The Chairman suggested a separate committee will be needed to monitor the building, village green and play areas in due course. This will be considered at the AGM.**

6.2 Youth Club Committee report (Cllr Carter) **The AGM was held recently, the leadership structure is going to change. Ray Hughes will be stepping down and Tony Ryder taking his place, Liz Rowe is joining and will run an extra Tuesday afternoon session 4-6pm. Staff training is being arranged. Barrie Marson and Mike Carter will be retiring next April their successors are needed.**

6.3 Wickham Community Association report **The Community Association has agreed in principle to the skatepark extension, some insurance details are to be clarified between the Parish Council and Community Association.**

6.4 General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin) **Next meeting 10th May.**

6.5 Lighting / Highways Representative report (Chairman) **Requests for repairs and maintenance ongoing.**

6.6 Planning Committee report (Cllr Frost)

6.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 7th April **Minutes received.**

6.7 Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones) **Next meeting 10th May.**

6.8 Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones) **Next meeting 10th May.**

6.9 Finance Committee report: (Chairman)

6.9.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 7th April **Minutes received.**

6.9.2 Proposal to make grants as follows:

	Financial Year	Applicant	Grant proposed	Precept budget	Notes
1	2010/11	KCBA	£1,700	£5,000 for Knowle projects	Grant application is towards costs of monthly newsletter to Knowle residents
2	2010/11	Wickham Play Scheme	£1,070	£850	Application includes an additional £220 for extra caretaking during Wickham Festival
3	2010/11	Knowle Cricket Club	£3,000	£5,000 for Knowle projects	Grant application is for equipment and grounds maintenance

It was resolved to make the above grants.

6.9.3 Proposal to employ Kat Lemon via a contract with Wickham Community Association to carry out Parish Plan survey work with residents aged 25-45 funded through an HCC Community Planning Grant of £750. **Resolved.**

6.9.4 Proposal to increase Clerk's salary in line with NALC agreed National Final Salary Award for 2009.10 (formal agenda item to cover increase agreed with decision on precept request at Finance Committee 14th December and Full Council 18th January) **Resolved.**

6.10 Projects reporting to Full Council

6.10.1 Village Design Statement (Cllr Carter) **Response to draft awaited from WCC.**

6.10.2 Parish Plan / Master Plan for village (Clerk) **Work to first draft ongoing.**

6.10.3 Sports development plan / Mill Lane planning (Cllr Roger-Jones) **No further progress to report.**

6.10.4 Monitoring Fareham LDF / North Fareham SDA (Cllr Carter) **A further meeting has been called on 21st April to discuss the proposal for the SDA to be an Eco Town.**

6.10.5 Monitoring WCC LDF (Cllr Clear / Cllr Evans) **Nothing further to report.**

6.10.6 Delivery of new Scout HQ (Cllr Clear) **A new lease is being drafted for consideration by councillors.**

6.11 Parish Assembly 28th April and Citizen of the Year Awards (Chairman) **The following awards have been agreed:**

Business Contributing To Community Life 2010

Mount Folly Nurseries

Knowle Citizen of the Year 2010

Andy Snow

Citizen of the Year 2010

Val Shuttleworth

Citizen of the Year 2010

Robert Goulson

Lifetime Achievement Award 2010

Joyce Johnston

Lifetime Achievement Award 2010

Ron Burt

Services to Young People 2010

Ray Hughes

More details on the presentations will be made in the Annual Report

6.12 Reports on recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk **None.**

7. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting, WCC publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment noted.

8. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay accounts as shown on page 5.

9. Questions and comments from Councillors None.

Meeting closed 9.35pm

Signed.....

Date

Wickham Parish Council Accounts for Payment April 2010

	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	2067	Paul Collins	£3,000.00	Tree work at Bridge St junction
2	2068	Wickham Community Centre	£31.11	Room hire
3	2069	Paul Collins £180.00 £200.00 £200.00 £300.00 £300.00 £30.00 <u>£580.00</u>	£1,790.00	March Village cleaning Play area maintenance Verge/flowerbed maintenance Recreation ground maintenance Additional grass cutting Clean bus shelter Tree work rear 17 Manor Close
4	2070	Wickham Youth Club	£2,000.00	Precepted grant 2010.11
5	2071	CAB	£1,750.00	Precepted grant 2009.10 (agreed 18th Jan)
6	2072	Home Start	£1,000.00	Precepted grant 2009.10 (agreed 18th Jan)
7	2073	KCBA	£1,700.00	Grant towards Village Post
8	2074	Wickham Play Scheme	£1,070.00	Grant towards Wickham Play Scheme
9	2075	Knowle Cricket Club	£3,000.00	Grant towards equipment and grounds maintenance
10	2076	Wickham Community Association	£2,500.00	Precepted grant for Woodford Suite 2010.11
11	2077	Impress	£54.00	Replacement safety sign for skatepark
12	2078	Commercial Gas Services	£88.13	Service and safety check pavilion boiler
13	2079	HALC	£570.00	Affiliation fee and NALC levy
14	2080	Rookesbury Estate	£40.10	Recreation ground rent - two years
15	2081	WCC	£127.10	Empty dog bins
16	2082	Southern Water	£17.01	Water for pavilion
17	2083	Viking	£63.38	Stationery and ink for printer (shared with Whiteley)
18	2084	Canon	£199.75	Play area safety checks
19	2085	Planning Portal	£20.08	*Plan of Community Centre grounds for skatepark planning enquiry
20	2085	Nicki Oliver	£1,106.78	Clerk's salary
21	2085	Home as office	£36.50	*Clerk's expenses April
22	2085	Telephone and internet	£31.50	*Clerk's expenses April
23	2086	HCC	£383.60	Employee and employers pension conts
24	2087	Mike Carter	£850.00	On account for display boards
		Total	£21,429.04	
		Water Meadows		
1	252	Paul Collins	£160.00	Maintenance March
		Total	£160.00	