

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 14th January 2013 at 8pm.

Present: Thérèse Evans (Chairman) Sue Roger-Jones, Angela Clear, Marie du Boulay, Di Frost, Jenny Hollis.

One member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Justin Gamblin, Nick Guy.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Organiser of the Stan Woodford Photographic Competition, Mike Carter, reported on the number of entries received this year. It was agreed presentations to the winners should be made at the Parish Assembly but that next year's competition should run from March 2013 – February 2014 to give entrants more time after Christmas to submit photos. The Parish Council was asked to take over the organising and managing of the competition.

Mike Carter also advised that Wickham Youth Club has won the Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight *Training and Development Award*.

The Chairman thanked Mr Carter for his significant work in organising and managing the Stan Woodford Competition and congratulated the Youth Club on their award.

4. Agenda

To receive update on current committee projects:

- 4.1 Yellow lines to village roads (Cllr Clear/Clerk) **Yellow lines to Normandy Court still awaited. Concerns about parking at the entrance to Tanfield Lane have been raised with WCC.**
- 4.2 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **There was agreement to look at changing the name of the competition to make it more attractive, possibly Wickham Garden Awards, and also to promote entries at the Parish Assembly. Neighbours to be encouraged to enter gardens near them with the owners' permission.**
- 4.3 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery (Clerk) **A large fallen tree has been cleared from the footpath since the last committee meeting. It was agreed a further volunteers' working party should be held in April.**
- 4.4 Maintenance of Lysander Meadow – action regarding 'abandoned' pony (Clerk) **A notice was posted advising that the pony would be re-homed if not removed within 14 days. It has since been removed.**
- 4.5 Planting flower beds and hanging baskets (Cllr Frost) **The winter planting has not matured as might be expected, it was agreed to review its effectiveness at the end of the winter.**

- 4.6 Chesapeake Mill turbine as tourist attraction (Cllr Guy) **Nothing to report.**
- 4.7 Bridge Street Village Green (Clerk) **Nothing to report.**
- 4.8 Redesign and refurbish Wickham public conveniences (Clerk) **Axis Architecture is seeking quotes to carry out the refurbishment, updates on progress are being made to WCC.**
- 4.9 Update on organisation of the 2011 Stan Woodford Photographic Competition **See item 3 above.**
- 4.10 To review parking in Wickham for traders and visitors **WCC is giving this some priority, possible small sites are being considered for suitability. Cllr Di Frost put forward a proposal to use the Triangular Piece of Land which it was agreed to forward to WCC.**
- 4.11 Update on 2012/13 agreed projects:
- Festive lights for The Square **Project completed, an additional run of lights is needed for next year.**
 - Refurbishment of phone box in The Square **Project completed.**
 - Refurbishment of bus shelter in The Square – proposal to proceed with refurbishment, PC to oversee, funded by HCC and WCC. **Resolved.**
 - Jubilee calendar of events **It was agreed to produce a calendar for the notice boards and website.**
 - Interpretation boards for Bridge St Village Green and Lysander Meadow **Refer to next meeting.**
 - Improvements to Mill Lane including moving 30mph further up the hill **WCC has advertised the required public notice, closing date for objections 12th January 2013.**
 - Refurbishment of The Square **Clerk to confirm the status of funding from both WCC and HCC to see if further progress can be made.**
 - Map board for Knowle showing road and apartment block names **No progress, refer to next meeting. Cllr Evans reported local support for this project.**
 - Add verge litter clearing from bottom of Hoads Hill to boundary with Fareham to consider quote from Paul Collins of £50/month to include it within his contract. **Continue to monitor the situation, not considered a priority at present.**
- 4.12 to consider a proposal for a permanent flag pole in The Square **WCC has refused permission at present due to concerns about loss of parking spaces. Item to remain on agenda pending progress with parking issues and the refurbishment of The Square.**
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 8.45pm