

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Community Centre on Monday 24th November at 7.45pm.

Present: Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Angela Clear

Parish Councillors Di Frost and Jenny Hollis, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To appoint Chairman for the ensuing year:** refer to next meeting.
2. **To appoint Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year (if required)** refer to next meeting.
3. **To receive apologies for absence:** Therese Evans
4. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items:** none.
5. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public:** not required.
6. **To approve minutes of previous meeting:** not required.
7. **Agenda**

7.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

7.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **Latest proposals were approved for formal consultation.**

7.1.2 Map of parish (Clerk) **Clerk to chase artist for progress report.**

7.1.3 Review of parking permit system in The Square (Cllr Clear) **WCC is proposing to charge for residents' parking permits and produce booklets of 'tickets' for residents' visitors.**

7.2.4 Christmas light switch on (Clerk) **Plans are complete for the switch on 3rd December, thanks are due to the volunteers for help with lights and tree installation. It was noted that Knowle would like a tree next year.**

7.2 To consider supporting the following new project proposals:

7.2.1 Investigating the possibility of generating electricity at Chesapeake Mill (Cllr Bennett) **No further progress.**

7.2.2 To progress project to refurbish railway bridges (Cllr Bennett) **Meeting with Cllr Allgood and HCC officers arranged for Thursday 27th November.**

7.2.3 To consider requesting that WCC devolves some responsibilities to the PC eg verge and green space maintenance (Clerk) **Clerk to obtain estimated costs for School Rd, Station Rd (Warwick Way) and The Circle.**

7.2.4 To receive suggestions for future projects including:
Re-landscaping open space either side of Bridge Street junction with
A32 including bridge embankments. (Clerk) **Clerk to prepare
feasibility study.**

8. Recent correspondence

HCC has advised that the footpaths at Knowle that have been subject to a campaign to designate as rights of way has been successful.

Wickham Society has asked for support for a proposal to plant wild flowers on the Bridge St railway embankment. See item 7.2.4 above.

9. Questions and comments from councillors

Meeting closed 8.50pm