



Wickham Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Centre on Monday 11th April 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present: Angela Clear (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Justin Gamblin, Jenny Hollis, Thérèse Evans, Colin Roke.

HCC Cllr Freddie Allgood, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman presented Barrie Marson with a Good Neighbour Award 2011 as he was unable to attend the Parish Assembly.

The Chairman also thanked Mike Carter and Colin Roke for their contributions to the Parish Council during their terms of office and presented both with a certificate of thanks.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Di Frost and Sue Roger-Jones.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

3.1 To receive Safer Neighbourhood concerns from the community PC Emma Port advised that current priorities are mini motorbikes being ridden on the Meon Valley Trail and monitoring Wickham skatepark. PC Port outlined the new Community Speed Watch scheme which allows teams of volunteers to use a speed gun to monitor speeding traffic. Warning letters are sent, after two warnings police visit speeding drivers. It was agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

3.2 Report from County Councillor Cllr Allgood congratulated the Parish Council on a successful Parish Assembly and also congratulated re-elected councillors.

HCC is reviewing speed limits on all A and B roads, the A32 between the Shell Garage roundabout and top of Hoads Hill is considered a priority where the current speed limit is 50mph. Other roads are not priorities for changes.

Major works for this financial year not already reported will include drainage remedials in School Road and Southwick Road and traffic management on Hoads Hill with alterations to lane markings and improving the illumination of 30mph signs on the A334.

Some extra requests for grit bins are being considered including sites at the Community Centre, Titchfield Lane and Hundred Acres Road.

Cllr Allgood urged the Parish Council to respond to the bus subsidies consultation and to join the campaign for faster Broadband.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Evans reported that WCC's Cabinet is pursuing a project to install photovoltaic panels on council owned houses which would reduce electricity costs for tenants.

Changes to car parking charging are proposed with one hour free parking in rural car parks which would include The Square. **It was agreed to object to this proposal and request the free half hour remains in response to the consultation.**

WCC is looking at a scheme to guarantee rents to landlords renting houses to those on benefits.

3.4 Questions from members of the public Not required.

3.5 Chairman's announcements The Chairman advised that there will not be an election as 11 candidates stood and were returned unopposed. Tony Ryder and Jon Taylor will be joining the Council at its AGM on 16th May.

4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 21st March 2011 **Minutes approved and signed.**

4.2 General Purposes Committee report (Cllr Gamblin) **No meeting this month. Cllr Gamblin has set up a Twitter account for the Parish Council and will be updating followers with Council news.**

4.3 Lighting / Highways Representative report (Chairman) **See Cllr Allgood's report for projects planned during this financial year.**

4.4 Planning Committee report (Cllr Hollis)

4.4.1 To receive minutes of a meeting held 6th April 2011 **Minutes received.**

4.5 Recreation Committee report (Cllr Roger-Jones) **No report this month.**

4.6 Water Meadows Trust report. (Cllr Roger-Jones) **No report this month.**

4.7 Knowle Committee (Chairman) **The new village hall was formally opened by the Chairman on 22nd March. It was proposed that two meetings a year be held at the hall.**

4.8 Finance Committee report: (Chairman) **No report this month.**

4.9 Projects reporting to Full Council

4.9.1 Village Design Statement (Cllr Carter) **Nothing further to report.**

4.9.2 Parish Plan / Master Plan for village (Cllr du Boulay) **No report this month.**

4.9.4 Monitoring Fareham LDF / North Fareham SDA (Cllr Carter) **Cllr Carter is speaking at the enquiry on 17th May focusing on sustainability and transport issues.**

4.9.5 Monitoring WCC LDF (Cllr Clear / Cllr Evans)

WCC agreed the following at its Full Council meeting held on 6th April

“The Council reaffirms its complete opposition to any plan by Fareham Borough Council to locate any built development of the proposed North Fareham SDA within the Winchester District and reaffirms its position that the land in Winchester District should retain its rural character as the open countryside gap between Wickham, Knowle and the proposed SDA. The Council reaffirms its position that this open countryside in the Winchester District should remain as undeveloped land without any built structures or formal open spaces within it.”

4.9.6 Delivery of new Scout HQ (Cllr Clear) To consider legal advice from Stevens and Bolton dated 23rd March 2011 on proposal for a covenant between WPC and Scouts not to give up recreation ground lease. (Advice is not to proceed with proposal)

Chairman of Wickham Scouts Chris Ward advised that they would not be taking up the Parish Council’s offer to take ownership of the new building on completion to overcome charity and lease issues.

The Chairman asked the Scouts to consider the minimum lease term that would be acceptable.

No decision on the legal advice was made.

4.10 Reports from representatives of outside organisations including:

4.10.1 Wickham Community Association **Cllr Astbury reported that work on the urgent kitchen repairs is in hand.**

4.10.2 Wickham Youth Club **Youth Club leader Tony Ryder advised that the Thursday evening session is going very well with 30+ children attending. About 12-15 children are attending the Wednesday evening drop in café session. More adult supervisors are needed for the Youth Club.**

4.10.3 Safer Neighbourhood Panel **No report this month.**

4.10.4 Passenger Transport Group **No report this month.**

4.11 Feedback from Parish Assembly, improvements for next year **It was agreed the Assembly was successful but needs to be more widely promoted. A full page advert in the parish magazine was suggested.**

4.12 Reports on other recent meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk

5. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting.

6. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay accounts as shown on page 4.

7. Questions and comments from Councillors It was agreed to add a flyer with a summary of the Emergency Plan in the summer parish magazine.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Wickham Parish Council Accounts for Payment April 2011

	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *payments to Clerk
1	2234	Knowle Cricket Club	£3,500.00	Agreed grant
2	2235	KCBA	£2,350.00	Agreed grants £500 for glassware, £1850 for Village Post
3	2236	N Oliver	£569.50	Parish Assembly expenses missed from March cheque
4	2237	ACE Catering	£525.00	Catering for Parish Assembly
5	2239	RG Warwick	£51.12	Litter pickers
6	2240	Wickham Community Association	£206.63	Room hire (£141.75 Parish Assembly)
7	2241	Hedleys	£540.00	Legal fees for KCBA lease fees
8	2242	Viking	£114.00	Postage
9	2242	Viking	£21.45	Stationery
10	2243	Mike Bennett	£24.54	Emergency Plan expenses
11	2244	Cannon	£204.00	Play area checks
12	2245	WCC	£195.00	Dog bin emptying
13	2246	Portsmouth Water	£16.29	Water for pavilion
14	2247	Southern Water	£36.64	Waste water for pavilion
15	2248	Paul Collins		March
		£180.00		Village cleaning
		£200.00		Play area maintenance
		£200.00		Verge/flowerbed maintenance
		£300.00		Rec ground maintenance
		£300.00		Additional grass cutting as precepted
		£20.00		Roll recreation ground
		£40.00		Clear Hoads Hill pavement Chair's request
		£155.00		Pick up flytipping and take to tip on 3 occasions
		£160.00		Clear brambles from Hoads Hill, HCC will now maintain verge
			£1,555.00	
16	2249	Nicki Oliver	£1,106.78	*April salary
			£17.69	*Travelling expenses Blueprint meeting
			£120.00	*Annual travel expenses 2010/11
			£200.00	*SLCC/ICLM contribution 2010/11
17	2249	Co-op	£5.92	*Refreshments for Village Hall opening
18	2249	Home as office	£38.25	*Clerk's expenses April
19	2249	Telephone and internet	£33.00	*Clerk's expenses April
20	2250	HCC	£383.60	Employee and employers pension conts
21	2251	Stevens & Bolton	£1,971.60	Completion of Knowle village hall handover
		Total	£13,786.01	
		Water Meadows		
1	270	Paul Collins	£160.00	Maintenance February
2	271	RG Warwick	£15.72	Replacement bird boxes
		Total	£175.72	