

Wick and Abson Parish Council
Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 6th April 2023 at The Village Hall 7.15pm

Attendees:, Chair Stuart Fowell, Peter Crew (PGC) Gaive Golding (GG), Bronwen Dyson (BD) , Richard Stallard (RS) Keith Hollister (KH), James Williams (JPW), Simon Alway (SA), Clerk Jo Bray-Warner, Ward Cllr Steve Reade Cllr Ben Stokes and 10 members of the public

1. Chair to note apologies and receive/confirm declarations of interest in conjunction with Localism Act 2011.

Apologies Malcolm Watson (MW)

Declarations of Interest- none

- 1a. Chair to explain emergency procedures.

Chair provided clarity regarding procedures

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

2.1 Member of the public requested an update to an 'unsafe' manhole cover he had commented on in previous months.

Clerk advised that the cover was sited on private property and SGC had written to the resident to advise of the hazard.

2.2 Member of the public requested clarity regarding the planning application for Land to the South of High Street.

Chair provided verbal update of the current situation and commented it was an agenda item.

Cllr S Reade also provided additional information including advising public to resubmit any objection comment & confirmation of the required dates of appeal:

Appeal lodged 28/03/2023

Statement due date 27/04/2023

Enquiry evidence due date 30/05/2023

Event date 27/06/2023

Cllr Reade confirmed resident were able to attend the public enquiry, he also advised he would (if re-elected) be at the public enquiry and SGC will send a required representative.

Cllr Reade suggested PC would like to nominate a Councillor also to attend.

Cllr BD advised the public to review the SGC planning portal as this contains all the relevant information over the last few years and she also commented new documents have recently been added. Cllr BD also verbalised that if the public are going re-submit any objection they should visit the 'very special circumstances' outlined in the appeal document and try to counteract any comments.

2.3 Member of the public commented he would be reiterating his objection via the Planning Inspectorate in conjunction with the appeal for application Land to the South of Hugh street.

2.4 Member of the public commented that Ian Gethin (SGC Conservation officer) had visited Wick Court from the heritage perspective and had requested further information from the residents. Member of public advised he felt support by Ian Gethin.

2.5 Member of the public advised PC that residents may not be aware of the appeal to the refusal decision for planning application in conjunction with Land to South of High Street and suggested PC undertake a leaflet drop to advise residents.

Chair advised this would be discussed under the agenda item

2.6 Cllr B Stokes advised that he and Cllr Reade are acutely aware of the state of the roads in the village and commented they are constantly 'pushing' SGC for action. Cllr Reade suggested any member of the public who wished to report potholes use the SGC app.

Cllr JPW (PC Webmaster) advised the link is also on PC website.

3. Council to review appeal reference no APP/P0119/W/23/3317555 Land to the South of High Street/Church Road. Cllr SF summarised the previous comments during public participation and requested Councillors for any further comments.

Cllr RS proposed PC create a 'leaflet/flyer' and post details on facebook page/notice boards and website advising residents of the current situation regarding the appeal

Discussion held

Seconded GG

All in favour 8

Carried

Cllr SF proposed the leaflet/flyer should also include reference to the PC objection to the planning application

Seconded GG

All in favour 6

2 Councillors did not vote

Cllr JPW verbalised 2 points in conjunction with the appeal:

1. The Parish Council Housing needs survey undertaken in 2017 did not identify a large number of requests for affordable housing.
2. The infrastructure also requires review, an example being the water treatment plant discharged 170 hrs over the first six weeks of this year indicating the current system is not sufficient to support additional housing as this would create additional pressure on the treatment plant.

Cllr BD commented that the original objection PC submitted to the application requires revisiting and requested this to be an agenda item in April.

Clerk to add to agenda

4. Cllr JPW to lead conversation on adopting a policy for donations and grants for Parish Council

Cllr JPW provided clarity regarding the introduction of a new policy for any groups/organisations requesting grant funding from Parish Council

Discussion Held

Proposal by SF to adopt policy

Seconded GG

All in favour 8

Carried and to be implemented with immediate effect

5. Council to review and confirm adoption of Equality and Diversity policy

Cllr SF requested if any further clarity was requested for adopting policy- no comment from Council

Proposal by SF to adopt policy

Seconded PGC

All in favour 8

6. Council to review and confirm adoption of Safeguarding Children and Young People and Adults at Risk Policy
Cllr SF requested if any further clarity was requested for adopting policy- no comment from Council
Proposal by SF to adopt policy
Seconded PGC
All in favour 8

7. Clerk and Councillors to provide update as to any correspondence received since last meeting
 - 7.1 Clerk had received a request from Bristol Boys Brigade to utilise Brockwell Park for their annual celebration and requested approval from PC
Discussion held
Proposal by SF to allow even to take place
Seconded PGC
All in favour 8
Clerk to advise
Advised 06/04/23

 - 7.2 Clerk had received notification from SGC regarding the removal of a waste bin at Naishcombe Hill due to new ownership and had suggested PC would like to re-site it.
Discussion held.
Cllr RS suggested to re-site on the junction of Holbrook Lane/St Annes Drive
Cllr PGC requested clerk to investigate if the increase of another bin would significantly increase emptying costs.
Clerk to connect with SGC
Email sent 06/04/23

 - 7.3 Clerk has been liaising with Mark Seabrook (Highways SGC) re moving cattle sign. SGC had provided suggested re-location and clerk requested council approval.
After review decision to request the sign to be moved closer to junction with Lodge road
Clerk to reconnect with SGC
Email sent 06/04/23

8. Councillors to provide any updates and confirm any matters for inclusion at next meeting
 - 8.1 Cllr JPW advised the notice board on the bus stop of Naishcombe Hill has 'sprung a leak' and therefore unusable currently.
Cllr SA advised he would review

Meeting closed 9.00pm