

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

Attendees: Stuart Fowell (SF)- Chair , Peter Crew (PGC) Gaive Golding (GG), Keith Hollister (KH), Bronwen Dyson (BD) Richard Stallard (RS) James Williams (JW) Clerk Jo Bray-Warner, Cllr S Reade and 56 members of the public

1. Chair to note apologies and receive/confirm declarations of interest in conjunction with Localism Act 2011
Cllr Simon Always
Non attendance- Malcolm Watson (MW)
No declarations of interest
- 1a. Chair to explain emergency procedures
Chair provided clarity regarding procedures
2. Opportunity for the public as appropriate to address the Council.
Prior to requesting comments from members of the public, Cllr SF provided an update on Parish Council (PC) activities for Planning applications P21/07243/O Land to the South of High St/Church Rd. Cllr SF confirmed PA have objected to the application and read out o the members of the public the content for the objection for clarity. Cllr SF also advised/requested that members of the public if they wish to do so make comment via the South Gloucestershire Council Planning portal.
Cllr SF noted that following the erection of the hoarding at the site, this has been reported to Enforcement and this issue will be considered by SGC Enforcement through due process.
Cllr Reade provided an update and clarity around planning processes and he clarified his role within the process.
Cllr SF requested comments from the public.
 - 2.1 Member of the public asked for clarity regarding the infilling of the ponds which were in situ in the 1950's 1960's.
Cllr SF & Cllr Reade commented that this would be a consideration of the developer and could not comment.
 - 2.2 Member of the public commented regarding a letter she had received following an objection she had placed, member of the public commented that the consultation for a response from SGC was 1 day.
Cllr Reade advised he would investigate as this was unacceptable.
 - 2.3 Member of public commented that his concern was regarding the legality of the developer.
Cllr SF confirmed this has been raised with SGC and Cllr Ben Stokes has advised that currently Marie Bath Head of Planning is investigating.
 - 2.4 Member of the public commented regarding the safety of the erection of the hoardings, she made the point that she has attended various incidents over the years in the field and that with the hoardings in place this could encourage Anti-Social behaviour
Cllr SF acknowledge the comment.
 - 2.5 Member of the public commented that the planned access for vehicles could cause further accidents on the A420 as it is almost directly opposite the junction for Naishcombe Hill with no traffic management suggested.
Cllr Reade acknowledged the comments and provided additional commentary.
 - 2.6 Member of the public thanks Cllr Reade for his support during the pandemic and his involvement regarding the visitors and ensuring challenges for the Nature Reserve. Member of the public also commented regarding the proposed car park at the development.
 - 2.7 Member of the public requested opinion as to whether it would be beneficial in contacting the MP.
Cllr SF provided clarity.

3. Council to discuss and respond to planning application P22/04136/CLP 27 Mendip View
Clerk had requested Council to review the application prior to the meeting and Planning sub-committee also reviewed.
Discussion held
Wick and Abson Parish Council have no objection to this application however request a condition to be added that ensure the named individual on the application who will reside is the sole user for the period of occupancy for the temporary structure.
Clerk to update planning portal
4. Council to discuss and respond to planning application P22/02926/HH 63 Milford Avenue
Clerk had requested Council to review the application prior to the meeting and Planning sub-committee also reviewed.
Discussion held- No further comments to be added
5. Council to discuss and respond to planning application P21/07243/O Land to the South of High Street/Church Road.
Following on from comments contained in Public participation PC undertook another discussion.
No further commentary to be added to existing objection on SGC portal however Chair will write to The Week in letters page encouraging residents to voice their views.
Clerk to contact Wick School to advise of the planning application and request this to be raised with the Board of Governors
6. Council to discuss and respond to planning application no P22/04240/HH 3 Dower Cottages.
Clerk had requested Council to review the application prior to the meeting and Planning sub-committee also reviewed.
Discussion held- No objection
Clerk to update planning portal
7. Cllr KH to lead discussion regarding Wick Sports Ground
Cllr KH provided clarity regarding the agenda item, he advised that himself and a representative from WSG have been trying to obtain 2 easements to install the new water pipe. WSG have obtained one easement however the other landowner has refused permission. WSG are now reverting to Bristol Water with alternative options.
8. Council to review correspondence from South Glos Council regarding Asset of Community Value- Carpenters Arms
Clerk pre-circulated a letter received from SGC regarding the notification the owners of the Carpenters Arms are proposing to sale the property and SGC requested commentary from Wick & Abson PC as to whether as a PC we would be expressing an interest in purchase.
Discussion held
Cllr GG that as a representative of Wick Community Pub they had not received any of the notifications and requested PC to advise SGC that Wick Community Pub will be expressing an interest.
Council were in agreement for clerk to advise SGC on behalf of W & A PC that Wick Community Pub will be forwarding an expression of interest.
Email sent to Helen Hudd 11/08/2022 cc'd Cllr GG

9. Clerk and Councillors to provide update as to any correspondence received since last meeting.
 - 9.1 Planning notification: P21/06706/F Hartwood Farm- Approve with Conditions.
 - 9.2 Clerk had received a request from a resident requesting permission to use Brockwell Park for a 'boot camp' style activity.

Discussion held- Clerk to contact the resident suggesting use of Wick Sports Ground or Village Hall due to the facilities these venues can offer. Clerk contacted the resident 10/08/2022

10. Councillors to provide any updates and confirm any matters for inclusion at next meeting
 - 10.1 Cllr BD commented to Cllr Reade her frustration with Streetcare and the persistent request for litter picks and pavement clearing along Riding Barn Hill.
Cllr Reade advised clerk to 'cc' him into any emails.
 - 10.2 Cllr KH noted that historic village hall records have been located and in due course he will overview them all and provide PC any relevant information.
 - 10.3 Cllr GG advised that the quarry are still pumping water into the river, he also advised that the quarry manager has offered an open invitation for anyone wishing an overview/tour of the quarry- it will just require an appointment to be made.
 - 10.4 Cllr SF advised that the resident at 2 Milford Avenue has now secured all the relevant documentation to utilise the disabled parking space.

Meeting closed 21.55