

**WICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish council meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm at Wick Club.

Present:

Cllr D Scott

Cllr J Williams

Cllr R Kings

Cllr M Baker

Clerk – L Yapp

County Cllr A Hardman

+ 2 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Cllr L Raymer
2. Declaration of member's interest. – Cllr R Kings – Planning application 18/01465/FUL – Land at rear of Whitegates
3. Approval of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were approved and signed
4. Open Forum – *an opportunity for residents to bring issues to the parish council. A slot limited to 10 minutes will be made available to speak, with the view of adding items to later agendas if necessary.*
  - Footpaths/Way Marking – it was reported that a number of footpaths were in need of way marking posts. Cllr Williams and the clerk would establish where the shortfalls were and report to CC.
  - Dog Fouling – it was agreed that more 'dog fouling' signs were needed. The clerk would research and cost
5. Matters Arising:
  - a) Footway Issues
    - Disabled Access Gates, Waylands – it had been reported that the posts/fittings had come loose. Initially CC had advised that this was a landowners responsibility, but it was considered that as these were installed on the basis as a 'trial' and the problem comes from the posts not being fitted correctly in the first place, CC should get the contractors out to correct the problem. Cllr Hardman would take this up
  - b) Highway Issues:
    - B4084, footpath – this had been reported as being in need of siding out/trimming – The clerk has asked the LM to weed kill and strim initially with a view to looking at options once this has been carried out
5. District Councillors Report. – Nothing to report
6. County Councillors Report. – Cllr Hardman reported:
  - NHS – the current situation was putting pressure on CC and that steps are being taken to improve matters. A 'Green Paper' on Social Care is awaited
  - Pershore Bridge – concerns raised over the worsening condition of the old bridge. Cllr hardman advised that he would press highways for action
  - Footpath, Main Street – thanks were paid to Cllr Hardman for the recent improvements
  - Size of Parish Council – Cllr Hardman advised that he had been made aware that the request from the parish council to increase from 5 Cllrs to 7 Cllrs had been approved. *Since the meeting the clerk had been officially notified of this – to take effect from May 2019*
7. Flood Alleviation Committee Report. – Cllr Scott advised that he would liaise with the 'flood committee to see if there was a need for new sandbags
9. Neighbourhood Watch Report - Nothing to report other than an increase in shed burglaries in Pershore.

10. Playground Report: Cllr Kings advised that the slide had been repaired, hedges cut, goal posts are going back up and new screws put into the climbing wall. She asked if the LM could take responsibility for weedkilling and strimming the areas around the cricket nets. It was suggested that a small sub-committee be formed specifically for the playground, new equipment and grant funding when needed. This was agreed to be a good idea and full support from the parish council was given. The volunteers are happy to continue with the rota for playground inspections

11. Finance.

a) Up to date accounts had been circulated to councillors

b) Payments for approval/made since last meeting:

879		Lengthsman	192.00
880		Grass Cutting	325.55
881		ICO Registration	40.00
882		Clerks Salary increase	21.00
SO		Clerks Salary	212.20
SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
883		Wychavon Sports	69.00
884		Lengthsman	204.00
885		Grass Cutting	178.28
SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
SO		Clerks Salary	233.20
886		Lengthsman	161.00
887		Grass Cutting	341.05
888		HMRC PAYE	165.60

13. New Homes Bonus – New suggestions made were for a history board outside the church and a bus shelter on the B4084 – the clerk would make enquiries with WDC in the first instance before costs and consultations are carried out

14. Litter Bin – Yock Lane – costs had been received for a post mounted bin £150, plus £17 for the fitting, and an annual fee of £61.88 for emptying and cleaning. This was approved, proposed Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Kings. The clerk would make the necessary arrangement with WDC and Cllr Williams advised that she would be on hand if an initial site visit was necessary.

15. Planning Report – 18/01465/FUL – Land at rear of Whitegates - **Cllr Kings took no part in discussion.** A brief outline of the proposals was given by a village resident. There were no objections raised and this would be recorded on the WDC website.

16. Footpath Officer Report. – Nothing to report

17. Lengthsman – It was agreed that the clerk ask the LM to contact Cllr Williams with regard the overgrown hedge at an area of ‘no mans land’ adjacent to Wick House Close, with a view to cutting back from the highway

18. Broadband Update - BT cabinet at Timber Lane end of the village is waiting to be ‘commissioned’

19. Bus Service – the clerk advised that changes are imminent to the bus service. As soon as the new timetable is confirmed this would be made available on the notice boards.

20. Calc Membership – Wick is one of just a handful of parish and town councils not members. The clerk advised on the benefits and that an introductory rate is available. It was agreed that this be deferred until the next meeting.

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### 21. Any Other Business

- Cllr Kings advised that the bench outside the playground was being moved for the parking of vehicles. The clerk would ask the LM to secure it
- Postman – it was reported that the long serving postman was leaving middle of October and that residents should be notified in case they wanted to pass on their best wishes

### 20. Dates of Future Meetings – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm