

Wickhamford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting, 10th November 2023, 11/23.

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Present: Councillors, J Poulter, N Austin, T Hemming, S Wride (Chairperson), J Neal, R Gutteridge and DC Emma Simms.

Clerk, A. Evans.

1. **Apologies** –

E Eyre
E Kearsey
T Cumberland

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

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

1 member of public attended regarding the following:

- To ask for an update on proposed Rooftop housing. At this time, no further information has been received.
- Update on accidents on A44-see Police section.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2023 were agreed, proposed by TH, seconded by NA with a unanimous vote in favour.

5. **District / County Councillors Report**

- County Councillor Report- Attached and displayed on noticeboard and website.

6. **Police Officers Report.**

- Information supplied from www. Police.uk.
- Police have been passed the information regarding an incident with a dog biting a runner recently. A further incident was reported to the PC involving the same dog, this will be passed on to the Police.
- Police have provided an update on 3 recent incidents on A44 which involved fatalities. One was almost certainly as a result of illness and one because of age but there is an ongoing investigation into the other. Cllrs advised that part of the issue was that the temporary lights were too close to the bend and cars didn't have time to stop. Residents have also experienced overtaking on A44 so any traffic calming would be welcomed. RG has put together some notes for clerk to send to all councillors, County Cllr Eyre and Highways as well as the Police when received. Police have confirmed that there will be an increase in speed checks in the location. Cllrs asked that the information be provided when checks have been carried out so that residents can be updated.

7. **Parish Council:**

- a. Golden Lane Trees- Landowner has confirmed that he does not wish to plant trees along this stretch. Cllrs decided to consider 'golden' trees near to BG entrance.
- b. Solar street lighting- A quote has been received to supply and fit a solar street light at a cost of £2678 +VAT. TH and NA agreed to look at suitable locations around the village before consulting with residents for their views.
- c. Action regarding accidents/fatalities on A44- See Police report.

● **8. Items for Consideration.**

- a. Village Tree Warden- For more information on the Tree Warden scheme see [Become a Tree Warden](#) - [Tree Council Volunteer](#) Tree Wardens-Put in newsletter for volunteers.

9. **Plans for Review-**

a. To consider/note the following applications:

a	Case No: W/23/01992/FUL Location: Fairview Villa, Longdon Hill, Wickhamford Proposal: Proposed side extensions free standing sun room and stables, tack room and storage and garage as approved under planning reference W/22/01166/FUL variation of condition 2. Parish Council Decision: No comment- Not enough responses received. Wychavon Decision:
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a	Case No: W/23/02228/AGR Location: Land To The South East Of, Enterprise Way, Vale Park, Evesham Proposal: Prior Notification of agricultural track Parish Council Decision: No objections. Wychavon Decision:
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b. To note the following decisions:

a	Case No: W/23/02745/FUL Location: Sandyacre, Vale Exotics, Longdon Hill Proposal: Demolition of retail buildings, change of use of land and construction of 6no. residential dwellings Parish Council Decision: "Wickhamford PC objects to this application for the following reasons: The proposed site is beyond the development boundary of the village and if allowed to go ahead would likely set a precedent for future applications / permissions falling outside the boundary. Another concern is traffic slowing to turn into the site and exiting onto the A44. 6 dwellings would likely mean 12 cars on site, plus associated deliveries etc. Wychavon Decision: Approved.
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10. 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 2023 approved as follows, proposed by TH and seconded by NA with a unanimous vote in favour.

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Treasurers

Statement Number	18	Bank Statement No.	18
Statement Opening Balance	£9,272.63	Opening Date	29/09/23
Statement Closing Balance	£7,913.43	Closing Date	30/10/23
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£7,913.43		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
02/10/23	BACS231002AE	Andrea Evans/expenses	60.81	0.00	9,211.82
02/10/23	BACS231002BAPC	Badsey & Aldington Parish Council/printer	0.00	7.50	9,219.32
02/10/23	BACS231002BPC	Bretforton Parish Council/printer	0.00	7.50	9,226.82
02/10/23	S/O231002BPC	Badsey PC/mobile phone	3.00	0.00	9,223.82
05/10/23	BACS231005MP	Maurice Parkinson	352.80	0.00	8,871.02
05/10/23	BACS231016SC	Smartcut	421.33	0.00	8,449.69
06/10/23	S/O231006AE	Andrea Evans/salary	427.76	0.00	8,021.93
11/10/23	BACS231011AT	Andy Tyrrell	375.00	0.00	7,646.93
17/10/23	BACS231017AT	Andy Tyrrell	27.50	0.00	7,619.43
18/10/23	BACS231018WCC	Worcestershire County Council/lengthsman	0.00	294.00	7,913.43

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	To pay	Heading	Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details
1069	BACS23110 playing field £592.80 8MP	£144.00	£144.00	20500	08/11/23		Maurice Parkinson - hedge cutting at
1070	BACS23110 8MP	£448.80	£448.80	21300	08/11/23		Maurice Parkinson - lengthsman
1071	BACS23110 playing field £520.80 8MARMAX	£520.80	£520.80	20500	08/11/23		Marmax Products - Picnic bench
1072	BACS23110 bench/padlock £120.00 8AT	£120.00	£120.00	20500	08/11/23		Andy Tyrrell - fitting and securing of
Sub Total		£1,233.60	£1,233.60				
		£534.56	£534.56			Confidential	
Total		£1,768.16	£1,768.16				

b. Budget for 2024/25 was considered in preparation for precept request in January 2024. Balances as at 30th September 2023 were noted as follows: Account ending in 5168-36629.44 and Account ending in 2068-£1914.45. Precept currently stands of £12750 which is no longer covering the running costs of the PC such as clerks salary, mowing, insurance, audit lengthsman and general repairs. The PC holds funds that were donated to the village for assets projects but clerk advised that this cannot be used for day to day running. The PC receives income for BG but this is an unknown amount year on year and therefore cannot be relied up on. The lengthsman grant of £2179.09 for 2022/23 was over spent by £1k and the mowing grant of £757 was overspent by £2k+ SW asked for a breakdown of VAS changes included in lengthsman expenses. Cllrs agreed that the precept would need to go up more than in previous years to continue to provide services for the parish. It was also agreed that there should be a 5 year budget on what funds need to be achieved to continue to run the village as well as community ideas for reserved funds. Cllrs agreed to purchase an additional VAS to reduce changing costs as well as address concerns about speeding on A44. Cllrs will consider the precept fully at the January meeting when the council tax base will have been received from Wychavon.

12. Lengthsman-

a. Tasks required-

- **Leave VAS on A44 for 3 months.**
- **Install new VAS when received.**
- **Straighten white gate.**

13. Items for the next Agenda

- **White gates**
- **Community projects**
- **5 year finance plan.**

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2024- Wickhamford Memorial Hall.

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 8.30pm.

Signed.....Chairperson

Date.....