



# Wickham and Knowle Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the above Council held at Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham PO17 5AL on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7pm.

**Present:** Craig Manuel (Chair), Robert Broad (Vice-Chair), Sheila Chambers, Kathryn Holladay, Nic Holladay, Loraine Rappe, Malc Burt, Leah Greenbank, Sandy Phillips-Lee

**In attendance:** District Councillors, Neil Cutler and Chris Chamberlain, 4 members of the public, Locum Parish Clerk Tracey Molloy

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mike Little – sickness. County Councillor Patricia Stallard

2. **Declarations of interest:** None

3. **Public Session:**

One member of public was in attendance to discuss Agenda Item 11. It was agreed that the resident would join in discussions at that point.

One member of public in attendance read out a statement outlining concerns for the Mill Lane Project, A copy of the statement is appended to the minutes.

During the public session Councillor N Holladay discussed the ongoing problems with the drainage at Wickham Rec and the problems it is causing for the football teams. Councillor N Holladay proposed to get two further quotes for improving the drainage, to be considered by the Recreation Committee.

Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Phillips-Lee. All in favour

Councillor Burt thanked Councillor N Holladay for his support.

Two members of public were just observing

4. **Policing reports/concerns from the community:** Updated statistics were circulated.

5. **Report from County Councillor:** Report circulated prior to meeting and available on the parish council website

6. **Reports from District Councillors:** Councillor Cutler provided a verbal update which included discussions around the Winchester City Council budget for next year, the introduction of food waste collection, affordable housing, as well as the Waterlooville regeneration project. Winchester City Council is supporting improvements to Havant Leisure Centre through CIL funding. Councillor Cutler was asked whether Winchester City Council would ever consider helping Fareham Borough Council. Councillor Cutler said the Borough Council could put in a bid for CIL funding in the same way as Havant Leisure Centre did, however Winchester have to look at balancing need across the district when considering bids.

Councillor Cutler was also asked if there was any balance of funding across the district for areas which are more deprived than others. Councillor Cutler highlighted the City Councils work on affordable housing, and as part of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda, Winchester District has been awarded almost £1.75 million to spend on local investment

through the Shared Prosperity Fund through both the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and The Rural England Prosperity Fund.

Councillor Chamberlain provided an update on the recent successful CIL bids within the parish, including funding for the Primary School and Wickham Community Centre. Councillor Chamberlain also reported on Rural Prosperity fund and the Welborne Development.

**7. Chairman's announcements:**

Councillor Manuel updated the meeting on the recent planning applications submitted by Buckland Development for Welborne. These applications include the removal of the hedge line running along the Knowle Road. To make the destruction seem less significant, Buckland is breaking the road down into sections and making multiple applications. This is not acceptable, when you look at the bigger picture the total loss of trees will be around 30 acres. Councillor Manuel has a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November with Buckland to discuss Welborne. If the meeting is not positive, Councillor Manuel will seek to escalate the concerns. The Parish Council request the support from the District Councillors.

**8. Minutes of Full Council held 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes approved and signed as a true a record  
Proposed Councillor Manuel, Seconded Councillor N Holladay

**9. General Purposes Committee**

**RESOLVED:** Following liaison with the Casualty reduction team at Hampshire County Council, a proposal was put forward for village entrance gates on Hoads Hill, Southwick Road and A32. Gate option 3 was approved. GP will look into what grants are available for Winchester Road to have the same gates. The current heritage entrance signs are to be relocated on the roundabout.

Proposed Councillor K Holladay, Seconded Councillor Phillips-Lee. All in favour

**10. Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED:**

10.1. Proposal to approve the Field Form quote for the Mill Lane Development. Items 1-3, Stage 1 Facility Design and Community Consultation approved.

Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Manuel. 8 in favour, 1 abstain  
Mill Lane project communication was also discussed and it was agreed that the Forum and a public meeting would be discussed at the next Recreation Committee.

10.2. Proposal to place an order with Luminance Pro for replacement LED floodlights for the sum of £13,495 + vat approved. Proposed Councillor K Holladay, Seconded Councillor Manuel. All in favour

10.3. Proposal to approve the extension of the Grounds Maintenance Contracts for one year, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 approved. Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Greenbank. 7 in favour, 2 against (Councillors Rappe and Phillips-Lee)

10.4. Proposal to consider employing a parish maintenance person/caretaker was discussed and it was agreed to be looked into in more detail at a future Recreation Committee. Proposed Councillor Manuel, Seconded Councillor N Holladay. All in favour

**11. Tanfield Park Hedge**

The Locum clerk gave an update on finances. £875 was collected from residents with a total of £1250 being spent on the hedge.

Email trails show that Wickham Park Golf Club take responsibility for the hedge and the Parish Council will continue to work with both the residents and the golf club to resolve the issues. A meeting onsite is arranged for the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

A resident who attended the meeting highlighted concerns that the Parish Council had made an agreement regarding the maintenance of the hedge which has been broken. The Locum Clerk responded that all emails had been reviewed and it looks like the previous clerk was trying to help the residents out, rather than make any formal arrangements.

**12. Financial Internal Controls Report**

Report received and to be discussed in detail at a future Finance Committee.

**13. Grant requests**

**RESOLVED:** Wickham Parish Magazine request approved.

Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Phillips-Lee. All in favour

14. **Song for Wickham:** Item deferred to Finance Committee in December. Locum Clerk to evidence lottery funding to ensure figures are correct.

15. **Date of next meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Meeting closed 9pm

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Date.....14/12/23