



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 25th January 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Robert Broad (Vice-Chair), Sheila Chambers, Kathryn Holladay, Nic Holladay, Loraine Rappe, Malc Burt, Sandy Phillips-Lee

In attendance: County Councillor Patricia Stallard, District Councillor Chris Chamberlain, District Councillor Angela Clear, 4 members of the public, Locum Parish Clerk Tracey Molloy

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Manuel, Councillor Greenbank
2. **Declarations of interest:** Councillor Burt, Agenda Item 9.3
3. **Public Session:** 4 members of public were in attendance, observing only
4. **Report from County Councillor:** County Councillor Patricia Stallard was in attendance giving an update on the Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation, explaining the Authority needs to meet a £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025. Consultation closes 31st March. Councillor Stallard also updated on HCC's new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. The new policy allows the council to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them. Communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes.
5. **Reports from District Councillors:** District Councillor Angela Clear updated on the Mayors awards, which recognises and celebrates the organisations and individuals who have given outstanding service to the people of Winchester District. Nominations close 18th February. District Councillor Chris Chamberlain updated on fly tipping, latest data shows that fly tipping across the Winchester District was down 40% in 2022/23 compared with 2021/22, as well as updating about the City Councils support for Wickham Surgery and limiting the catchment for the Welborne Development to the first phase only. Councillor Chamberlain also asked about the process for approving the Budget and Precept, which was discussed during agenda item 11.
6. **Vice Chairman's announcements:** No vice chair announcements, covered later in the agenda
7. **Minutes of Full Council held 14th December 2023**
RESOLVED: Minutes approved subject to the changing of a typo. Amendment to be made and minutes signed at next meeting.
8. **Planning Committee report** (Councillor Rappe)
 - 8.1. **Minutes of meeting held 16th November 2023:** Received and noted
9. **Recreation Committee report** (Councillor N Holladay)
 - 9.1. **Minutes of meeting held 16th November 2023:** Received and noted
 - 9.2. **Recruitment of a Parish Business Manager for Sport & Recreation**
RESOLVED: Recruitment of a Parish Business Manager approved. Job description and person specification approved. Version number to be added in footer.
Proposed Councillor Rappe, Seconded Councillor Phillips-Lee
All in Favour

9.3. Resident engagement research proposals for the Mill Lane Project

RESOLVED: MEL approved as the preferred contractor for the community consultation. Brief to be reviewed at the Extraordinary Rec Committee on the 8th February once FieldForm deliverable have been reviewed.

**Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Chambers
All in Favour**

9.4. Removal of moss on Wickham tennis courts

RESOLVED: Quote from Siam Landscapes for £1010 ex vat approved. Work to take place in either of the first two weeks of April.

**Proposed Councillor N Holladay, Seconded Councillor Burt
All in Favour**

9.5. Recruitment of Parish Maintenance person to cover all maintenance tasks outside of the Grounds Maintenance Contracts: Item deferred. Councillor N Holladay to produce business case and specification for the role.

9.6. Extraordinary meeting on the 8th February, at Knowle Village Hall to review FieldForm deliverables: Date Noted

10. Water Meadows Trust Committee: Councillors K Holladay and Greenbank to join the Water Meadows Trust Committee.

11. 2024-25 Budget and Precept

RESOLVED: Budget and Precept of £323,208 approved. Copy appended to minutes. It was noted that there needs to be a review of the Reserves. The Council would like to consider allocating some of the reserves as budget for hiring consultants to support on matters such planning.

**Proposed Councillor Rappe, Seconded Councillor N Holladay
All in favour**

Meeting closed 20.37pm

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