

MINUTES

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 7pm in Wick Club

PRESENT: Chair L Raymer Vice Chair J Williams Cllr M Heath
Cllr M Baker Cllr R Kings District Cllr T Rowley
Clerk – L Yapp 8 Parishioners

1. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs C Woolliscroft and C Smith, and County Cllr A Hardman
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Kings – Glenmore Farm
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meetings dated 22nd May and 10th June – these were approved and signed. All in favour

Parishioners Open Forum – Issues Raised:

- *Increasing number of vehicles in Cooks Hill particularly HGV vehicles/tractors. A suggestion was made that traffic movements could be better co-ordinated so that they have a full load on both inward and outward journeys, rather than, as it seems at the moment, that often they appear empty on one of the journeys*
- *Question asked as to the purpose of the shed*
- *Confetti Fields - concerns raised with regard the volume of traffic backing up on the B4084*
- *Dog Waste Bin in or near School Lane – it as suggested that a notice could be placed in School Lane advising that there is a bin at the playground*
- *Overhanging branch at Glenmore Cottage*

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Nothing to report

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - District Cllr Rowley introduced himself and gave his apologies for not attending our meeting back in May. He continued with some information about his roles within Wychavon District Council and how wanted to work with rural communities. His report included:

- SWDP Review – one thousand sites had been put forward for consideration for suitability for development. He had attended meetings, reviewing the sites. The next phase in August will take place in August.
- Minerals Local Plan – although this is a County Council consultation, Cllr Rowley was concerned regarding the effect any increased traffic would have on the villages, in particular Wick, Fladbury, Charlton and Cropthorne due to their close proximity to the River Avon
- Workshops, WDC – a number of free workshops are being held over the coming months, many of which will be attended by Cllrs
- Pollinators in Parks – WDC are creating areas within their parks and open spaces for wildflowers and is likely to be extended further within WDC. He did advise that funding may be available to communities wishing to create their own pollinated areas

6. COUNCILLORS

- Roles and Responsibilities – it had been agreed at the last meeting; each Cllr should be delegated a particular role / responsibility. The following were agreed:
Cllr Raymer – Transport Cllr Kings – Playground Cllr Smith – V E Day Celebrations
Cllr Williams – Highways Cllr Baker – Neighbourhood Watch / Flood Alleviation
Cllr Heath – Land / lengthsman Cllr Wooliscroft – Website (social element)

- Training – All Cllrs had attended training sessions and were in agreement that they proved very informative and helpful. In addition, Cllr Raymer had attended the Chairman’s course and again, found the course helpful
- Meetings attended by Cllrs – this will be a standard agenda item, giving Cllrs the opportunity to report back on any meetings they have between parish council meetings. Cllr Raymer reported on the recent Transport meeting – the Hopper will be retained until April 2020. A minimum of sixteen passengers are required on any journey enable the buses to break even, with the cost of running each bus equating to £30-£40 per hour. Without the school transport subsidy, the services would not have been able to survive as long as they have done. The X50 is reported to be a commercial success. Cllr Rowley reported that he had met with the directors of FIRST and was told that the travel company was up for sale. This could cause concerns if the company is split up from its current format.

7. HIGHWAYS – Cllrs Raymer and Williams had met with Worcs. County Council following a number of issues raised by parishioners at the Annual Parish meeting. The following was reported:

- Footways – following the new footways last year, concerns had been raised with regard the type of new kerbs used – WCC advise there are no planned footway works at the moment but this would be taken into consideration when works are next planned. Siding out on the B4084 will hopefully, be included in this year’s programme
- Gritting Routes – Wick had been ‘missed off’ the gritting routes in error last year but a request has been raised to be included this year
- Bus Stops – It is still unclear where the actual official bus stops are on the B4084, going from Pershore to Evesham. Concerns had been raised that the buses appear to stop randomly. If the problem persists, WCC would take this up with the bus company
- Junctions on the B4084 – Orders have been raised for the *Give Way* markings to be re-painted
- Parking, Main Street / School Lane – following advice from WCC, the parish council had communicated with the landlord of the tenants concerned. This did improve but it was reported at the meeting that the parking problem has since returned.
- History Boards – WCC advised that they would assist with the installation of the boards to ensure that no utilities were compromised at no cost to the parish council
- Confetti Fields – WCC had met with the organisers of The Confetti Fields event - all aspects of the event including traffic congestion had been discussed. It was agreed that TCF will be using an alternative field with more capacity for parking, admissions will be taken on the gate after visitors have parked rather than in a traffic queue, extra Marshalls in prime locations would help reduce obstructions. Proper signage company for official signs will be investigated for next year
- During the meeting with Mr Barnes, it was noted that there were a number of repairs needed in Yock Lane and School Lane – an order for repair was placed and the holes duly attended to, but Cllr Williams reported back to WCC that these were done to a very poor standard. She had been advised that this was a ‘temporary’ repair and that a full and complete repair would be carried out at a later date.

8. REPORTS:

- (a) Flood Alleviation – Cllr Baker had met with the co-ordinators of the Flood Alleviation team. There was almost a ‘cause for concern’ during the recent heavy rainfall
- (b) Playground Report – Cllr Kings reported that the recent Picnic in the Park had been a success and £319 was made for playground funds. The boule pitch was re-surfaced at a cost of £240 + the vat. The surface is much improved and had been used by the Round Table which is encouraging to see more users. An incorrect figure for the sheeting for the roof of the Wendy house had been given at the last meeting. Cllrs had no objection to the higher price, and it is hoped that this will be completed soon. It is hoped that the steps to the side of the slide will be carried out in September (after the school holidays). A further site meeting to agree gravel and final finish will be held before works commences. The swings need sanding down and re-painting. The clerk would check with the insurers if a volunteer is covered to carry out the works himself.

- (c) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Baker had attended the PACT meeting in July. Topics raised was the promotion of Smartwater and ongoing speeding traffic in all villages represented. He felt this was a useful meeting
- (d) Footpath Officer – the current footpath officer is happy to continue. One footpath had been attended to following complaints raised
- (e) Lengthsman - Cllr Heath would take on the responsibility of liaising with the LM. This would include the directing of tasks to be undertaken and meetings as and when necessary. Residents had complained about the lack of seeing the LM active in the village and it is hoped that direct contact with a Cllr would reassure residents that he is proactive.

9. PLANNING:

- 19/01392 – Taylors Cottage, Main Street – rear timber framed extension and side extension – there were no objections to this application
- 19/01280 – Pershore Tennis Centre, Pershore College – there were no objections to this application

10. FINANCE**(a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting**

918		Office Expenses (Audit)	30.00
919		Playground Inspection	94.80
SO		Office Expenses	12.00
SO		Clerks Salary	224.08
920		Hall Hire	110.00
921		Parish Games	69.00
922		Grass Cutting	449.59
923		Lengthsman	156.00
924		Cllr Training	60.00
925		Cllr Training	30.00
926		Defib. Pds / Batteries	173.28
927		Wick News	350.00
928		Refurb. Signs	524.12
137		Tsfr to PC - Tree Works	50.00
138		Petanque Gravel	288.00

Accounts had been circulated for prior approval, proposed Cllr Raymer, seconded Cllr Kings, all in favour

(b) Reserves – it had been previously discussed that we should allocate sums for specific reserves. The following were proposed by Cllr Kings, and seconded by Cllr Raymer – all in favour:

£5,000	Legal reserve
£2,000	Election reserve
£1,500	Maintenance – to include trees / notice boards / signs
£500	to be added to the existing flood alleviation fund
£500	Contingency
£500	V E Day Celebrations

(c) Bank signatories – the clerk advised we are still waiting to hear back with regard the addition of new signatories**11. V E DAY CELEBRATIONS – It was agreed to defer this to the September meeting in the absence of Cllr Smith and Woolliscroft, however, it was recorded that there are plans to hold celebrations to mark the anniversary of V E Day, and to work jointly with the church and playground committees.**

- 12. VILLAGE SIGNS** – One of the decorative WICK village signs had fallen into a poor condition and had been taken down, repaired, repainted and re-instated to a high standard. It was recorded that the second sign would also undergo a re-furbishment in the Autumn
- 13. WORCESTERSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY** – It was agreed that the questionnaire / survey document be circulated to all residents on the email list with a quantity left in Wick Club for collection if required by residents.
- 14. WEBSITE** – It had been agreed that Cllr Woolliscroft would take over the responsibility of managing the social side of the village website, but the clerk would continue with the parish council / legal requirement side. A suggestion had been made for photographs of Cllrs to be put on the website, but after discussion and a vote by Cllrs, it was a unanimous decision to go with no photos. Cllr Raymer reminded Cllrs that ALL communication with regard parish council matters should in the first instance be directed through the clerk
- 15. CONFETTI FIELDS** – other than the points already covered there was nothing further to report. We are still waiting feedback from the outcome of the vehicle count which had been organised privately by a parishioner. Barry Barnes from WCC had reported back to the parish council that he had attended the Confetti Fields Open Event, unfortunately on a day when it was closed due to heavy rainfall. He did manage to have an opportunity to enter into discussion with event organisers. He had advised that no issues at that time had been raised at Worcestershire County Council. The police had attended, and marshals had been on duty. Despite slow moving traffic at times, there were no reported obstructions.
- 16. CORRESPONDENCE** – emails had been circulated to all Cllrs
- 17. OTHER MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/NEXT AGENDA:**
- History Boards – hopefully the application for NHB funds will be ready to be presented to the Localism Committee at WDC for the November meeting. Cllr Rowley advised he would be happy to support out application
 - SWDP
 - Minerals Consultation
 - Cllr Heath reported that 2020 would see several gardens garden open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme
 - Parish Games – the clerk read out the report to date, of the achievements made by those participating in the Parish Games events
- 18. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Tuesday 24th September