

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 25th July at 8pm.

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

Parish Councillor present: Sue Roger-Jones, 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**

6.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

6.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **No further news.**

6.1.2 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **Judging is taking place at present.**

6.1.3 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery **Members visited recently and are happy with the current low key maintenance regime.**

6.1.4 Maintenance of land adjoining recreation ground gifted for a Cemetery **It was agreed to ask Full Council to consider the name Lysander Meadow for the land.**

6.1.5 Monitoring Southern Water's plans for improvement to Wickham's drainage system – Riverside Mews in particular **No further news.**

6.1.6 Flower beds and hanging baskets, to agree a way forward **It was agreed to develop a proposal for a new bed on the recreation ground verge to replace the existing beds. It is proposed the other beds are planted in red white and blue to celebrate the Jubilee next year. Action Marie du Boulay and Trevor Astbury.**

6.1.7 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **A recent change of ownership of the Mill House has increased the possibility the turbine being operated from time to time, Mike Bennett is liaising with the new owner who is also the tenant of Chesapeake Mill.**

6.1.8 Re-landscaping open space at the Bridge Street junction with A32 including bridge embankments –to receive update. (Clerk) **Work is progressing well, some designs for seating at the bottom of the embankment were discussed and a way forward agreed.**

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

6.1.10 To consider a project to redesign and refurbish Wickham public conveniences from Axis Architecture. To consider applying for LEADER funding for the project (Clerk) **It was agreed to research the possibility of a major scheme to redevelop the public conveniences. Funding options to be researched. Action Clerk.**

6.1.11 To consider whether to proceed with the Speed Watch programme whereby volunteers monitor traffic speeds. **Members discussed the project proposed by the Police for volunteers to monitor traffic speeds with the possibility of sending warning letters to offenders. It was agreed not to take part in the project.**

7.To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit None.

8.Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available Updates on projects such as the Bridge Street junction have been provided in the Parish Magazine.

9. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee

Members discussed a proposal for a clock in The Square and whether the sign pointing to various features in the village should be replaced. Items to be include in future agendas.

Meeting closed 9.15pm