

Wickham Parish Council

GP Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at the Wickham Recreation Ground Clubhouse on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.15pm.

Present: Justin Gamblin (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Angela Clear, Therese Evans, Di Frost, Nick Guy, Loraine Rappe, Sue Roger-Jones.

Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Alan Ediss.
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 receive update on current committee projects:**
 - 4.1 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year **Cllr Evans elected.**
To receive updates on the following:
 - 4.2 Best Garden competition (Cllr Evans) **Competition to be advertised in the Parish Magazine. Action Clerk.**
 - 4.3 Maintenance of Knowle Cemetery
 - 4.3.1 Update on proposal for a parking hardstanding at the entrance of the cemetery (Cllr Ediss) **Ongoing.**
There have been some rough sleepers camping in the Cemetery. Notices were posted before Christmas with advice on accessing housing. They appear to have now left the site.
 - 4.4 Maintenance of Lysander Meadow **Nothing to report.**
 - 4.5 Planting flower beds and hanging baskets Wickham & Knowle (Cllr Frost)(Cllr Ediss, Cllr Rappe) **Winter planting is in, the baskets at Knowle look great.**
 - 4.6 Bridge Street Village Green **The seats at the base of the embankment need attention. Ideas for features for the green welcomed.**
 - 4.7 Village parking issues (Cllr Clear) **Inconsiderate parking continues to be a problem in the village.**
 - 4.8 Dean Copse management **Nothing to report.**
 - 4.9 Christmas lights / switch on event / Christmas tree proposals for 2018 **The original tree was cut down by vandals and the second tree has also been vandalised. A proposal for a smaller tree sited on the cobbles at the entrance to the Square was supported at a cost of around £600. The proposal to investigate dressing the large conifer in Wickham Croft with lights was also supported. The Parish Council may need to lead the Switch On event next year as the Village Team is not active at present. This year's event was very successful.**

4.10 Policy review requests:

4.10.1 Proposal that all reports to Full Council be in writing (Cllr Clear) **It was agreed that this is good practice.**

4.10.2 Proposal that report from KVRA to be removed from Full Council agenda (Cllr Clear) **Not agreed but see 4.10.1.**

4.11 New project proposals

4.11.1. To consider a change of name for the Council to Wickham and Knowle Parish Council (Cllr Rappe) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.11.2 In view of the above to consider alternatives to Parish Council: Community Council, Village Council (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.11.3 To adopt the ICO data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information **Proposal to recommend to Full Council that the code of practice be adopted.**

4.11.4 Proposal to refresh the parish plan in 2018 **Recommended to Full Council as a project for 2018.**

4.11.5 Proposal to review the Emergency Plans for Wickham and Knowle **Cllr Clear to review Wickham's Plan, Cllr Rappe is looking at the Knowle plan with KVRA.**

4.11.6 A 2020 project proposal for A song for Wickham **Recommended to Full Council as a project for 2018.**

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

Meeting closed 8.28pm