

Wickham Residents' Association (WRA)

Annual General Meeting Minutes 23rd April 2025

Location: Wickham Community Centre

Total Number of attendees =33

Note: please refer to the attachments for more information.

Welcome and Introduction

The Chairperson Wendy House, welcomed members who were attending and introduced the names of the current committee: Mike Perkins, Steve Brown, Ben Jones, Geoff Burton, Stephanie Cruse, David Hunt

Apologies for absences

Robert Broad, Suzi Broad, David Wilkinson, David Hunt, Geoff Burton

Receive and approve the minutes of the last AGM of 04.04.24

Chairperson' Report

The review of the constitution of the WRA will be reviewed this year and will be ready to be present at next year's AGM (not at this years AGM as hoped as taking longer than expected). All other info – see attachments

Voting in new Committee members

Vote taken for taking on Committee member Stephanie Cruse - 28 Yes 0 no 0 abstainers

Vote taken for taking on Committee member Ben Jones - 28 yes 0 no 0 abstainers

Vote taken “ “ “ “ “ David Hunt 28 yes 0 no 0 abstainers

Traffic Report

Prepared by Geoff Burton (absent) and presented by Mike Perkins. See Power Point presentation.

Pedestrian Crossing at School Road - Pat Matthews, Phil Gadd and Katharine Halliday raised questions and information on the pedestrian crossing suggested needed in the traffic plan. The Parish Council have said this will be done now.

Planning – The planning application by Croudace for the building of houses on the land adjacent to the Glebe has been refused by the Council (see further details on power point presentation). There is a likelihood this may be resubmitted if circumstances change.

Funtley Tipping – See report on power point presentation.

Conrad Energy Solar Farm – Mike Perkins spoke on site activity and showed detailed map that can be seen on the power point presentation.

Southern Water Plans

See power point presentation slide prepared by David Hunt (absent) and presented by The Chairperson Wendy House.

Drainage Steve Brown is collecting information about resident's issues and members were asked to contact him with any of issues they have. Ben Jones shared some of his personal issues with members.

When Steve has collected and collated the information the WRA will make a report and which can then be put forward to try and get these rectified.

SpeedWatch

See Power point presentation for the report and map of approved sites.

We are an accredited group and operate under Police terms. There are 3 approved sites at the point of the meeting with one further site awaiting approval in Titchfield Lane.

Speed watch group are building a file on issues found on the roads and stats are shown as a graph on the slide in the presentation.

3 new volunteers have recently been recruited and 2 more have come forward and may join shortly.

There was a thank you from the Chair for all the volunteers. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Chairpersons Report

See copy.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to become a member of the committed was encouraged to get in touch.

Financial Report

See power point presentation.

It was noted by the Chair to the members that although committee costs are low there are costs incurred. The day-to-day costs are very often met by the individual committee members but other items and projects dealt with sometimes require further financing. An appeal for donations was made and these could be by cash or via the link on the website.

Questions and Answers.

PG asked to speak on Neighbourhood plan and did so

SF asked about what sites were proposed for 100 houses – answers given by parish councillor attending NH. Concerns were raised re village consultation and NH responded that would not be an issue now.

WH asked for for parish council questionnaire

EG upset that WRA not supporting Conrads application for a 10 field solar farm MP stated WRA concerned that Titchfield lane not appropriate for all the traffic this would generate and referenced a report stating 20+ pinch points where a lorry and car could not pass by each other safely. WH explained how she concerned as Conrad met WRA and stated 2 fields only involved – then put in application for 10. EG offered all to view her farm and its eco credentials – MP assured her were not in any way trying to stop farmers from earning through their land – but concerned ref this planning application for the reasons stated.

CB asked if we had £s breakdown for 20 mile per hour signs – answer approx. £20k. Discussed the idea of 20 miles per hour in wickham. RJ mentioned speedbumps as an option. WH said WRA looking at getting quotes for all suggested works on Traffic Master Plan – was suggested WRA go back to highways etc with one item at a time.

PG concerned that Parish Council questionnaires needed a postcode to prove that respondents ate Wickham residents – NH replied in his capacity as councillor.

SC talked about imbalance between Knowle and Wickham ref boundaries/houses. WH replied WRA happy to work alongside KRA. SC said about KRA and WRA amalgamating – WH pointed out that KRA had asked WRA about this and then changed there minds before this could be explored.