

MINUTES

WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at **held via Zoom**

PRESENT: Cllr L Raymer
Cllr N Barker
Clerk – L Yapp

Cllr J Williams
Cllr M Heath

Cllr R Kings
District Cllr T Rowley

1. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllr Smith
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Williams – Planning Application 20/01715 5 Wick House Close
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meeting 14th July 2020 were approved – proposed Cllr Raymer, seconded Cllr Kings – all in favour

Parishioners Open Forum – Nothing to report

4. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** - District Cllr Rowley reported
 - A distinct turnaround in the number of reported cases of Covid and rapidly approaching a 2nd wave
 - It is likely to be a weekly meeting of officers during this 2nd wave (previously 2 weekly)
 - Planning Reforms – A draft response to Changes to the Planning System is being prepared by WDC, in conjunction with Malvern Hills Council and Worcester City Council with the deadline of 1st October – to be presented to the Joint Advisory Committee on 23rd September. A briefing event on 7th October is opened up to parish councils, ‘Planning for the Future’ with a consultation end date of end of October – the clerk will be ‘attendance’. A second event is being held by WDC on 8th October which will cover the planning reforms and other topical issues. Cllrs were invited to let the clerk to know if there was any interest in attendance. The clerk would be attending the ‘briefing’ on 7th October with Cllr Raymer attending the WDC event on 8th October
5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Nothing to report
5. **COUNCILLORS MEETINGS** – nothing to report
6. **HIGHWAYS:**
 - Footway Repairs – the clerk would check with County Cllr A Hardman for any update
 - Grit Bins – it was identified that the bin in Cooks Hill needed filling –approved via email that we go ahead and place an order for salt/grit – this would be delivered to the home of the chairman (a stones throw away) and easy to be ‘topped up’ by the lengthsman
7. **REPORTS:**
 - (a) Flood Alleviation – Cllr Barker has purchased the items agreed at the last meeting, to include Hi Vis jackets and torches. A Payment of £183.09 (net) had been approved and would be deducted from the Flood Alleviation reserve held by the parish council. It was agreed that equipment would be stored ‘centrally’ for easy access to volunteers, at Wick Club with contact names and phone Nos.
 - (b) Playground Report – Cllr Kings reported
 - The playground had been well used over the summer months
 - There was a need for a fundraiser event due to the loss of the Picnic in the Park and Winter Warmer A brief discussion concluded that this year it would be sensible to ask for donations. Cllr Kings will draw up an outline for the next meeting whereby villagers are asked to make a donation.

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- Some of the items of equipment will need to be replaced and Cllr Kings asked if NHB could be used for that purpose. NHB cannot not be used for repairs and renewals
- There is no Wick News at the moment

(c) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report

(d) Footpath Officer:

- **Waymarking** remains to be done. The WCC Footpath Officer is aware of this
- **Waylands Footpath** has been cleared to enable easy access for users and has been well commented on from parishioners. It will remain as an agenda item to ensure that clearance is carried out regularly. This has now been identified as a Highways responsibility. Drainage still needs addressing. Cllr Rowley advised that he would give a ‘gentle nudge’ to the drainage officer at Wychavon.

(e) Lengthsman – Cllr Heath reported that the LM had been pro-active throughout the village

(f) Website – Nothing to report

(g) NHB / History Boards – Cllr Kings reported that the siting of the boards would be carried out by WCC as soon as possible but the ‘team’ were being diverted to other works

(h) Parish Plan – Cllr Heath advised that we were awaiting the outcome of the planning reforms as we were unsure as to where the ‘ground lies’. No progress had been made since the initial ‘lock down’ back in March and was unlikely to progress at the moment

(i) Minerals Consultation – Cllr Barker reported Tarmac had withdrawn their interest in the site at Charlton but we need to be mindful that there are other sites along the Avon Valley corridor. We are waiting for details of the Examination in Public, which will be challenged. We need to safeguard the ‘corridor’. A leaflet drop to update parishioners is planned

9. PLANNING:

- (a) 20/00993 – Whitegates, Main Street – 2-storey side extension and internal alterations – *approved by WDC*
- (b) 20/01615 – 7 Avon Bank Cottage, Avon Bank – first floor extension – whilst no objections it was agreed that the parish council comment on the fact there was no ground floor dimensions in the application documents
- (c) 20/01781 – 6 Avon Bank Cottage – rear single storey extension – no objections to this application
- (d) 20/01621 – 4 Timberdown- single storey side extension – comment made that there were no roof materials specified – the clerk would comment accordingly on the website
- (e) 20/01715 – *Cllr Williams withdrew from discussion* - 5 Wick House Close – single storey side extension – there were no objections to this application
- (f) SWDP - Cllr Rowley reported work is still on-going
- (g) Planning Reforms – covered under District Cllr report above

10. FINANCE

(a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting - Up to date accounts have been circulated to Cllrs

SO		Clerks Salary	228.08
SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
	992	Cheque cancelled	
	993	Lengthsman July	90.00
	994	Grasscutting	333.32
	995	ICO Renewal	40.00
	996	HMRC Clerks PAYE	156.00
	997	VAT Due to Playground	424.23
SO		Clerks Salary	228.08
SO		Clerks Expenses	12.00
	998	Flood Alleviation Equip.	219.70
	999	Lengthsman August	132.00
	1000	Backdated pay Rise	48.72
	1	Grasscutting	496.09

b) Clerks Salary – An annual award had been awarded to the Clerk, to be back dated to 1st April – details had been circulated to Cllrs for consideration. There were no objections, proposed approval Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Heath.

11. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – Cllr Rowley had previously reported on the ‘second wave’ and further announcements are awaited.

12. POND – WEST OF VILLAGE - Cllr Raymer raised the point as to who owned the land in question and once identified a suggestion was made that we approach the landowner for permission to create a ‘seating / rest area / community area’ . Cllr Kings advised that we should seek permission from adjacent neighbours and on-going maintenance, but the potential is there to become a ‘village project’. There were nonobjections to this initial proposal. *Since the meeting the clerk has reported that the New Homes Bonus scheme is drawing to a close and that we have £3,108 left to use before the end of the financial year*

13. CONFETTI FIELDS UPDATE - Cllr Raymer reported that she had not received any complaints (to date) and it all worked much better with the ‘ ticketed entry’. The Parish Council trusted that The Real Confetti Co. continued with a pre-purchased ticketed event in the future as this certainly eased the traffic flow problems experienced in previous years.

13. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to Cllrs

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/NEXT AGENDA:

- Playground – future fundraiser
- Pond – community area- use of NHB
- Waste bin by Club
- Remembrance Sunday - a socially distancing event, with microphone on 8th November
- Cllr Heath – Open Gardens is scheduled for 13th June 2020 – although some gardens have dropped out
- Cllr Kings – Worcs. **Regulatory Services** have been out to look at ditch issue and advised that they ‘would investigate’ - the clerk was asked to chase this up

15. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 24th November 2020 @ 7pm by Zoom