

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 10th March 2021, 03/21.

Clerk to the Council, Andrea Evans, Ty Gwyn, Church Street, Offenham, Worcs, WR11 8RW.
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Meeting was held via Zoom.

Present Chairman: J Newbury, V. Chairman J. Poulter, Councillors, D. Heeks,
R Gutteridge, S Wride and T Waller. District Councillor N Robinson.

Clerk, A. Evans.

1. **Apologies** –

None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **The meeting was adjourned for the Public Question Time.**

No-one attended.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2021 were agreed, proposed by RG, seconded by DH with a unanimous vote in favour.

5. **Matters arising from the previous meeting**

6. **District / County Councillors Report**

- a. The County Councillor and District Councillor reports are available on the website when provided.
- b. County Councillor-
- c. District Councillor-
 - Coombsfield Road has just been resurfaced by Rooftop, a new management team is in place which appear to be getting issues dealt with. Broadway are setting up a Safety & Security group to support local police which will include co-opted Chief Constable, this will involve using local volunteers as special constables. They are looking for volunteers across the parishes. Contact is Gordon Franks.

7. **Police Officers Report.**

Regular report now sent from civilian personnel, forwarded to councillors.
New full time police officer has been appointed to replace part time officer and a half person will be seconded from Cleeve Prior. This will mean that the man hours will increase for the area. Contact details have not yet been received.

Parish Council:

- a. An update regarding HGV's through village-Email County Councillor to receive an update.
- b. NALC Guidelines for the return to face to face meetings after 7th May 2021. Guidelines detailing that legislation will change meetings back to face to face with effect from 7th May 2021. Matters that will need consideration to do this are as follows:
 - Cleaning of premises before and after meeting
 - Staggered meeting start times to prevent overcrowding, entrance and exit doors
 - Public forum to be booked or questions sent in
 - No paper, consider provision of tablets.
 - Seating at least 2 metres apart not facing.
 - Risk assessment to be carried out and seating plan drawn up.

NALC have suggested that wherever possible, May meetings are brought forward to before 7th May 2021 and then if required following meetings deferred, pushed back. JN proposed, seconded by RG with a unanimous vote in favour to change May meeting to Wednesday 5th May 2021 when at this time the date of the July meeting will be considered. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting.
- c. Smartcut including wildflower areas- Mowing rates will remain as 2020. JN and clerk have met with Smartcut and agreed two areas for mowing to be left to provide a wildflower area. These areas are along Longdon Hill between bus shelter and junction towards Evesham and on A44 from signs to junction towards Evesham on both sides of carriageway. The first cut will define the area and will be mown around over subsequent weeks to define further. JP expressed concerns that unless this was properly managed, the area could become patches of unwanted growth such as ragwort. JN advised that Smartcut were experienced in this mowing and would be monitoring areas and if they were looking unsightly, they would be cut down. JP proposed that the residents that suggested the idea, may wish to volunteer to keep the areas maintained.
- d. Reduction in speed limit to 20mph and speed bumps- A suggestion has been received by a resident to reduce the speed limit on Manor Road and Golden Lane to 20mph and to use the PC's community fund to install speed bumps along this stretch of road. JN advised that a 20mph limit area is not enforceable by the police and therefore drivers would carry on regardless. Concerns were also raised about the noise of lorries going over speed bumps. TW raised concerns about the village being used as a rat run to get to other villages and routes. The whole issue of speeding on road in Wickhamford in general was discussed with issues already on A44 and suggestions that had been made not being properly considered by Highways. Matter included the removal of speed camera on A44, the suggestion of a right hand lane to turn into village, measurements had been taken to show that there is space. JN advised that with the news that a new police officer has been appointed that we should make our points known and start a process of getting them dealt with. At this point, the results of the speed strips on Manor Road and A44 would be known. DH raised concerns about the hgv's adding to the problem when lorry park opens. TW asked that consideration be given to a VAS that shows happiness/disappointment as speeds are recorded. Clerk will look at devices and prices for May meeting and email County Councillor to highlight these concerns/issues. TW asked if PC should via newsletter ask residents: 'if there could be 3 things to focus on this year, what they would be?' The PC would consider these, whether it be speeds, public areas etc.

9. Items for Consideration:

- a. All weather footpath around playing field- A suggestion has been made by a resident to consider the provision of an all weather footpath around the perimeter of playing field for the benefit of running, walking, walking with dogs, children cycling, disabled

access/walking. These have been installed in other villages and have proved popular. TW asked when the trees that had been suggested would be planted. Clerk advised that applications for delivery in Autumn would commence later in Spring, different packages are available from Woodlands Trust. He also advised that a path could cause confusion regarding the public footpaths that run over field and that may have different rules relating to dogs, it was agreed to remind everyone using the playing field that it is for the benefit of all users and that each person should respect other users, this would apply to dogs and whether they are on or off a lead in different areas. It was agreed to ask residents of their views about the path. Clerk will get quotations for May meeting.

Work on the petanque square is due to commence shortly when weather allows but the forest seating has been completed and has been very well received.

TW raised the practice football goals and that one is damaged. These were provided by club and are maintained by them, it was agreed to ask if they would mind them being updated so that quotes could be obtained.

Request for a min C & W event in August 2021 has been received, this event would be much smaller than previously and accommodating covid rules if these still apply. TW proposed with a unanimous vote in favour to support this event.

Dogs on leads-It was decided to take no further action at this time but to remind residents that the playing field is for the enjoyment of everyone using it.

10. Correspondence-

11. Plans for Review-

a. Planning Enforcement-JN expressed disappointment that planning enforcement that has been raised has not been dealt with swiftly enough and before the development has gone to far. Clerk advised that they appear to be swamped with the number of submissions. Cllr Robinson agreed to contact enforcement on the PC's behalf to find out what is happening. Clerk will forward the details.

b. To consider/note the following applications and to note the following decisions:

a	Case No:	20/022911/FUL
	Location:	Lower Field Farm, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford
	Proposal:	Erection of roof over a livestock gathering area.
	Parish Council Decision:	No objections
	Wychavon Decision:	Approved.

12. Finance-

a. A list of payments to be drawn this month were approved and cheques already signed ratified and the statement of balance of accounts 2021 approved as follows, proposed by TW and seconded by SW with a unanimous vote in favour.

a.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN			
Wickhamford Parish Council		B/F	01.04.20
	31st January 2021		73936.41
Deposit Account 309089 53702068	3002.82	INTEREST	104.53
Fixed Deposit	50100.84		
Current Account No 309089 37665860	4668.94	CREDIT	19014.51
Deposit Account 309089 39325168	6629.07	PRECEPT	11000.00

	64401.67	TOTAL	104055.45
LESS			
AS LIST	64401.67		
Cheque No.		PAYMENT	39653.78
			64401.67
outstanding			-
			-
			-
			-
Credits			-
Hall	1265.00		-
			-
			-
			0.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN			
Wickhamford Parish Council	28th February 2021	B/F	01.04.20
			73936.41
Deposit Account 309089 53702068	1003.08	INTEREST	105.10
Fixed Deposit	50100.84		
Current Account No 309089 37665860	4931.00	CREDIT	19544.51
Deposit Account 309089 39325168	4629.38	PRECEPT	11000.00
	60664.30	TOTAL	104586.02
LESS			
AS LIST	60664.30		
Cheque No.		PAYMENT	43921.72
			60664.30
outstanding			-
			-
			-
			-
Credits			-
			-
			-
			0.00

Payments to be made				NET	VAT	GROSS
Date	Name	Product	Chq			
01.02.21	Anastacia Wright	newsletter	BACS	40.00	0.00	40.00
03.02.21	Andrea Evans	hp ink & stamps	BACS	19.53	0.00	19.53
03.02.21	Worcs CC	salt	BACS	124.72	0.00	124.72
05.02.21	Andy Tyrrell	Seating	BACS	3450.00	0.00	3450.00
05.02.21	andy Tyrrell	bench play	BACS	215.00	0.00	215.00
08.02.21	Tim Spragg	inspection	BACS	40.00	0.00	40.00
09.02.21	Andrea Evans	Salary	BACS	215.15	0.00	215.15
10.02.21	hmrc	Tax & NI	169	53.80	0.00	53.80
11.02.21	Andrea Evans	zoom	BACS	14.39	0.00	14.39
24.02.21	Andrea Evans	bench sign	BACS	8.95	0.00	8.95
09.02.21	Maurice Parkinson	Lengthsman	BACS	72.00	14.40	86.40

JP expressed concerns that residents may not understand the layout of the balance sheet, clerk advised that she would be willing to explain the detail to any resident that made contact, the accounts are internally and externally audited at the end of March each year and all invoices, credits and debits crossed referenced to the bank statements and balance sheets as well as account balances.

12. Lengthsman-

a. Tasks agreed:

Clean white village gates.

b. Rate changes were confirmed as hourly rate increasing from £16 to £17 and knapsack cost from £20 to £25 with effect from 1st April 2021.

13. Items for the next Agenda

- Road signs- County Council
- A44 footpath- County Council
- HGV's- County Council
- Playing field and footpath.
- Memorial Hall- cost of rendering. JP

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th May 2021. NB. Date change as per item item 8b.

Items for the next Agenda must be received 7 days prior to the above date.

Andrea Evans

Clerk to Wickhamford Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman