

Wick and Abson Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 at The Village Hall 7.15pm

Attendees: Stuart Fowell (SF)- Chair , Gaive Golding (GG), Derek Bonas (DB), Simon Alway (SA), Bronwen Dyson (BD), Peter Crew (PGC), Keith Hollister (KH), Malcolm Watson (MW), Clerk Jo Bray-Warner, Assistant to clerk David Wiltshire and r members of the public and Cllr Ben Stokes

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

Apologies: Carolyn Williams (CW)

Peter Crew (PGC)

Declaration of interest:

None

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

2.1 Matt Knight newly appointed manager for Wick Quarry attended the meeting and provided a brief overview of roles/responsibilities.

Clerk to add agenda item in February for Matt to attend to take questions and answers.

2.2 Cllr Ben Stokes provided the following updates:

- Development on the land opposite the Carpenters Arms has not had the relevant SGC signage erected, Cllr Stokes will take this forward with SGC planning.
- Cllr Stokes advised that he had received concerns regarding the winter salting programme which he is discussing directly with Streetcare.
- Member Awarded funding applications are due in by 21st January.

Cllr GG requested Cllr Stokes to review the planning application for the land opposite Carpenters Arms as the company which has placed the application does not exist at Companies House.

Cllr Stokes agreed to take forward.

2.3 Member of the public commented regarding the upgrade of the notice boards.

Chair advised this would be covered off later in the meeting as it was an agenda item

2.4 Member of the public commented that he had started to canvas opinion and also had received comments via social media within the village for the potential for a Village Library.

Chair advised this would be added to February's agenda.

2.5 Member of the public raised that he had been requested to advise Parish Council of a situation with dog fouling in the service road off Holbrook Lane.

Clerk agreed to try to arrange signage and provide the attendee with the required documents.

Clerk emailed SGC 13/01/2022 await response

2.6 Member of the public commented regarding the state of the grass verges.

Chair acknowledged the concern

2.7 Member of the public commented regarding the Public right of way opposite the school gates and that the route is not straightforward as it 'zig zags' and also it is very muddy.

Chair advised the PROW was on private land and unfortunately PC are unable to take this forward.

2.8 Member of the public advised PC that the streetlight outside 2 The Crescent is not working properly.

Clerk to contact streetcare

Email sent to Streetcare 13/01/2022

2.9 Member of the public asked if PC knew if/when the police were undertaking patrols.

Chair advised we do not hold that information.

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

- Remark road markings junction with Cann Lane kirona 291551 – SGC advised 31/08 job ticket raised and in queue to be completed- update 02/11 no timeline as yet for painting- update 08/12 started not yet finished
- ticket to remark lines homeapple hill junction with Cann Lane kirona 291551- SGC advised 31/08 job ticket raised and in queue to be completed- started not yet finished
- 21.4 Cllr SA Advised that there has been fly posting (secured advertising) of a fencing company on the piece of land on London Rd, the notice is approx. 3 metres in diameter.
Clerk to advise Streetcare to remove and advise company- email sent 09/12 reference 1762997.

- 21.2 Cllr SA advised that a new grit bin had been installed in Lodge Rd near Silver Barn however the old one had not been removed.

Clerk to contact Streetcare to remove- email sent 09/12 reference 1762993

SGC response received 13/12/2021 *Have done ticket to remove old ones in the summer with a bit of luck most of the salt would be used up making it easier to remove.*

Item closed

- Cllr BD requested clerk to report to Steve Golding the following junction of Cann Lane and A420 now requires some urgent attention, Of the 2 'No Entry' signs, only one remains and is damaged.
None of the road markings are fully legible.
Some motorists are now doing manoeuvres which are illegal and dangerous, and as a consequence accidents will happen again at this particular spot.
Reported 14/12/2021- await response-Steve Golding has confirmed reference Kirona 313613

- Resident reported a fallen tree in footpath LWA41/30 between Milford Avenue and Brockwell Park.
Clerk reported awaiting reference no. reference 1776242

- Chair advised clerk (05/01/2022) to report blocked drains from 15-57 High street inclusive
SGC reference 1776527

- Chair advised clerk (05/01/2022) the bin near Naishcombe House- which SGC sealed due to inaccessibility has been 'unsealed' and she had noticed complaints and to investigate with SGC relocation of bin
Clerk contacted SGC 05/01/2022 to advise – SGC confirmed 06/01/2022 they would re-seal however they have requested our suggestions for moving the bin.

- Oldbury Lane- blocked drains. Request from Wick Sports Ground to report the drains along Oldbury Lane as they appear blocked and are not coping with the excessive amounts of rainwater.
Reported 10/01/2022 await refreence 1779269

Outstanding actions from previous Meeting

All planning application added to applications via SGC portal 10/12/2021

2.2 Member of the public reported that there are a number of 'out of control' conifer trees within property 24b Mendip View and requested PC to take action.

Chair confirmed clerk would report this to the arboreal officer Simon Penfold at SGC and ask for advice on how to tackle this as its on private property

Reported to Simon Penfold 05/08

Chased 21/09

Further details provided to Simon 22/09/2021 await update

Chased Simon Penfold 31/10/2021

2.1 Member of the public requested clerk to engage with bus shelter maintenance to review the 'box' in the shelter at Naishcombe Hill

Email sent to contractor 10/12/2021- await response

Chased 28/12/2021

21.3 Cllr PGC requested clerk to contact Football club to request the signage be removed

Clerk to contact WSG

Email sent 10/12/2021

WSG have responded asking for Highways permission to erect new sign- await update from Chris Harris

Update received from Chris Harris- reverted to WSG for further information

2.2 Member of the public advised that a lorry had dislodged the overhead cables by Ingleside Farm along Holbrook Common

Clerk to contact Western power for investigation.

Clerk telephoned Western Power 10/12/2021- reference 47270-B- Western Power commented that it may be advisable to re-route any buses if the cable is dangerous- Clerk emailed Sue Elliott Transport 10/12/2021 08.21am to advise however Western Power did confirm they would send engineers 10/12/2021 to inspect.

17. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application no P21/07554/RVC Wick Quarry, Wick

Clerk had requested Council to review the application prior to the meeting in order to aid the discussion

Discussion Held

No Objection

However suggestion clerk write to MJ Church inviting them to attend a PC meeting

Letter sent to MJ Church 10/12/021 inviting a representative in 2022

Update 28/12/2021 no response received

15. To DISCUSS Next Steps for Wick Sports Ground

Representative from Wick Sports Ground (WSG) provided Parish Council with the details regarding the ongoing leak they have been experiencing over the last 6-8 weeks. The representative provided clarity on the actions WSG, Bristol Water and contractors had taken to locate the leak and fix. It has been discovered that the leak has occurred in a neighbouring property however WSG are responsible for the pipe, which has deteriorated and is in need of replacing at a estimated cost of £30k

Cllr SA provided a possible alternative to the fix utilising his skills, expertise and knowledge.

Discussion held

Proposal by CW to write as a collective of WSG & PC to:

- Landowner where the pipe currently runs to ensure they are happy access is granted.
- CEO of Bristol Water to lean into any community services to support the ground.

Seconded SF

All in favour 7

Carried

Clerk and representative from WSG to work together to write to both parties

Clerk and WSG corresponded 11th & 12th Dec to create supporting letters to adjacent property and CEO Bristol Water- sent 14th December 2021

Update 28/12/2021 no responses received

12. To OVERVIEW and DISCUSS a response to Consultation re WICK - VARIOUS ROADS - Variation to waiting restriction order - STATUTORY NOTICE

Clerk had requested Council to overview the pre-circulated summary of the consultation prior to the meeting in order to aid the discussion. Assistant to clerk D Wiltshire provided a verbal summary of the consultation

Discussion Held

Parish Council wish it noted that we support this consultation
Supporting email sent 12/12/2021

Enforcement

- 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

Update provided 05/07/21

The complaint is of a breach of a landscaping condition attached to a granted Planning Permission with grass verges not having been reinstated as required. A site visit was carried out on 26 April 2021.

On 4 June 2021 the Parish Council was informed that Planning Enforcement were awaiting submission for an application for discharge of conditions from the Planning Permission, for work that had to be carried out before the verges could be reinstated, and which would include a landscaping plan.

On 24 June an update was sent to the Parish Council to inform them that the formal request to discharge these Conditions had been received; that Planning Enforcement would have to await the decision on that application; and that the Parish Council would be updated further once that was completed.

- 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

Update provided 05/07/21

The Parish Council was informed 12 January 2021 that the site has recently been subject to an approved planning permission (P19/09083/F), for the erection of an outbuilding to form a swimming pool, garage and office. However the complaint is believed to relate to the outbuilding erected to the rear of the existing dwelling house. That building was assessed following a previous complaint in 2017 and found to fall within the allowances of permitted development. Alterations could have been made and the use changed since then and so the council will look to gather additional information and discuss this development with the landowners once lockdown eased and it is permitted to do so.

The case officer said he would update the Parish Council once that further investigation had been carried out. A site visit was carried out on 14 March 2021 but the officer was unable to gain access with the restrictions in place at that time. We are now permitted to use powers to go onto sites and are working through the backlog of those on a prioritised basis. As soon as the status of the outbuilding is determined the case officer will be in touch to let the Parish Council know the results.

- Cllr PGC advised that in conjunction with Planning application P19/7800/F Carpenters Arms that a condition of the works included no resident residing in the 'pub' part until planning decision confirmed.

After review of planning applications Clerk unable to locate condition Cllr PGC has reference and requested Cllr PGC to provide further clarity

Cllr GG has provided the relevant details to report to Enforcement and clerk has reported 23/05/2021- awaiting reference

The complaint was received on 26 May 2021 and a site visit carried out 10 June. This confirmed that the dwelling is being occupied, though the landowner has argued it has been essential for site security. The investigation has been allocated to a case officer and he's going through the details – you should get a response within a week.

Chased 04/08/21 Rob Walsh for an update following complaint from a resident stating that 'out of control' fires are being lit within the development.

Update 17/08 from Rob Walsh

The actions for breach of the Conditions have to remain confidential under GDPR, so can't be discussed by the Parish Council in open session or minuted. But the Breach of Conditions Notice served on the company that owns the site has been returned as they've vacated their published address. We've obtained their new address from Companies House and re-served it.

If they don't comply with the BCN the next stage would be to prosecute them through the courts. One of the reasons for using a BCN is that it stays in place, so if they continue to fail to comply we can prosecute again (judges don't like their verdicts being ignored so the sanctions can escalate quickly). It also means that if they initially comply but then breach again we can prosecute immediately.

Request from Cllr GG 14/10/2021 to request an update as the portal states as closed.

Response received from Head of Enforcement advising case not closed and this is an anomaly in their systems- forwarded to all Council members for oversight

Further update from Enforcement rec'd 28/10/21

I am writing with reference to the above matter , please note that I have recently taken over this matter from my colleague Westley Little who has left the employee of the Council. Further to recent correspondence a visit has been conducted to site and it has been noted that the work towards the breach of conditions 2 and 4 is near completion .With reference to conditions 6, 9 and 13 the agent has been advised that his client is still required, within a month , to submit a formal discharge of conditions application in order for the details to be formally assessed. As required by the notice and the conditions therein. I will update you further when there are significant updates in this matter, by which time a further site visit would have been carried out to inspect that the works are completed in line with the permission.

21.7 Cllr CW advised that a new building is being erected at Ingleside Farm on Chesley Hill and is unable to locate any planning in connection with this building. Councillors commented they believe there is planning however neither Chair nor Clerk can locate on SGC planning portal.

Cllr CW requested clerk to report to enforcement.

Clerk provided chair with planning application details within the portal for overview and requested clarification as to whether to report

Chair confirmed to report-await reference from SGC-COM/22/0002/OD

Footpaths

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

Cams ref 17162

SGC update 29/09 Visited and needs background work and letter.

Chased 04/01/22

9.2 Cllr BD requested clerk contact Public rights of way to ask for a footpath sign to be erected on the footpath close to the Village Hall

Clerk to contact and request via PROWS ref CAMS17472

SGC update 29/09/2021

Erection of new footpath signage next to Wick Village Hall- I assume that you mean adjacent to the stone stile as part of the gates to The Close? If so I have noted the car myself whilst working locally but can't prioritise the sign for the moment

Chased 04/01/22

Cllr BD requested clerk to report footpath no's PBN/28/20 and PBN/26/20. Each year the landowner/s ignore the need to leave the required margins both along the edge and diagonally across the field.

Cams ref CAMS 17596/17597

SGC Rights of way update /rec'd 02/11/2021 confirming the landowners have been advised of the requirements- Clerk has advised Cllr BD

Chased 04/01/22

MISC

4. To Note and confirm Minutes from December's meeting .

Proposed GG

Seconded SF

All in favour 6

Carried

Cllr KH not present at December's meeting

5. Finance

Clerk has drawn up cqs in favour of:

SGC Mow Park

SGC Litter bin emptying

Ashfords solicitors Common Land issues

DM Malley PAYE administrator

HMRC PAYE

J Bray-Warner reimburse for Open Spaces membership, Norton anti virus and stamps

Clerk to request DB to sign cheques. DB will request CW sign cqs.

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

Update received from solicitor 13/01/2022 of which clerk provided detail to Cllrs SA & GG.

Cllr SA provided a brief of the update to PC.

Cllrs SA & GG will provide clerk with a combined response to forward to solicitors.

7. To OVERVIEW Anti Social behaviour

Cllr GG advised of an incident with flytipping along Rock Road which has been reported.

Cllr GG commented that the laybys in Rock Rd which were 'decommissioned' by SGC were still attracting drug taking/dealing and clearly the filling in of the laybys had not deterred this. Cllr GG also commented that previously PC had requested SGC to add 'obstacles' in the laybys to deter parking however this was rejected by SGC.

Cllr GG requested clerk to engage with Chris Harris Highways SGC for another 'walkabout' to try to develop a suitable solution.

Cllr BD commented also that if this could be arranged could the speed camera which is sited near the school be removed as it is an eyesore and no longer works.

Cllr GG also requested clerk to add speed signs as an agenda item in February

Clerk to arrange

Email sent to Chris Harris 14/01/2021

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

Following resident request for library- clerk to add to masterplan

9. To PROVIDE an update from Working party in connection with Village Hall refurbishments

Cllr KH advised that a representative from the Village Hall committee had contacted the contractor for potential dates to undertake the refurbishments- as yet no response from contractor

10. To DISCUSS the possibility of updating the notice boards within the village

Chair provided an update re agenda item .

Discussion held

Cllrs to provide possible locations to clerk

Agenda item February

11. To DISCUSS an Advertisement for a Friends of Brockwell park group to be established

Chair provided clarity regarding agenda item.

Clerk to contact Parish magazine and request an advert for volunteers for a Friends of Brockwell park group

12. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application no P21/07723/F Land to the South of Lodge Rd

Clerk had requested councillors to review application prior to meeting to aid discussion

Discussion held

No Objection

Clerk to update SGC planning portal

13. To DISCUSS the Queen's platinum jubilee and any village plans for celebrating

Cllr GG advised he had not yet contacted the school and requested an advert be placed in the Parish Magazine for any ideas/volunteers

Clerk to contact Parish magazine and request an advert

14. To Continue discussion supporting Wick Sports Ground

A representative from WSG had provided PC with a comprehensive update in their absence.

Cllr KH verbalised the update.

PC requested clerk to schedule a meeting outside of a Parish meeting to discuss the variety of issues WSG are facing

Clerk to arrange

Request to WSG committee members sent 14/01/2022

15. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application P21/07927/F 71 Naishcombe Hill

Clerk had requested councillors to review application prior to meeting to aid discussion

Discussion held

No Objection

Clerk to update SGC planning portal

16. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application P21/08025/F 112 Church Rd

Clerk had requested councillors to review application prior to meeting to aid discussion

Discussion held

No Objection

Clerk to update SGC planning portal

17. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Consultation re All-Age Learning Disability

Assistant to Clerk had provided a summary to PC which had been pre-circulated by clerk

Discussion held

Noted

18. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application no P22/00013/F 79 Naishcombe Hill

Clerk had requested councillors to review application prior to meeting to aid discussion

Discussion held

No Objection

Clerk to update SGC planning portal

19. To REVIEW and RESPOND to Planning application no P21/01865/O Land at Abson Rd resubmission of P19/18252/O

Clerk had requested councillors to review application prior to meeting to aid discussion

Discussion held

PC noted this was a resubmission and requested the same objection to be added to this application

Clerk to update SGC planning portal

20. To NOTE correspondence from:

20.1 Clerk had received a complaint from a resident following an objection PC had submitted regarding their planning application. The complaint has been acknowledged and clerk has provided complainant details of PC

process. Chair has overviewed and confirmed all responses

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

21.1 Cllr DB commented regarding the double roundabout at Bridgegate and that require re-lining

Clerk to contact Cllr Reade for advice

Clerk has reached out to Siston PC to see if this has already been reported

21.2 Cllr GG requested clerk to provide clarity on how local groups request funding from PC.

Clerk to provide Cllr GG process.

Clerk provided process to Cllr GG 14/01/2022

21.3 Cllr BD reported that there are a number of potholes and sunken drains on Homeapple Hill and this is causing the road surface to be dangerous/hazardous to motorcyclists/cyclists and it requires reporting to SGC

Clerk reported 13/01/2022

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

Meeting closed at 21.35