

# Wickhamford Parish Council

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To Wickhamford Parish Councillors:

You are duly summoned to attend the Wickhamford Parish Council meeting at Wickhamford Memorial Hall **on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm.**

## Agenda

- 1. **Apologies.**  
To receive apologies and to approve the reason for absence
- 2. **Declaration of Interest.**  
Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.  
To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their (Councillor Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant item(s)).
  - a. **Declaration of acceptance of office to be signed by new councillor.**
- 3. **To adjourn the meeting for the Public Session.**  
Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the Minutes as an aide memoire. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may address the Council on the issue during the Public Session subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange on the issue between the Public and the Parish Council during this period.  
Councillors are reminded that **only** items on the Agenda can be discussed during the meeting.  
Councillors are also reminded that they are **not** allowed to use the Public Session to raise their own item(s). These must either be on the Agenda or the Clerk must be requested to add the item(s) to the next meeting Agenda.
- 4. **Review of minutes from the previous meeting.**  
To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.
- 5. **District Council/County Council.**
  - a. District / County Councillors Report.
- 6. **Police Officers Report.**
  - i. Update from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)
- 7. **Parish Council- Items for Consideration:**
  - a. To receive an update on land transfer and planning of site.
  - b. Delivery of newsletter.
  - c. Village record of councillors past & present as a result of newsletter article.

- d. Summer event
- e. To note and approve the following policies:
  - i. Grievance Policy.
  - ii. Health & Safety Policy.
  - iii. New IT Policy.
- f. BG- To audit and confirm burial records for 2025.
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- **8. Planning.**

- a. To consider/note the following applications:

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| a | <p><b>Case No:</b> W/26/00124/OUT</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Land at (OS 0729 4062) Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Outline planning application for the erection of up to 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved for future determination apart from access.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Decision:</b> Wickhamford Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:</p> <p>Is it necessary to have a block of semis up against 52 pitchers Hill and is it necessary to have a large detached property back to back with the cider shed, which is a licenced premises where some 200 villagers and local people like to congregate on a summers Friday evening and listen to live music. It will create the potential for unnecessary noise complaints.</p> <p>Based on Wychavon's rejection of W/25/02596/PIP we believe the parish council should fall inline with district council's view and object to this application, for the same reasons:</p> <p>The proposed development by reason of its location would conflict with the aims of the South Worcestershire Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework to reduce reliance on the private car as a means of transport. The proposal would fail to minimise the demand for travel.</p> <p>There is limited footway infrastructure in the vicinity and the area is without street lighting and would not provide a safe walking distance along the A44 a busy and fast flowing carriageway to access the nearest facilities.</p> <p>Therefore, the proposal would not be sustainable in terms of location and is contrary to Policies SWDP1, SWDP2 and SWDP4 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework as a whole, and with particular regard to Chapter 9, that require development to minimise the demand for travel and offer genuinely sustainable travel choices.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposal would undermine wider Government aims and objectives including Net Zero and Carbon emission targets.</p> <p>The proposal would introduce a new built up pattern of encroachment into the open countryside resulting in a form of domesticated development that would have a suburbanising effect on the character and appearance of the rural landscape failing to integrate with its surroundings and would be contrary to Polices SWDP21 and SWDP25 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan and SWDP2 that seeks to safeguard/enhance the open countryside and the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework including Section 12 of the Framework which states that new development should be of high quality design and contribute positively to making places better.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is concluded that the location, land use and amount of the site is not suitable for residential development and that the proposal, considered holistically,</p> |
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|   | <p>fails to represent sustainable development.</p> <p>Further more, there have been 3 fatalities in 3 years, on the stretch of A44 in question, as well as an unreported hit and run on the bus shelter next to the access to the proposed site.</p> <p><b>Wychavon Decision:</b></p>                    |
| b | <p><b>Case No:</b> W/26/00275/HP</p> <p><b>Location:</b> The Finnick, 48 Pitchers Hill, Wickhamford</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed conversion of existing garage, to include new pitched roof and dormer, to create annex.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Decision:</b></p> <p><b>Wychavon Decision:</b></p> |

**b. To note the following decisions/appeal:**

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| e | <p><b>Case No:</b> W/25/02574/HP</p> <p><b>Location:</b> The Sheiling, Manor Road, Wickhamford</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed ground floor front and rear extension, loft dormer alterations, façade alterations, erection of two car ports, and associated works.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Decision:</b> No objections</p> <p><b>Wychavon Decision:</b> Approved.</p> |
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**9. Finance:**

- a. To RESOLVE to approve the list of cheques to be drawn this month and to ratify payments already made. Bank reconciliation and approvals list on supplementary sheets.
- b. To note assertion 10 on AGAR and the implications.

**10. Lengthsman Duties:**

- a. To agree tasks required.

**11. Items for the next Agenda**

**12. To confirm the date of the next meeting- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

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

\_Andrea Evans

Clerk to Wickhamford Parish Council  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.