

Wick and Abson Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2022 at The Village Hall 7.15pm

Attendees: Carolyn Williams (CW)- Chair , Peter Crew (PGC) Stuart Fowell (SF), Gaive Golding (GG), Derek Bonas (DB), Bronwen Dyson (BD), Keith Hollister (KH), Simon Alway (SA), Clerk Jo Bray-Warner, and 42 members of the public and Cllr Steve Reade& Cllr Ben Stokes

1. Chair to note apologies and receive/confirm declarations of interest in conjunction with Localism Act 2011
Non attendance Malcolm Watson (MW)

1a. Chair provided details re emergency procedures

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

Declaration of interest:

None

2. Opportunity for the public as appropriate to address the Council.

2.1 Member of the public addressed the council to advise she had been in contact with Senior Planning officials regarding the planning application for Wick Activity Centre. The resident commented she had raised 3 matters with SGC planning including the red deliniated area to which planning permission has been recommended as it does not include the lagoon or pontoons. 10 documents has disappeared from the planning application within SGC portal and also questioned the quality/legality of the transport study. Resident is awaiting a response. She has also she had requested an ancient hedgerow report but has not referred this to Cllr Reade.

2.2 Member of the public commented they were opposed to the Wick Activity Planning application and the proposed access via Rock Rd. The resident advised she had also been in contact with SGC planning and had not received responses.

2.3 Member of the public requested an update as to the developers holding a public meeting.
Chair and Cllr Reade advised the developers have confirmed they will hold a meeting however a confirmed date had not yet been set.

2.4 Member of the public requested an update re Wick Activity Centre planning application and a meeting held with the developers with Cllrs Reade/Stokes and Parish Councillor Fowell -resident requested confirmation of the outputs of meeting.
Cllrs Reade and Fowell provided the clarity.

2.5 Member of the public requested clarity as to whether there is any contingency for additional parking or footfall in conjunction with the Wick Activity planning application
Chair advised she could not comment
Cllr B Stokes provided an update to PC and parishioners with the relevant known details.

2.6 Member of the public commented that the local shop had recently been broken into and requested whether the PC had recently had any correspondence from the police.
Chair confirmed we had not received any recent correspondence.

2.7 Member of the public thanked the PC for requesting the speed visor signs in Naishcombe Hill.

3. Clerks Report

Streetcare Issues:

1. 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
Chased 28/02/2022

SGC update *Works ordered. Please note we are unable to give a time frame for action.*

2. 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--chased 31/01/22
Chased 28/02/2022

SGC update *Works ordered. Please note we are unable to give a time frame for action.*

3. 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

Chased 31/01/2022
Chased 28/02/2022

SGC update *Works ordered. Please note we are unable to give a time frame for action.*

4. 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 reference 1779269

SGC update 09/02/2022 confirmation this is now in the works queue.

Chased 28/02/2022

SGC update *A ticket has been raised for cleaning. Please note we are unable to give a time frame for action.*

6. Cllr PGC advised that a streetlight sited at the bus stop near Highfield Lodge farm is constantly lit and never goes off. Clerk to report

Reported to Streetcare 11/02/2022 ref 1795255

Chased 28/02/2022

SGC update *This was inspected and repaired on the 16/02/2022*

7. Chair advised clerk 2 trees had fallen in the footpath behind Clip factory.

Clerk contacted Cotswold Wardens- Cotswold Wardens have cleared as much as possible -the rest has been reported to Streetcare with photos for identification- Await reference SGC-83642-L9R7

Outstanding item from Previous meetings:

All planning application responses uploaded to SGC portal 11/02/2022

1. 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- Chased through Simon Penfold.

Clerk emailed Cllr PGC re next steps (12/02/2022)

Email sent to Simon Penfold 13/02/2022 for update

Chased 28/02/2022

2. Common Land- Clerk emailed solicitor 11/02/2022 to advise that PC would consider next steps at Feb meeting if other party did not provide relevant information back to the solicitor.

3. Planning application Wick Activity centre/Wick Quarry

Clerk has requested Judicial review process and added to March agenda.

4. Wick Sports Ground- Following confirmation at Feb meeting re PC funding gates, Clerk has contacted Karen Hayes (SGC) to order. Karen has advised that they cannot order the requested gates as they do not use that supplier.

PC will need to arrange gates independently

Clerk currently liaising with WSG & Supplier for order and delivery

5. Speed Visor sign- request sent to SGC 11/02/2022 to request a temporary VAS sign on Naishcombe Hill. SGC provided a potential location- clerk emailed Councillors for suggested site

Through circulation of emails 2 speed visors will be in situ on Naishcombe Hill

6. Allotments- Following Feb meeting, clerk has added to masterplan and requested adverts for a Wick Allotment group on website & Parish mag

7. Asset of Community Value- Following Feb meeting, clerk has advised Helen Hudd SGC re commentary and clerk has received acknowledgement.

ENFORCEMENT

1. 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.

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.

Chased for an update 24/01/2022

2. 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

Update 18/02/2022

After further assessment of the planning history there appears to be a more serious breach of planning control in that this outbuilding has been converted into a single dwelling house and renamed Chestnut House. The 2014 permission was for Ingleside Farmhouse and for an extension of an outbuilding into an ancillary outbuilding. It appears that this outbuilding has now been renamed "Chestnut House" and is a dwelling house. Following a land registry check I have written to the owners requiring more information and to arrange a site visit when I can gain access to make a detailed assessment of what breaches of planning control have occurred. I have made the owner aware that if no contact is made then more formal action could be commenced.

3. Cllr KH advised that Valley View Cottage who received planning permission against reference P21/003/76F to erect a detached double garage appears to have 'blocked up with bricks' the front of the garage where the 'traditional door' should be and requested clerk to report.

Clerk reported to Enforcement 20/01/2022 providing extract from planning portal showing the plan for the door and a photo which clearly shows the area for the door 'bricked up'

Enforcement reference COM/22/0039/OD

Feb 22- Cllr BD commented that the newly erected front wall at this property has encroached onto the highway and increased the size of the front garden- clerk requested Enforcement to review in conjunction with existing application

4. Windyridge, Abson Road, Wic, Bristol, BS30 5TS.

Cllr PGC advised that it appears that a horse menage with lighting has been erected at the rear of the property. Clerk has checked the various planning applications for the last 10 years on the portal including the following references: P20/06547/F, PK16/5315/F, PK15/1639/F, PK09/5742/CLP, And there appears to be no application for this addition to the property. The resident reported it also commented that the lights are causing light pollution and are a distraction whilst driving along Abson Rd due to the brightness.

Reported to Enforcement 11/02/2022 ref COM/22/0077/OD

5. Manor Cottage, Manor Rd

Cllr CW requested clerk to report as a potential HMO

Reported 11/02/2022 to Enforcement reference COM/22/0081/COU

SGC update 04/03/2022

I am writing to advise that following an initial visit from an investigation officer it would appear that an annex at the above address has been discovered , I have prepared a PCN to establish further facts , I will report back when this has been issued , completed and returned

Footpaths

1. 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 & 21/01/22

Update 21/01/2022

Meeting arrange for PROW and Landowner w/c 24/01/2022

Chased 31/01/2022 for update

2. Member of the public advised that the stile on the footpath behind the factory as it joins the lane requires replacing- Cllr SF also commented that the stile before the bridge is dangerous as it has nails sticking out
Clerk to report- reported 11/02/2022

CAMS17569

CAMS15849

4. To Note and confirm meetings from previous month.

Proposed SF

Seconded DB

All in favour 8

Carried

5. Clerk to provide financial update for Council and request cheques to be signed in accordance with Bank mandate

Clerk has drawn up eqs in favour of:

SGC

SGC

HMRC

Wick Village Hall

Mow Park
Litter bin emptying
PAYE
Hall hire

Clerk to requested DB & CW to sign cheques.

6. Cllr GG/Clerk to provide an update for ongoing issue with common land on Chesley Hill

Clerk had pre-circulated the latest update from solicitors whereby PC were provided 2 choices

- a. Continue with negotiations with other party
- b. Commence court proceedings.

Discussion held

Proposal by GG to commence Court proceedings as negotiation route had failed.

Seconded SA

All in favour 8

Carried

Clerk to advise solicitor

7. Council to review next steps in conjunction with planning application for Wick Activity Centre

Following comment in public participation. Chair advised Parish Council have continued the oppose the access route through Rock Road and have exhausted all options. Chair advised to possibly undertake a judicial review would likely costs tens of thousands of pounds. Chair asked councillors for comments:

Cllr GG provided his comments

Chair requested Ward Councillors to obtain the required answers from point 2.1 in the minutes and share with PC

Ward Councillors verbally confirmed they would follow this up with SGC planning.

Cllr BD requested whether PC could create a criteria regarding calling in applications.

Cllr SA provided an example of a similar application he had knowledge of.

Cllr SF commented PC have undertaken as much as we can.

8. Council to review and confirm the siting of a new litter bin near Oldbury Lane.

Chair provided clarity regarding the request for an additional litter bin.

Discussion held

Proposal by CW for clerk to review costs for purchasing and installing a new litter bin and agenda item for April.

Seconded SF

All in favour 8

carried

9. Council to receive an update from the Village Hall working party from Cllrs Gaive Golding/Keith Hollister/Malcolm Watson/Simon Alway.

Cllr KH advised PC and public that the improvements to the toilets will commence 14th March and continue for 8 weeks. The aim is for this all to be completed by 1st May

10. Council to continue discussion regarding Wick Sports Ground

Representative from WSG provided verbal update including:

- WSG have received the full leak allowance however still have the ongoing problem with the existing water pipe
- WSG have contacted adjoining neighbours re requesting an easement over the land to potentially install a new pipe- awaiting a response
- After recent storms all 3 cesspits were full as ground could not soak any more water. WSG are still reviewing options for this ongoing challenge.
- Picnic are almost finished

11. Council to confirm volunteers for the following working groups:

- Friends of Brockwell Park—No volunteer applications received
- Friends of Wick Allotment—No volunteers applications received

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A meeting was arranged by a local resident in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th March whereby discussion were held and proposals were tabled. A detailed plan will be provided by working group in due course.

However the working group requested an agreement in principle from Parish Council on 2 items:

1. Support with costs for portaloos
2. Support with costs for generator hire

Cllr proposed PC support both requests

Seconded SF

All in favour 8

Carried

Once further details are provided by working group- clerk to contact Chew Valley hire for quotes for both items

12. Cllr Gaive Golding to provide and update on behalf of Wick Community pub group

Cllr GG provided an update as to the latest developments involving Wick Community Group and the Carpenters Arms. He confirmed that the developers had requested the removal of Asset of Community Value and the group have opposed this and also a request from the developer to remove certain criteria from the planning application which again the group have objected to.

Cllr GG requested PC also support the objections regarding removal of AOCV and the discharge of conditions
Clerk to action

13. Council to consider arrangements for the Annual Assembly for the Parish of Wick and Abson and April Meeting.

Clerk advised due to annual leave she would be unable to attend April's scheduled meeting.

Chair requested the date be moved

Agreement for next meeting 7th April

Clerk advised that the Annual Assembly of the Parish of Wick and Abson is required to be arranged.

Cllr KH to advise of availability of Village Hall in May

14. Council to overview and confirm financial charges from South Glos Council in conjunction with Brockwell Park

Clerk had pre-circulated the costings received from SGC- this accounted for a 6.3% uplift for 2022.

Discussion held

Proposal by CW to accept new contract with SGC

Seconded GG

All in favour 8

Clerk to contact SGC to advise of acceptance and request a cutting plan

15. Cllr Simon Alway to lead discussion on options to enhance communications/notices from Parish Council
Cllr SA provided clarity re agenda item and a suggestion to have a page each month in the Parish Mag.

Discussion held

Cllr CW advised that the latest edition requested residents to advise whether they still wished the Parish magazine to continue

No action at present to take forward

16. Council to review and confirm details for new residential notice board within the village.

Following discussion in February a further discussion was held about potentially having a Residents notice board on the green by the shops.

Request from PC for clerk to investigate the costings of purchase and installation.

17. Council to continue discussions regarding the possibility of a local library/book swap initiative

Following residents request for a 'cabinet' to be purchased to have a book swap/library within the village- clerk had received a quotation for £1250.00 for a perspex box to be installed in one of the bus stops. Clerk had pre-circulated quotation for overview

Discussion held

Due to potential vandalism etc Parish Council decided not to take this any further.

18. Council to consider and respond to Planning application P22/00270/F Wick Football Club

Clerk had requested Councillors to preview application prior to meeting.

Discussion held
No Objection

19. Council to consider and respond to Planning application P22/01362/RVC Land adjoining Court Lane.
Clerk had requested Councillors to preview application prior to meeting.

Discussion held

Object on the grounds of Encroachment of Green belt land and also within Boyd Valley Corridor
Clerk to add to planning portal

Also during the discussion it was discovered that an existing planning application was in breach as one of the pre conditions was that no further building permanent or temporary be constructed in the field and PC requested that these conditions be respected as currently a further building had been erected.

Clerk to report to Enforcement

20. Council to overview and comment on Consultation for New Local Plan: Phase 2 – Urban, Rural and Key Issues

Cllr GG suggested that Councillors and public attend one of the webinars. Cllr GG suggested it was essential Parish Council had a neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Reade advised that clerk should invite Danny Dickson along to a Parish meeting to provide details around the setting up of a plan

21. Council to overview the quotation for repairs to Parish Council owned Bus shelters

Clerk had pre-circulated a quote for repairs however there appeared to be a typo- clerk to clerk and add to Aprils agenda

22. Council and Ward Councillor to discuss next steps for planning application P21/07243/O Land to the South of High Street/Church Rd.

Cllr Reade provided clarity re agenda item and requested PC and Parishioners opinion. PC confirmed they do not support the application and requested Ward Councillor Reade to call this application in.

Cllr Reade requested clerk to email planning and request it be added to the circulated schedule

23. Clerk and Councilors to provide update as to any correspondence received since last meeting

Planning notices:

P22/0030/F 25 Parkers Avenue

Approve with Conditions

P22/0577/CLP Fairview

Approve Certificate of Lawfulness

P22/00520/F Manor Cottage

Application withdrawn

Quarterly maintenance contract circulated to Council.

23.1 Cllr GG requested Cllr Reade investigate why Wick was chosen as a high development area in conjunction with the Local Nature Action plan

Cllr Reade provided clarity

23.2 Cllr GG commented that Pucklechurch PC have had a speed table installed and requested whether Cllr Reade had been involved.

Cllr Reade provided details

23.3 Cllr PGC requested clerk report that the road gulleys from Homeapple Hill towards the Griffin pub in Siston be cleared as they are overflowing.

Clerk to report

23.4 Cllr PGC requested clerk to reopen the Enforcement regarding Wick Quarry and wheel washing

Clerk to action

23.5 Cllr CW requested clerk to report a pothole in the middle of Naishcombe Hill near nos 3-5

Clerk to report

24. Councilors to confirm any matters for inclusion in next meeting.

24.1 Cllr PGC requested hedge planting on Mendip View

Meeting Closed at 22.10