

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.00pm 20th March 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs:- S Ellis (Chairperson), J Barber, A Bates, P Beighton, E Bowmar, G Forster, A Gibson, M Godfrey, C Grimes, B McNeely, K Phillips, P Thirlwall, A Wright, T Wallace

In Attendance: Mrs R Chico (Clerk), Residents regarding development Second Lane

Prior to commencement of the meeting Cllr S Ellis explained to the public in attendance this was a standard parish council meeting, due to the numbers items wishing to be raised would be considered under item 5 on the agenda.

5434 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs R Postlethwaite

5435 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting

Cllr Ellis raised an interested in planning items at Wickersley Cricket Club and The Grove.

5436 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017

Resolved : The minutes were approved as a true record.

5437 To receive a report from the Police

No police in attendance. Issues have been brought to the Councils attention regarding fires and trees being cut down in Wickersley Gorse. All of which have been reported to the police. Also issues raised of ball games on residents walls. Changes are taking place in the teams and to look at inviting new team to a future meeting when in place. The Commissioner is also attending the next Area Assembly meeting.

5438 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance

Residents in attendance raised their concerns and issues with regard to the LDF and the plans in item 5443.

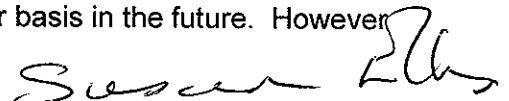
Resolved : The Parish Council to take into account issues raised as part of their submission to RMBC for planning application RB2017/0215 and encouraged residents to submit their own concerns to RMBC planning.

5439 To consider any community matters from Councillors

Cllr A Wright brought up a resident issue of Maltby residents being able to collect post from Wickersley Post office, however Wickersley residents have to go to Rotherham to collect.

Resolved : Clerk to approach the post office for clarification.

Cllr A Wright raised the tree work in Wickersley Park. It was confirmed the works had been left too long and maintenance needs to be on a more regular basis in the future. However



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the works are ongoing and have to be completed without damage to the ground from the machinery so wet weather has delayed matters.

Cllr A Gibson raised thanks to RMBC for the zig zag road markings on Tanfield Way.

5440 To note matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting of 13th February 2017

- 5425 – Both reported
- 5426 – It is believe charges have been made
- 5429 – 5th April 2017 7pm

5441 To consider financial matters, including: -

5441.1 The authorisation of payment of accounts since the last meeting

Resolved : That the following payments be approved: -

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULE - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th March 2017			
Date	To Whom Paid	Description	Value
02-Feb-17	Handle store	Winthrop - Door locks	52.78
02-Feb-17	SGS	Generator - Gala	503.99
20-Feb-17	Wages	Wages	£3,935.31
27-Feb-17	BT	Phone	£186.74
28-Feb-17	BT	Broadband	£76.32
28-Feb-17	Veolia	Waste collection	£192.48
09-Mar-17	SYPA	Pension	£419.37
09-Mar-17	HM Revenue	PAYE	£1,247.84
15-Mar-17	Wharcliffe TWC	Re-issue of 204144	£1,347.79
15-Mar-17	Hobsons	Gardening	£14,912.37
15-Mar-17	P.Thirlwall	Keys Tanyard Toilets	£7.98
15-Mar-17	M.Goodge	Winthrop - Gas & Tap repair	£299.88
15-Mar-17	R.M.Hill	Winthrop	£220.00
15-Mar-17	Yorkshire Water	Bob Mason	£40.04
15-Mar-17	Yorkshire Water	Winthrop	£23.63
15-Mar-17	Yorkshire Water	Tanyard Toilets	£80.23
15-Mar-17	Ricoh	Printer	£22.28
15-Mar-17	Sanderson Building Services	Tanyard Toilets	£8,110.20
15-Mar-17	Wharcliffe TWC	Coppicing work	£388.60
15-Mar-17	RMBC	Toilet rates	£990.25
15-Mar-17	T.L.Killis	Tanyard Toilets	£86.35
15-Mar-17	E-On	Electric - Winthrop	£53.25
17-Mar-17	Yorkshire Transport Museum	Vintage bus - Winthrop	£250.00
17-Mar-17	Wages	Wages	£3,935.51
19-Mar-17	Party Workshops	Circus skills	£425.00
19-Mar-17	J.C.Create	Newsletter and Winthrop flyer	£677.00
19-Mar-17	T.Farnsworth	Grass cutting	£844.99
19-Mar-17	N Power	Tanyard Toilets	£103.20
19-Mar-17	Wharcliffe TWC	Gorse Management Plan	£1,325.82
19-Mar-17	YLCA	Membership	£954.00
19-Mar-17	RMBC	Xmas tree / Drop kerb	£390.69
19-Mar-17	T.Farnsworth	Grass cutting	£844.99
19-Mar-17	A.Winterbottom	Crafts - Winthrop Opening Event	£20.00
19-Mar-17	Z.Green	Crafts - Winthrop Opening Event	£20.00

5442 To consider any general correspondence and publications

5442.1 Electoral Review of Rotherham : Warding Arrangements

Councillors were informed of the electoral review and relevant documentation distributed by email. Consultation closes on 8th May 17.

5442.2 Mayors Easter Egg Charity

Noted

Susan Ellis

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5442.3 Area Housing Panel

Wednesday 29th March 2017 10:30 Maltby Customer Service Centre rooms 17/18

5442.4 Housing White Paper

Resolved: To be emailed to Councillors

5443 To consider planning and licensing matters including new planning applications in Wickersley

The following applications were noted :-

RB2017/0253 - 51 Churchfield Drive Wickersley - Extension and external alterations to garage

RB2017/0276 - 14 The Grove Wickersley - Single storey front, side and rear extension

RB2017/0046 - 65 Northfield Lane Wickersley - Single storey side extension to form double garage

The Council objected to the following applications:-

RB2017/0215 – 109 Houses, Second Lane, Wickersley

Wickersley Parish Council appreciate that the principle of residential development on this site is established through the Rotherham Local Plan in respect of which the Local Plan Inspector has raised no objection concerning this site. However, there is substantial concern in the local community regarding the development proposed in this planning application, as evidenced by around 60 residents attending the last Parish Council meeting, 20th March 2017, to express their views. The Parish Council consider that the housing scheme proposed in this planning application has fundamental flaws and in summary our objections and concerns are as follows:

- It is considered essential that there should be 2 points of access for a development of this size and to spread the traffic impact. However, the current proposal to make Second Lane one way only to compensate for the narrow stretch of road is entirely unacceptable. Such a system would be unenforceable and the lack of separate footpath on part of its length would create a danger to pedestrians. Second Lane already has substantial use by pedestrians walking their dogs, accessing Winthrop Park and the public footpath that links up with Wickersley Wood. It is therefore essential that Second Lane should be widened to take two way traffic and with a separate footpath to allow this development to proceed.
- A development of this scale should reflect its local environment as well as creating a character of its own. The proposed development achieves neither. The site currently comprises attractive open land within the green-belt and is home to a variety of wildlife. The development should therefore sit within a much stronger landscape framework as specified in the Site Development Guidelines of the Local Plan which provides opportunity for habitat creation as well as a soft transition with the open countryside to the east. It is therefore essential that existing trees and hedgerows are retained and additional native hedgerows created. Of particular importance is the boundary with the Green Belt which should be more than a single row of trees and shrubs as currently proposed. Instead this

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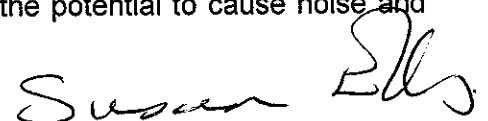
should be a 5 meter wide buffer to screen and soften the development, again as set out in the Site Development Guidelines.

- The proposal fails to create a development with any character of its own. Instead it provides a regimented layout with uninspiring standard house types with little variety or interest. We would therefore request that the layout is completely re-thought to create a high quality development with a more flowing street pattern, staggered building lines, more interesting and varied house types which pick up some of the local vernacular in this part of Wickersley.
- The Parish Council supports the provision of 25% affordable housing which is in high demand in Wickersley. However, the 'market' housing is almost all 4 bedroom detached housing which does not reflect the housing needs of many local people. It is therefore considered that there should be a greater variety of house types and sizes, including housing suited to the increasing number of elderly residents.
- The parking serving the affordable housing should be relocated from the front of the houses to avoid long lines of hard surfaced areas.
- The provision of 109 houses, together with the proposed housing on the north side of Second Avenue will put additional strain on the local highway infrastructure and existing services. The Mason's roundabout already has long queues at peak times; the comprehensive school is already at capacity and medical practices are overloaded with long waiting times. It is therefore essential that the impact of this development is mitigated by funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy and other sources to improve the roads and services to meet the additional pressure generated by these large developments.
- The Parish Council would want to ensure all mature trees are accommodated in the development. The Council has a general policy of opposing applications to fell trees unless they are diseased, damaged, dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance.
- The Parish Council would wish to seek clarification regarding draining requirements. Also to raise emissions in the area with the close proximity to the motorway network.

Given the fundamental concerns with this development Wickersley Parish Council would request a meeting with the Planning Officer to discuss more fully the matters raised above. We understand that this application will not be determined until the Local Plan is adopted by the Council later this year and therefore, it is important that the intervening time is used productively to ensure that any development on this site is of an appropriate type, layout and design which makes a positive contribution to the character of Wickersley.

RB2017/0239 - 1 Hastings Court 254 Bawtry Road Wickersley - Prior Notification for the proposed change of use to tea shop (use class A3)

Wickersley Parish Council have no objections to the proposed change of use of this property from an A1 use to a tea shop. However, the Council would not want to see the premises opening beyond the hours specified as 8am to 5pm nor for its use as a restaurant in which alcohol is served. The premises lie adjacent to and below residential property and longer evening opening hours and general restaurant uses have the potential to cause noise and disturbance as evidenced elsewhere in Wickersley.



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It is our understanding that the prior approval process does not allow for conditions to be imposed but that it also does not allow for open A3 use. Therefore, any variation from the use as a tea shop with opening hours specified in the application would require a fresh application. If that is not the case then would you kindly inform the Parish Council so that we can reassess our response.

RB2016/1316 - Hall Croft Developments off Gill Close Wickersley - Application to prune an ash tree and sycamore tree protected by RMBC Tree Preservation Order No.5, 2012

Whilst not formally objecting to the application the Council has a general policy of opposing applications to fell trees unless they are diseased, damaged, dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance. As such, the Council was happy to support the advice from the RMBC Arboriculturist.

Licensing

The Parish Council have been informed of an application from Wickersley Cricket Club regarding two extended hours for two Sundays from 10pm to 11pm.

Resolved : Respond with the noise policy to the nearest residential property.

Standing orders moved for 15 minutes

5444 To receive draft reports from Committees and other meetings not previously considered.

5444.1 Recreation Ground Committee – 6th February 2017

The Clerk explained the item was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting however the draft minutes were not distributed.

5444.2 Environment Committee – 27th February 7pm

The toilets are now open, there had been a problem with the shutter. A key policy to be looked at on the next meeting. Cllr P Thirlwall confirmed final payment made without any retention and under budget and will be ordering two mirrors and an opening plaque.

5444.3 Gala Meeting – 1st March 09:30am – Distributed at the meeting

The main band has been booked, a generator purchased to replace the one previously stolen and masons confirmed for the beer tent.

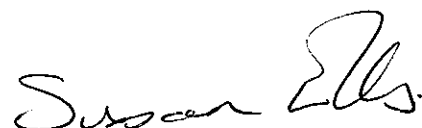
5444.4 Official opening of Tanyard Toilets – 4th March 11am

Opened successfully

5444.5 Winthrop Park Committee – 15th March 1pm – Distributed at the meeting

Extra hours are being looked at for cleaning and administration. The Clerk advised against being able to make a resolution regarding recruitment at this meeting.

Volunteers are required to help on the opening day.



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Resolved : Human Resources meeting to be scheduled and the agreement in principle is there from Parish Council.

5445 To note dates of future committee meetings and events

Winthrop Park opening event – 25th March 17
Woodland Committee – 27th March 17
Recreation Ground Committee – 3rd April 17
Free bike checks – Bob Mason 8th April 10am – 4pm
Easter Hunt – 15th April 17
Parish Council – 24th April 17
Note date change Teddy Bears Picnic – 29th July 17

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed  (Chairman) Dated 24th April 2017