

WICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 25th March, 2019 at 7.30pm

A meeting of Wick Community Council was held at Wick Sports Pavilion

	MEETING OPENED: The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm.
	MEMBERS PRESENT:
	Cllr D Ambrose, Cllr S Dearlove, Cllr C Hawkins, Cllr K Jauncey, Cllr J Purcell, Cllr P Murphy and Cllr S Edwards, Vale Ward Councillor Apologies, Cllr R Lewis
19.024	POLICE REPORT:
19.024.1	Pcso Stone reported that there had been no crimes reported to the Police since our last meeting. The Police were carrying out an operation in respect of knife crime.
19.025	DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
19.025.1	None
19.026	PUBLIC SESSION
19.026.1	A member of public addressed the meeting on the subject of grass cutting on the village green and communications. Clerk to write to Vale concerning the single use sports facilities policy applying to this area.
19.027	MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2019
19.027.1	The Minutes of the February meeting were agreed Proposed, Cllr K Jauncey, Seconded Cllr S Dearlove
19.028	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING
19.028.1	19.016.1 Web Site. Cllr Phil Murphy reported on work that he had done on the new website. A link would be sent to members to allow them to view the new site. There was discussion on how the site would be paid for, Clerk to enquire with Barclays Bank as to a debit card.
19.028.2	19.016.2 It was still hoped to set up a meeting with the Community Art Project. Cllr Edwards asked that information on the new project received so far be circulated to councillors.
19.028.3	19.016.3 The Clerk reported that grant funding of £2087.17 had been received for the play equipment agreed previously. This had been ordered. Following discussions with the grant officer it had been noted that the Community Council would be able to reclaim VAT on the purchase and there was an expectation that the full amount would be spent on play equipment and that the community council would not make a profit on the grant. It was agreed that the clerk should order up to £500 worth of consumable craft items to supplement the equipment already received. It was noted that, due to the short timescale for this grant and the reluctance of some suppliers to open credit accounts or take cheque payments that the clerk would pay for the equipment by credit card and would be refunded. Proposed: Cllr J Purcell, Seconded Cllr D Ambrose
19.028.4	19.020.3 The IT and website training which Cllr Jauncey had been due to attend had been cancelled as insufficient numbers had signed up to it.

19.029	FINANCE:
19.029.1	The Clerk circulated a written financial report
19.029.2	The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Barclays Bank concerning alternative payment options to cheques and it had been suggested that electronic banking would be appropriate to satisfy the requirement for two signatures authorising each payment. However, Cllr Murphy pointed out that the new website required a card payment. Clerk to go back to bank to further enquire about a debit card.
19.029.3	The Clerk reported that due to the additional work taken on in respect of the Pavilion he would be stepping down from the RFO role at the AGM.
19.030	PLANNING MATTERS:
19.030.1	Decisions. 2019/00018/FUL Dunnock House extension. - Approved 2017/00282/L
19.030.2	Applications. 2019/00124/FUL Serenbrook, Chapel Road, Wick – Extension. No observations
19.030.3	Decisions 2017/00282/L Retrospective permission – Land at rear of Amberley House – Construction of dwelling - Refused.
19.031	CORRESPONDENCE:
19.31.1	Wick and Marcross Church in Wales School – Appointment of minor authority governor. It was resolved that Cllr Purcell be appointed Minor Authority Governor. Proposed: Cllr K Jauncey, Seconded Cllr S Dearlove
19.031.2	Wales Air Ambulance - Request for funds. It was agreed that the service provided an essential service, particularly in the coastal area. Donation of £100 agreed Proposed: Cllr C Hawkins, Seconded, Cllr K Jauncey
19.032	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES etc
19.032.1	Cllr Purcell reported on a meeting of the Village Hall Committee. It had been a very positive meeting although concern had been expressed about the stray sheep in the village. Clerk to contact Police about them.
19.032.2	Cllr Dearlove reported on the recent Old Time Music Hall event which had been well attended.
19.033	SPORTS PAVILION
19.033.1	Cllrs Dearlove and Hawkins reported on the meeting which had been held with staff from the Vale Council and contractors at the Sports Pavilion. A price was to be obtained to replace the existing roof with a similar roof, guaranteed for 25 years. Alternative options suggested by councillors had been described as too expensive by the Vale Council. To reduce costs the skylights and the tank on the roof would be removed. Clerk to circulate floor plan of Pavilion to all councillors. It was agreed to advertise the Pavilion in the Fete programme at a cost of £50 Proposed: Cllr K Jauncey, Seconded, Cllr J Purcell

	It was agreed that councillors should hold a discussion on the future use of the Pavilion, priorities etc and consider setting up a premises sub-committee Possible date 4 th April at 8.00pm. Clerk to circulate to check availability.
19.034	OTHER BUSINESS
19.034.1	There was a discussion on the question of grass cutting charges. The situation was unclear with the Vale having indicated they would be charging for cutting all areas not owned by them e.g. Village Green and green at Church Street. No date for this or likely costs had yet been received. Clerk to email D Knevett to query the imposition of the single use sports club policy on the village green. Also charges to be made for cutting the cricket outfield and rugby ground. The Vale had been in discussions with respective sports clubs over this. It was agreed that a commitment from the Community Council to meeting grass cutting costs could not be given until the full implications were known. A decision on the rugby field was expected shortly. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Council should agree to reimburse the cricket club for the additional cuts they needed up to £330 with an understanding that further discussions should be held once the full situation was known.
19.034.2	Proposed: Cllr J Purcell, Seconded Cllr D Ambrose.
19.034.3	Items for the proposed newsletter were discussed. They included an update on the Pavilion and Rugby Field which should be known shortly. The play equipment, new councillor etc. The clerk would circulate a draft copy once the information on rugby field had been received.
10.034.4	It was agreed that the Clerk should look again at the possibility of a noticeboard at St James gardens. The previous choice had been too expensive for David Wilson Homes. It was also agreed that minutes of meetings be displayed alongside agendas on the community council notice board. It was suggested the clerk look at the Community Council notice board at Broadlands.
19.035	DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:
19.035.1	It was agreed that the next meeting would be Thursday 18 th April 2019 at 7.30pm.
Clerk signature Date	Chairperson signature Date