

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm.

Present: Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Bennett, Marie du Boulay, Angela Clear, Di Frost, Tony Ryder, Jon Taylor.

Parish Councillors Jenny Hollis and Sue Roger-Jones, two members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Therese Evans.
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. **Agenda**

4.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

4.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **Nothing further to report.**

4.1.2 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **Awards to be presented at the October Full Council meeting.**

4.1.3 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery **Nothing further to report.**

4.1.4 Maintenance of land adjoining recreation ground gifted for a Cemetery **Annual cut and collect to be carried out shortly.**

4.1.5 Monitoring Southern Water's plans for improvement to Wickham's drainage system – Riverside Mews in particular **Nothing further to report.**

4.1.6 Flower beds and hanging baskets, to discuss proposal to create new beds in Fareham Road to replace existing (Cllr du Boulay) **Quotes for creating new beds in Fareham Road have been received ranging from £2,500 - £3,400. It was agreed not to proceed with the new beds. Cllr du Boulay was thanked for the research and work carried out to date.**

It was agreed to work with Park Place Nurseries to plant baskets and beds next year with a Jubilee theme. Winter planting to baskets and containers in The Square to be explored. Action Cllr du Boulay. Park Place need an example of a basket. Action Clerk. Quotes and agreements with Park Place regarding planting to be confirmed in writing.

4.1.7 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **There will be a meeting to discuss the long term plans for Chesapeake on 30th November 2011. Hampshire County Council will be circulating invitations to local interest groups.**

4.1.8 Re-landscaping open space at the Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments –to receive update. (Clerk) **Delivery of seats has been delayed but they are expected shortly, remedial work to the area is in hand. A proposal to plant 10,000 bluebells on the embankment funded through the remaining Village of the Year prize money was suggested by the Clerk. A formal proposal will follow in due course.**

4.1.9 Footpath and rights of way review (Cllr Bennett) **Nothing further to report.**

4.1.10 To receive update on a project to redesign and refurbish Wickham public conveniences (Clerk) **A quote to prepare budget costs for a new public convenience block with contemporary external finishes to be sought from Axis Architecture to provide a starting point for the project. Action Clerk.**

4.1.11 To consider project to install a clock in The Square (Cllr Bennett) **Cllr Bennett circulated details of a clock with a 900mm diameter that would be suitable to fix on the external elevation of Lilly's. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the clock be purchased at a cost of £95 plus VAT and delivery.**

4.1.12 To consider a project to install a visitor / finger pointer sign for The Square **The Clerk has been advised that Hampshire County Council's budget for the refurbishment to The Square has been withdrawn. Quote for a post to be sought. Action Clerk.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit.** None.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations through making information more widely available.** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee.** None.

Meeting closed 8.30pm