

**Wick and Abson Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom code 597 185 5233 from 7.15pm**

Attendees:, Carolyn Williams (CW)- Chair Gaive Golding (GG), Stuart Fowell (SF) ,Bronwen Dyson (BD) Simon Alway (SA) Peter Crew(PGC), Derek Bonas (DB) Malcolm Watson (MW) Keith Hollister (KH), Cllr Steve Reade ,Clerk Jo Bray-Warner, and No members of the public

1.To NOTE apologies and receive/confirm declarations of interest:

Declaration of interest: None

Non attendance : None

2 . Public Participation – to RECEIVE and NOTE submission from the public.

None

3. To RECEIVE and NOTE a verbal report from the Clerk on activities since the last meeting

**Streetcare issues:---**

- Cllr GG requested the Wick sign at top of Naishcombe Hill be cleaned.

Due to this I have re logged the case under 1571627 and an inspector will be out within 10 working days.

- Cllr SF requested the sign from High St to Oldbury Lane to be cleaned

Due to this I have re logged the case under 1571627 and an inspector will be out within 10 working days.

- Request from Cllr CW to report a pothole on the entrance to Naishcombe Hill from A420 just up from the traffic lights.

Reported 02/02/2021 awaiting reference reference no 1571619

- Resident has reconnected with clerk regarding the embankment on Riding Barn Hill- he ahs provided photos where the/ embankment has slipped onto pavement

Reported 09/02/2021 ref 1574754

- Cllr CW requested clerk report 2 speed signs which have been knocked off poles along Abson Rd

Reported ref no 1574749

- Resident has reported a fallen tree stump in the stream in Brockwell park.

Reported 19/02/2021 ref no 1582225 – SGC have contacted clerk 23/02 stating that Brockwell Park is our responsibility- I have requested them to undertake any necessary work and invoice us- awaiting confirmation. Contractors reviewing 24/02/21

- Cllr CW has reported a large pothole outside no 47 Naishcombe Hill

Reported to Streetcare 25/02/21 reference 1584683

- Cllr PGC reported that the recycling vehicle has damaged the gras verges on the green in Mendip View and requested clerk to report with a view of reinstatement by either SGC or Suez

Reported to Streetcare 25/02/21 reference 1584689

Response rec'd

*Good morning WMT*

*I have visited the site this morning as we have not collected today as yet.*

*I have also tried to call Steve Golding I can only assume he is from the Parish Council, no answer, however there is digs in the grass around this part of the field but we have been looking and watching and appears to be plant from apparent roadworks on Naishcombe hill and transit vans that use the area as a cut through from the shops. If we can obtain photos or other that we can use as evidence then we can pull the driver to task.*

*I will reiterate to the driver under no circumstances should he drive on any grass, if a situation arises where he is unable to access a road then he needs to "No access" the road. This will then cause further issues down the line of not able to collect our residents recycling on the specified day due to vehicle size.*

*If there is any further evidence to suggest we caused the damage this would be very much appreciated.*

### **Outstanding actions from previous Meeting:**

9. To REVIEW quotations from maintenance contractors for Brockwell Park

Proposal by repair all equipment but not include safety matting CW

Clerk has emailed Maintenance contractor 12/02/2021 to advise

Contractor has confirmed they will undertake this remedial work and this should be actioned by next meeting.

16. To REVIEW and AGREE SGC proposals for maintenance at Brockwell park

Proposal by CW Parish Council accept the contract from SGC

Clerk has engaged with Gary Meddick SGC and confirmed contract reminding them re obligation to replace damaged trees.

Response received from Gary Meddick has *confirmed 'We would of course replace any damaged trees due to our negligence.'*

20. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Consultation re Family Group Conference Service

Response sent to Consultations- Noted by W & A PC

21.1. Correspondence received from a resident concerning parking issues on Naishcombe Hill

Clerk to contact Community Tree group to see if they have any further trees available to plant.-looking at possibly requesting planting a further 10.

Email received from Tree group- confirming they are happy to support and are looking at plans

22.2 Cllr SF commented that a horse has been in Brockwell park, it appears to be entering via the garages and has noted there is no signage.

Clerk to request maintenance contractor for a 'no horse sign'-Email sent to contractor 12/02/2021

Update 12/02/2021 Park maintenance contractor have confirmed they will arrange this for us.

13. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application P21/00376/F Valley View Cottage, Rock Rd, Wick

Clerk to request further information re location plan and request extension

Email sent to Planning Dept requesting further information and an extension and clerk has added this to February's extraordinary agenda.

Update 25/02/21. Following further review at Extraordinary meeting held 25/02/2021.

Wick and Abson Parish Council would like to object to this application as it is out of proportion and oversized compared to the size of the house. The size is excessive for a double garage especially the height of the ridged roof.

This is further encroachment into green belt land.

There has also been ongoing building works for a number of years which has not been finished which has caused challenges with traffic flow and noise levels. We would comment that the existing work should be finished prior to further planning approval

From Extraordinary meeting:

9.1 Cllr GG has asked clerk contacted SGC and request litter picking equipment.

Email sent to Hayley Brock at SGC 25/02/2021

All Planning Responses sent

## Enforcement

- Cllr BD advised that a resident had been in contact to request Enforcement review a sited caravan, next to the garage and in between the houses on London Road. It is difficult to see from the road however easier when it gets dark

COM/20/0594/OD-Update from SGC 18/01/2021

March update

- 22 Riding Barn Hill re planning application PK17/4343/F

Cllr BD contacted clerk to advise that the landscaping of the property as commented on in the decision letter has as yet not been undertaken.

Await reference and update COM/20/0887/BOC

March update

- The Old Vicarage, 85 High St- Resident has contacted clerk to advise that two structures have been erected within the grounds. Clerk has ascertained that one has planning permission for a swimming pool, garage and office however no planning application for the other is visible on the SGC portal.

Clerk has reported to Enforcement and awaiting an update

Reported 07/12/20 and updated reference no COM/20/0933/OD

March update

- 19.1 Cllr PGC requested clerk to raise with Enforcement property 40a Mendip View. The resident received retrospective planning for a 2 meter fence however the fence which was erected is in excess of 2.5m. Clerk to report

Email sent to original Enforcement officer Owen Hoare, requesting case to be re-opened in conjunction with planning breach reference no p20/19859/F.

March update

- 19.5 Cllr SA requested clerk to report Woodside farm, Abson rd as it appears a car scrapyard business is being utilized at this property.

Email sent to Enforcement 16/01/ requesting investigation

Acknowledgement received from Enforcement reference no COM/21/0033/BUS

March update

- Wick Quarry- Enforcement notice re Breach of condition 9 wheel wash facilities not in use, mud on the roads - PK18/5037/RM

Reference no COM/21/0054/BOC

March update

## Footpaths

Cllr BD has provided detail from a resident regarding a blocked footpath near Wilton Farm

Cams ref 17162

March update

## **MISC**

Cllr CW requested clerk to engage with Spencer Lillistone SGC regarding the state of the road at the top of Naishcombe Hill following recent challenges.

Clerk has emailed Spencer and received a notice to state he has left SGC and to forward all queries to Mike Johnson. Clerk has forwarded our concerns regarding a conversation/site visit and copied in Cllr Reade and Stokes

Response received from Mike Johnson- confirming he has an understanding of the challenges and will be in touch once a plan has been decided upon.

### 4. To Note and confirm Minutes from February ordinary and extraordinary meeting

Confirmed to be a true reflection

Proposed SA

Seconded SF

All in favour 7

Cllr MW commented Cllr BD has been inc in attendees and apologies- Clerk to amend

Cllr KH Abstein Feb due appt as councillor at extraordinary meeting.

Carried

### 5. Finance

Clerk has drawn up cheques in favour of:

- Greenfield- park maintenance
- SGC re Grass cutting
- J Bray-Warner- additional hours and zoom licence
- ALCA- annual subscription
- ALCA- Training for Cllr PGC & KH

Clerk to request CW & DB to sign cheques.

### 6. To PROVIDE an update regarding Common Land on Chesley Hill and updates from Solicitors

Cllr GG provided an update as to current state of play with agenda item.

Request received from solicitor to provide authority to DVLA as landowner to provide the information to us. Could you provide me with signed authority. Discussion held

Proposal by GG PC provide authority

Seconded CW

All in favour 9

### 7. Cllr Steve Reade to provide updates to Parish Council

Cllr Reade provided updates on the following

- Fix my Street software has changed
- Provision of map for potential yellow lines on High Street
- Contact for Tracy park

- Spoken with Mike Johnson re Nashcombe Hill
- Cllr Reade has spoken with MJ Church re wheel washing

Cllr Ben Stokes provided updates on the following:

- Resilient support Grant which will be advertised fully in the coming weeks
- Continuation of winter support grant
- Latest figures around COVID and actions SGC are taking to support communities. SGC have also reallocated staff to support local surge centres etc

8. To CONTINUE discussion regarding a masterplan for projects within Wick and Abson Parish

Clerk had pre-circulated Parish plan for overview.

Discussion held

Additional items added to overall plan- Restoration and Protection of grass verges

Clerk to contact Steve Reade to provide an expression of interest around Electric charging vehicles

9. To PROVIDE progress update regarding potential improvements re parking issues including yellow lines.

Cllr SF had pre-circulated an updated map for potential areas for yellow lines and provided clarity.

Discussion held

Cllr KH & SF will undertake an exercise to review the areas which require double yellow lines to be added in the High Street for road safety issues.

10. To REVIEW SGC responses from SGC re contract and confirm Parish Council Localism charges for 2021

Following PC request in December for additional information from SGC- clerk pre-circulated response rec'd inc:

- If we have a very dry summer, can PC request a period of 'no cuts'? Yes the PC can request a period of no cuts we also try to reduce cuts during warm periods and use the time for other tasks in the parish area
- Can PC request certain areas not to be cut? Yes
- If we request less cuts than is on the contract do we receive a refund? No we still have mobilisation costs and where the situation is reversed due to extended season we do not charge extra.
- What notice do you require for grass cutting not to be undertaken? Seven Days
- What is the minimum and maximum no's of cuts? We aim to provide between 8 to 10 cuts per season

Discussion held

Proposal by GG to accept 2021 contract

Seconded CW

All in favour 9

Clerk to advise Marcus Gill SGC

11. To REVIEW the costings and process for introducing Speed Visor signs within the village.

Clerk had pre-circulated papers regarding costs and next steps.

Discussion held as to confirm locations for signs/posts

Proposal by CW to purchase 3 solar speed visors and 7 poles in the following places

- On triangle of grass on Court Road/Riding Barn Hill
- Above Rose and Crown on A420
- Near no 31 Naishcombe Hill
- Near no 52 Naishcombe Hill
- Near Woodlands Farm, Abson
- Near Bus Stop on Holbrook Lane
- On A420 near London Road

Seconded PGC

All in favour 9

Clerk to engage with Chris Harris SGC to start process for purchase and installation.

12. To CONFIRM date for Virtual Parishioners meeting

Clerk provided clarity re meeting.

13<sup>th</sup> April for virtual parishioners meeting

Clerk to invite local groups and advertise on website

13. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application no P21/00565/F 55 High Street, Wick, Bristol

Clerk had requested Councillors to overview prior to meeting

Discussion held

No Objection

14. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application no P21/00661/F Aronsie 47A Naishcombe Hill Wick

Clerk had requested Councillors to overview prior to meeting

Discussion held

No Objection

15. To DISCUSS the play area within Brockwell Park

Cllr SF provided an update as to agenda item, he had received comments that the play area is very muddy and whether Parish Council would consider an all weather surface.

Parish Council understand concerns raised however no action will be taken.

16. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application P21/00438/F Shrubbery Lodge Chesley Hill

Clerk had requested Councillors to overview prior to meeting

Discussion held

Objection- Wick and Abson Parish Council would like to object on the basis that no additional parking has been considered for this extensive development

17. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application P21/00975/LB Park Hotel and Resort

Clerk had requested Councillors to overview prior to meeting

Discussion held

Wick and Abson Parish Council strongly support this application.

Please note that this has not been added to the circulated list.

18. To REVIEW and RESPOND to planning application P21/000712/F Land to rear of Carpenters Arms

Clerk had requested Councillors to overview prior to meeting

Discussion held

Cllr GG raised concerns regarding the situation regarding historic challenges with drainage.

Objection: Wick and Abson Parish Council would like to object to this application due to the amount of properties on plot and no provision for affordable housing. We are also concerned regarding plans for drainage and are currently liaising with Wessex water for clarity of the capacity of sewer, integrity of sewer and status of sewer

Clerk to contact Wessex Water to express concerns regarding the sewer and confirmation of the capacity/integrity and status of the sewer.

19. To NOTE correspondence from:

19.1 Planning decision notice- P21/00379/PNH 22 St Helens Drive, Wick Prior approval not required

19.2 Planning application no P21/01161/F The Close Manor received by clerk.

Discussion held

No Objection

20. To RECEIVE short information items and oral updates from members

Members

20.1 Cllr CW has received a comment from a resident regarding an incident in the Willows. She will advise resident to contact 101 to report it.

20.2 Cllr GG commented that the water testing group and Friends of the Nature reserve have found a large decrease in species in the river.

20.3 Cllr GG provided an update re Wick Community Group activities.

20.4 Cllr SF requested clerk to report flytipping in Brockwell Park. There has been plasterboard and various items left in the footpath behind St Francis drive by the stream.

Clerk to report.

20.5 Cllr PGC advised that the residents of 22 Mendip View are driving across the pavement which has no dropped kerb.

20.6 Cllr PGC asked when Parish Council would return to face to face meetings and whether we could use village hall going forwards

Clerk provided the current update as published by NALC. Parish Council can review venue once we receive confirmation we can return to face to face meetings.

20.7 Cllr PGC has received a request from residents in Church rd as to whether trees can be planted as part of the Community tree group project.

Clerk to contact Community Tree Group to request

21. To RECEIVE and NOTE matters from members for inclusion in next meeting

Members

Meeting closed at 21.55

Next meeting scheduled 8<sup>th</sup> April