

# Wickham Parish Council

## GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Therese Evans (Vice-Chairman), Mike Bennett, Angela Clear, Di Frost.

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Tony Ryder, Jon Taylor.
2. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**  
Resident Robert Goulson joined discussions regarding agenda item 4.1.11
4. **Agenda**

4.1 To receive update on current committee projects:

4.1.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **WCC has advised that yellow lines to Normandy Court and remedial work to the disabled bays in Buddens Road are a priority for 2012.**

4.1.2 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **It was suggested that the Council asks residents to nominate neighbouring gardens to encourage more entries to the competition. Action Clerk to add to parish magazine newsletters.**

4.1.3 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery (Clerk) **It was agreed some survey work to the trees should be carried out, a yew tree is looking particularly dangerous. Action Clerk.**

4.1.4 Maintenance of Lysander Meadow (Clerk) **Ways to encourage more use of the meadow to be developed, the Party in the Park will include a treasure hunt in the meadow.**

4.1.5 Monitoring Southern Water's plans for improvement to Wickham's drainage system – Riverside Mews in particular **No problems reported during the recent storms.**

4.1.6 Planting flower beds and hanging baskets (Cllr du Boulay) **Urgent instructions are required by Park Place for this year's summer planting.**

4.1.7 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Bennett) **HCC is considering a request to sell the leasehold to the current tenant, it was agreed to ask HCC for an agreement for the mill to be available for public access for a minimum of 20 hours a year. Action Clerk.**

4.1.8 Bridge Street Village Green (Clerk)

4.1.8.1 Proposal to plant approx 10,000 bluebells on the embankment funded by the Village of the Year prize money (£1,300 in budget) **Agreed to recommend to Full Council. Planting to include primroses and foxgloves.**

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

4.1.10 Redesign and refurbish Wickham public conveniences (Clerk) **Interested councillors, Justin Gamblin, Angela Clear, Di Frost and Therese Evans to meet Axis Architecture to progress the project. Action Clerk.**

4.1.11 Installation of a clock in The Square (Cllr Bennett) **It was agreed to extend the consultation to include a pillar clock. Interested councillors to visit a local clockmaker to view designs.**

4.1.12 To consider a project to install a visitor / finger pointer sign for The Square **Refer to next meeting, needs to be part of a larger scheme to refurbish The Square.**

4.1.13 Update on organisation of the 2011 Stan Woodford Photographic Competition **Ex councillor Mike Carter has agreed to continue to run the competition, probably too late for this year but will restart next year.**

**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. Note a consultation on the clock proposal was included in the December parish magazine. Clerk has received three responses, one offer to pay for the expensive option, one suggestion of a pillar clock and one suggesting the more expensive wall clock option should be pursued.

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

Other issues: 30mph needs to be moved further up Mill Lane. This is on the list of highways projects.

The telephone box in The Square needs repair work.

Meeting closed 8.25pm