

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Parish Councillors: K Barker (Chairman), A Makepeace, R Mainwaring, L Moss, P O'Halloran, S Parr, D Pugh and D Turner.
Parish Clerk: A Dunabin

In Attendance: Unitary Councillors: Byram and Wright.
PCSO Hambleton; Beth Allcock.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Casson, Holman and Smith and were accepted by the Parish Council.
- 2. DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** Cllr Turner declared a prejudicial interest in item 14; Cllrs O'Halloran and Mainwaring declared personal interests in item 14.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** were confirmed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Makepeace.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was reported at the last meeting that Cllr Byram was intending to call in application 11/05337/FUL by the Blue Group. However, he has been assured by the case officer that the traffic signals and the road improvements will go ahead and that controls will be put in place to restrict HGV movements between the hours of 2300 and 600. However, it looks like they will be able to work 24/7. The application will be dealt with under delegated powers.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllrs Wright and Byram gave a report which contained the following items:

- There is no decision yet on the Lion Salt works application but as the brine compensation board has raised no objections it is likely that permission will be granted.
- The application for 64 Park Homes at Marston won't be called in but there are no further updates.
- Council tax will be kept at a minimum. This will go to council next week.
- There is no news on the Wincham Urban Village application. Cllrs will attend the brine board meeting tomorrow.
- A Planning application for an agricultural building at Meg Road in Antrobus has received a considerable number of objections.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PCSO HAMBLETON

PCSO Hambleton gave his report which contained the following items:

- An uninsured vehicle has been seized.
- There was a theft of power tools from a garage on Linnards Lane.
- Boy racers were apprehended in the Black Greyhound car park
- Children are playing in the road on Shores Green Drive.
- There have been a number of parking disputes on Chapel Street.

- The speed gun has been deployed and 25 people have been prosecuted for speeding.
- The weight restriction is still in place on Chapel Street.
- Two further driver days are planned.
- Further youth events are planned and it is hoped that support from the unitary cllrs will be forthcoming.
- PCSO Hambleton will be on holiday during March and cover will be arranged.

In response to a query PCSO Hambleton advised that prevention of dog fouling was the responsibility of Streetscene.

7. RECRUITMENT OF NEW CLERK

Resolved: that the recruitment process be handled by Cllrs Barker, Moss and O'Halloran with input from the clerk.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Resolved: that Cllrs Barker, O'Halloran and Turner meet with a representative of spatial planning prior to inviting the village representatives to attend a meeting

9. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Resolved: that the Parish Council will support the PTA in the organisation of a village celebration on 12 or 19 May 2012. Cllrs Pugh and Turner volunteered to contact a PTA representative and report back to the next meeting.

10. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved: that the cost of removing the goalposts, storing and painting them of £161.00 be accepted. Proposed Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllr Turner. A cllr raised the question of the resident who had encroached upon the playing field. The clerk reported that a letter had been sent and the recipients were most apologetic.

11. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

Resolved: that the recommendations of the communications sub-committee be accepted. A suggestion to hold surgeries prior to council meetings was welcomed. A number of cllrs volunteered to attend as did PCSO Hambleton. A cllr will obtain costings and potential locations for a new noticeboard. More people are required to deliver newsletters throughout the village.

12. VILLAGE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Resolved: that the updates on the forthcoming performance and youth club be accepted. PCSO Hambleton has agreed to help with the youth club. A solution to the problem of storage of equipment is critical to moving this forward.

Cllrs Byram and Wright left the meeting.

13. GRASS VERGES IN WINCHAM

A cllr advised that she was in the process of gathering information from a variety of sources to see how this problem could be ameliorated.

14. PLANNING

- a. Decisions: None to report.
- b. Refusals: None to report.
- c. Applications:

11/05883/FUL – Single storey side extension 69 Linnards Lane Wincham
No objections.

11/05989/HAZ Storage of hazardous substances (toxic, oxidising and dangerous for the environment) G Cross and Sons Ltd, Chapel Street, Wincham. This is a retrospective application and been put in as a result of H&SE investigations. Resolved: that the Parish Council objects to this application Proposed Cllr O’Halloran; seconded Cllr Makepeace.

12/00097/FUL two storey extension to existing industrial unit. Unit 8 Concraft Business Park Wincham. No hours of operation have been supplied, although a noise impact assessment has been carried out which recommends that vehicle movements be restricted to daytime hours (0900-1730). It was agreed to ask for conditions to be placed upon any grant of planning permission.

This item for information only: A developer who is proposing to build 16 affordable homes on Keats Field has been in contact with the clerk. Members agreed to invite a representative to attend the next meeting of the council.

- d. Enforcement: Application 10/04172/FUL conditions are being breached (12/00068EBCN). Cllr O’Halloran has the details and will ask for a meeting with officers from planning enforcement.

15. ACCOUNTS

- a. Northwich Town Council Contract work - £192.60
Subscription to Journal of Local Planning - £50.00
Wincham Community Centre Hire of Hall - £29.75
Land Registry fee - £40.00
Clerk’s salary - £305.94
Chairman’s expenses – £47.84
Clerk’s expenses - £26.26

All agreed.

- b. Net Balances: Current Account £200.00
Reserve Account £9960.43 (of which PP grant £1947.37, grant for Playing Field £2150.00)
Bonus Saver Account £4681.26

16. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Items of general correspondence were received and noted:

- a. The secretary of St John the Evangelist Church at Lostock has written to ask for a grant towards the cutting of the grass in the churchyard. This was agreed at the same level as last year; proposed Cllr Parr, seconded Cllr Pugh.
- b. Connecting Communities event organised by CCA on Wednesday 7 March.
- c. ChALC proposals to facilitate two Parish conferences within the CWaC area which will replace the area meetings.
- d. Cheshire Community Development letter enclosing information regarding first aid training, CRB checks and payroll. Also leaflets on rural bus services which will operate in Wincham at 10 am each Thursday; potential users have to complete an application form.
- e. Email from Mike Solari regarding the cleansing programme now in place for Wincham. As the village is classed as medium density cleansing will take place fortnightly.
- f. Cllr Holman’s resignation.
- g. Taxi licensing consultation - document to complete and return.

- h. Manchester Airport Parish Council meetings Tuesday 13 March.
- i. Manchester Airport Community Outreach notification of sessions.
- j. Community Pride competition.
- k. Men in Sheds initiative.
- l. Questionnaire on Neighbourhood Planning from a student doing research into the provisions of the Localism Bill.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the flashing lights by the school are on all the time. A cllr advised that Hirebase had helped him with the loan of some equipment to carry out works on the Chapel Street Playing Fields. A cllr referred to comments which had been made at the January meeting following the clerk's resignation. A cllr advised that having made a complaint against a fellow councillor that she felt victimised and drew the council's attention to the appropriate section of the Code of Conduct. A cllr drew the council's attention to the requirements of Financial Regulations point 4.3. A cllr asked for volunteers to set up tables for the craft fair on 24 March. A cllr reported on the Vale Royal Area meeting of ChALC.

The meeting closed at 21.18 pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **21 March 2012 at 7.30 pm** in the Community Centre.