

# Wickham Parish Council

## GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 7.45pm.

**Present:** Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Angela Clear, Tim Harper, Nick Guy, Jon Taylor.

Co-opted member Mark Cornick, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Thérèse Evans, Di Frost, Sue Roger-Jones.
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 elect a Chairman for the ensuing year** Justin Gamblin elected.
5. **To elect a Vice-Chairman** Thérèse Evans elected.
6. **To receive update on current committee projects:**
  - 6.1 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **Awards presented for this year's competition.**
  - 6.2 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery (Clerk) – cleaning of memorial stone required. **Refer to next meeting.**
  - 6.3 Maintenance of Lysander Meadow (Clerk) **Annual cut and collect has been completed together with hedge cutting.**
  - 6.4 Planting flower beds and hanging baskets (Cllr Frost) **Baskets taken down, beds will be cleared ready for winter planting.**
  - 6.5 Bridge Street Village Green. Update on proposal to plant poppy seeds as part of the WW1 Commemoration (Clerk) **Weed killing is ongoing, once area is cleared wildflower seed/grass mix will be sown.**
  - 6.6 Redesign and refurbish Wickham public conveniences (Clerk) **WCC has gone out to tender for a basic internal refurbishment with external render to existing brickwork.**
  - 6.7 To review parking in Wickham for traders and visitors **Decision on planning application to extend Station Close car park awaited.**
  - 6.8 Request for a plaque at Knowle outlining the history of the site **Plaque installed.**
  - 6.9 Dean Copse – proposals to progress management of the copse in accordance with the agreed plan. Progress of tree survey, proposal to install interpretation boards **Clearing of undergrowth planned to promote regrowth of wild flowers and to allow the tree survey to be completed. Work has begun on the interpretation board.**

6.10 To receive project proposals for 2014 Proposal to install a WW1 memorial bench, update on request for a memorial bench in Lysander Meadow. **It was agreed to install a Streetmaster WW1 memorial bench at Wickham and Knowle on sites to be agreed, insert design Botanical poppy. Benches to be funded by the contribution made by Rookesbury for the old surgery site.**

**The memorial bench has been installed in Lysander Meadow.**

6.11 Request to resite flagpole to a permanent location outside the Kings Head **It was agreed to delay decision until the Square is refurbished.**

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

**8. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.

**9. Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** AGM action items to be included on the next agenda.

Meeting closed 8.15pm