

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Community Centre on Monday 27th April 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Angela Clear, Therese Evans (from 8pm)

Parish Councillors Di Frost, Michael Sadler-Forster, Sue Roger-Jones, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Mike Carter
2. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items:** none.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public:** not required.
4. **To approve minutes of previous meeting:** approved previously.
5. **Agenda**

5.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

5.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **Legal process is still incomplete.**

5.1.2 Map of parish (Clerk) **Project is progressing.**

5.1.3 Review of parking permit system in The Square (Cllr Clear) **No further news.**

5.1.4 Best Garden competition 2009 (Cllr Evans) **New category for best business to be promoted in the village. Action Cllr Evans.**

5.2 To consider supporting the following new project proposals:

5.2.1 Refurbishment of railway bridges (Cllr Bennett) **No further news.**

5.2.2 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **Exploratory meeting to be arranged with Environment Agency, HCC, Wickham Society to discuss project. Action Cllr Bennett.**

5.2.3 Re-landscaping open space either side of Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments. To receive report following meeting with Groundwork –Landscape architects, project managers and fund raisers (Chairman/Clerk) **Proposals from Groundwork are unconvincing, Clerk to pursue Landscape Architect contact recommended by Wickham Society.**

5.2.4 To consider option to join HCC's PFI street lighting scheme for the next 25 years, or alternatively to maintain the Council's street lights independently. Notes on proposals circulated to all councillors (Chairman/Clerk) **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Parish Council expresses an interest in the PFI scheme and cautiously continues its dialogue with HCC to establish more details about the contract, the cost of an early exit and any other questions that members may have.**

5.2.5 To consider proposals for additional seats in the village. **A replacement seat is needed opposite the Old House Hotel in The Square, quote to be obtained. Action Clerk.**

5.2.6 Footpath and rights of way review. **Current walks promoted on the Council's website were passed to Cllr Bennett for information and review.**

5.3 To consider proposal to restructure the Council's committee system to improve councillor inclusion and working efficiency of the council. **Following discussion no conclusions were drawn or recommendations agreed.**

6. Recent correspondence: none.

7. Questions and comments from councillors: none.

Meeting closed 8.30pm