

MINUTES

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 7pm in Wick Club

PRESENT: Chair L Raymer Vice Chair J Williams Cllr M Heath
Cllr R Kings District Cllr T Rowley County Cllr A Hardman
Mr N Barker – candidate for co-option Clerk – L Yapp
8 Parishioners

1. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs Smith and M Baker
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meeting 24th September and 24th October 2019 – these were approved and signed. All in favour
4. **CO-OPTION** – One written application had been received to fill the vacant seat on the parish council. Mr Nigel Barker was invited to introduce himself. There were no objections to the co-option, and a proposal put forward by Cllr Heath, seconded by Cllr Kings to accept the application. There were no objections and he took his seat on the parish council

Parishioners Open Forum – It was evident that the parishioners in attendance were there to discuss the SWDP Review and Consultation, in particular the ‘employment site allocation’ which had been identified at Pershore College. No other issues were raised and it was agreed that we allow participation from parishioners when the item comes up later on in the agenda

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – County Cllr Hardman reported:
 - Worcs. County Council’s budget is showing signs of becoming slightly more stable, the first time in many years.
 - Childrens Services budget is underspent and the number of children in care has reduced.
 - Adult Services is not looking so good, but this has been picked up by politicians and political parties.
 - Highways – Southern Link Bridge is expected to cost £69 million
 - Norton Parkway Station is scheduled to open on 16th December 2019
 - Gritting – Wick has been put back on the ‘map’ and classed as a secondary route for gritting purposes
 - Flooding - he had not received any reports of properties in Wick being flooded
 - Pershore Bridge – work is in hand for the necessary repairs. It was stressed that we needed to ensure that the temporary bridge was suitable for wheelchair, pushchair and mobility scooter access
 - Waylands gate seems to be working satisfactorily
6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** - District Cllr Rowley reported (full copy attached):
 - Minerals Local Plan – representations had been submitted from all parishes in the Fladbury Ward. Also submitted were representations from the three District Councils
 - SWDP – to discuss in more detail later in the agenda
 - Intelligently Green – a new initiative to examine the levels of carbon emissions. It was reported that more than 50% of carbon emissions comes from leisure centres
 - Wychavon Residents Survey had generated over 1,000 responses with top priorities being crime and feeling safe; traffic and congestion and finally community/public transport.
 - Taylors Cottage – Cllr Rowley advised that he had asked for this to be taken to full committee for decision

7. COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Raymer had met with the Land Drainage Officer (WDC), Ian White. Waylands footpath was 80% covered with water. Ditches in Yock Lane were in need of clearing and he would take this up with the landowners concerned. The officer along with Cllr Raymer spoke to Rob Kings re his ditch maintenance plan and was pleased with his plans

8. HIGHWAYS: most of the highway issues reported were flooding related and reported below. It was reported that the hedge on the B4084 and in Timber Lane needed to be cut back. This would be brought to the attention of the landowner(s). County Cllr Hardman had reported that it is hoped to continue the footway resurfacing in Main Street in the next financial year. Cllr Williams asked for consultation with the parish council in advance with regard the kerbs, which were not well received by a number of parishioners previous.

9. REPORTS:

- (a) Flood Alleviation – Thanks were paid to everyone that helped with moving of sandbags and furniture to those at risk of flooding. A donation of £30 and a card of thanks had been received from one resident who was grateful for the community support. This would be added to the Flood Alleviation fund.
A request had been put forward from the Flood Alleviation team for new gloves, sandbags and pumps. This would be discussed in more detail to establish what would benefit the village best. It was agreed that we put in a request for all drains to be jetted.
- (b) Playground Report – Cllr Kings reported (full copy attached):
The new steps adjacent to the slide have been built with the gravel areas to be finished off later in the week. Double swings have been painted and now look as new. Concrete pad under the picnic bench has been replaced. Playground tidy up is scheduled for January 11th (any help would be gratefully appreciated). The committee are now thinking ahead, for ways to improve the middle of the playground as some pieces of equipment are starting to look shabby. Winter Warmer, a main fund raiser for playground funds is on 7th December. £25 had been received from the Rotary in appreciation of using the facilities
- (c) Neighbourhood Watch – a disturbance was reported in Timberdown
- (d) Footpath Officer – The footpath warden had reported to Cllr Raymer the extent of the flooding across the Waylands path. There was some confusion with regard the role of the FW, and who he initially reports to. County Cllr Hardman and the clerk were both in agreement that there should be a line of communication between him and the parish council. Cllr Raymer would take this up with him.
- (e) Lengthsman - Cllr Heath reported that the LM had been off sick for a few weeks and was now working his way through the problem areas identified as a result of the flooding. It was agreed that there were a number of grips that needed digging out in Yock Lane, and in order to cover this efficiently, probably 1 / 2 days work would be needed. As the budget from WCC is limited, the parish council were asked if they could fund this from their own funds. County Cllr kindly offered to increase his financial contribution from £150 to £280 to cover the extra costs. This was welcomed by the parish council and thanks paid to Cllr Hardman
- (f) Website – a couple of cosmetic issues had been identified, reported and rectified
- (g) VE Day Celebrations – A report from Cllr Smith (in her absence) had been received. A meeting had taken place and key themes discussed, to include: Music, fancy dress, games, food, vehicles/bikes – all of the era. A road closure would be applied for. Next meeting 12th December.
- (h) NHB / History Boards (full report attached) – The NHB application for funds had been approved and funds received from WDC. The order placed (with a 50% deposit paid in advance). ‘Mock’ boards were on display in Wick Club and parishioners were encouraged to view and advise of any inaccuracies asap. Thanks were paid to Geoff Power for his help on the project. The parish council has paid £150 for a licence for maps / website copyright

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- (i) Parish Games – another excellent result from the team – full results are on the website/boards

9. PLANNING:

- a) SWDP – As a result of the recent SWDP Review, 2 pockets of land at Pershore College had been proposed as suitable for employment development. This had raised a number of concerns with parishioners in attendance. The nearest neighbour had been given mixed feedback when they questioned WDC, although Cllr Rowley did advise that it would be ‘academic related’. The following points were identified as valid points for the parish councils objections:
- Site is actually in Wick and not Pershore, and Wick has been identified as a Category 4 village
 - The proposal is speculative
 - Access would have to be through the College
 - There was nothing to suggest that the College would be seeing this project through, or if the land would be ‘sold off’ at a later date
 - It was considered that this is not a ‘brown field’ site, with the southern part certainly being ‘green field’
 - It was considered that this would be an unsuitable site as the only route through Pershore/Fladbury
 - It was considered that this would have an impact on the AONB with this clearly being visible from Bredon Hill
 - It was considered that these two sites were large in comparison with those allocated at Wyre Piddle – which would benefit from the new Southern Link

Copies of the consultation response form would be made available for collection from Wick Club.

Cllr Rowley advised that although Category 4 villages would have their ‘development boundary’ removed, this may not be a bad thing as it would be difficult to obtain permission for development in open countryside.

In addition to the implications of the proposed development at the College, concerns were also raised regarding the impact of the proposed development at Tyddesley Wood, Pershore. In addition to the obvious impact with flooding and wildlife, it was considered that additional traffic would naturally find it’s way via the B4084. It was agreed that objections also be made on this.

- b) 19/01511 – Taylors Cottage – the parish council had met and approved this application however concerns were raised by the Conservation Officer. As previously recorded, Cllr Rowley had made the recommendation for this to be taken to full committee for decision.

10. FINANCE

- (a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting:

SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
SO		Clerks Salary	224.08
	941	Cheque Cancelled	
	942	Grass Cutting	449.59
	943	Lengthsman (September)	156.00
SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
SO		Clerks Salary	224.08
	944	Def Pads / Batteries	174.16
	945	Cheque Cancelled	
	946	Grass Cutting	155.04
	947	Lengthsman October	120.00
	948	Clerks PAYE	168.00

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141	Painting of Swings	250.00
142	Cheque cancelled	
143	Playground Materials	93.39

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

(b) On-line banking – the clerk to investigate

11. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to Cllrs

12. OTHER MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/NEXT AGENDA:

- Village Plan – Cllr Heath advised that the existing plan is currently being updated and that interest had been shown in a Neighbourhood Plan

13. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday 28th January 2020