

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY AT 8.00 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Parish Councillors: K Barker (Chairman), R Casson, A Makepeace,
R Mainwaring, L Moss, D Pugh and D Turner.
Parish Clerk: A Dunabin

In Attendance: Unitary Councillor: Don Hammond
PCSO Hambleton

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs O'Halloran, Holman, Parr and Smith and were accepted by the Parish Council. Cllrs Wright and Byram also sent apologies.
- 2. DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in item 12, Cllrs Mainwaring and Pugh declared personal interests in item 16.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** were confirmed as a correct record with a minor amendment brought forward by Cllr Moss; proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Pugh.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

All matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hammond gave a report which contained the following items:

- The likely level of change to local taxation could be zero.
- Cheshire West is to be a pilot area for its whole place Community Budget proposal 'Altogether Better'.
- The Northwich gyratory system is going ahead and so might the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall and other areas of Northwich. Some of this could happen as early as 2013.

A cllr asked if more services are to be devolved will additional money likewise be devolved to the Parish Council? This will be clearer after the council has set the budget.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PCSO HAMBLETON

PCSO Hambleton gave his report which contained the following items:

- There have been parking issues at the corner of Linnards Lane.
- There have been 4 alarm activations in the village
- There have been 5 reports of suspicious people 3 of whom have been questioned.
- There was a theft from a house on Pickmere Lane.
- There have been 7 RTCs over the last two months.
- Suspension of weight restriction on Chapel Street – hwys still to confirm if this is going ahead
- There had been an incidence of four males in a state of drunkenness on Ashgate Lane.

- The pizza night went well 30 children attended and a request has gone in to hold another.
- The Speed camera is operational again.
- There will be another driver day, probably in April.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

The report contained the following items:

- The Community Centre's accounts are available on the Charity Commission's website.
- Requests for a Community Centre road sign, disabled parking space provision and dropped kerb have gone in via Cllr Norman Wright and Richard Flood at Highways.
- Wednesdays are available for a Youth club in the future.
- Guidance from the Charity Commission on the possibility of holding commercial classes in the centre is being sought. In the meantime any resident can book a room and teacher for Zumba, Yoga etc and run it as a club.

8. PRECEPT 2012-13

Resolved: that the finance sub-committee's recommendations for a Parish precept of £24,000 be agreed for 2012-13. This is a decrease of 6% over the current year's precept. Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mainwaring.

The next item was deferred at the clerk's request.

9. TRAINING DATES

Cllr Moss asked to be able to attend two modules to be held in Northwich. Cllr Makepeace will advise her training requirements at a future meeting.

10. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Resolved: Cllrs Moss and O'Halloran will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Resolved: To arrange a meeting with Spatial Planning. Cllrs O'Halloran, Barker and Turner will be part of this community initiative.

12. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved: to order the annual RoSPA inspection in April at a cost of £63.00. Proposed Cllr Makepeace seconded Cllr Pugh.

13. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

Resolved: The communication sub-committee to comprise Cllrs Moss, Makepeace and Casson who will meet in the near future.

Cllr Hammond left the meeting.

14. VILLAGE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Resolved: The Parish Council supports this initiative. Cllr Makepeace reported on progress to date. The Parish Plan grant carry over from 2010-11 will be used to fund initial expenses. The performance will take place on 16 March.

15. DATE OF MEETING OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AND APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolved: It was agreed to move the date of this meeting to 25 April. Proposed Cllr Mainwaring, seconded Cllr Turner

16. PLANNING

- a. Decisions: **11/04274/ADV** Double sided monolith box sign on existing base, Lookers North West, Unit 1, Wincham Business Park, Wincham Lane. Permitted with conditions.
11/04018/FUL Curbishley Transport, Lion House, Wincham Lane. Permitted with conditions.
11/05252/FUL 3 Church Mews, Church Street, Wincham. Permitted with conditions.
- b. Refusals: **11/05525/LDC** 69 Linnards Lane, Wincham.
- c. Applications:
11/05337/FUL Erection of Industrial workshop and single storey office building with associated parking, hard standing, fencing and landscaping. Land rear of Victoria House, Wincham Lane. The Blue Group. The Parish Council was required to send observations by 9 January. The planning sub-committee considered the application and has written to ask for the conditions applied to the original planning permission for the whole site to be attached to any permission for this application, including the signalisation of the Hall Lane junction. Cllr Byram has confirmed he will call it in.
11/05098/OUT 64 Park Homes, Land rear of Cross Street, Marston. This application was considered and a letter of objection with the observations will be sent. Proposed Cllr Mainwaring, seconded Cllr Makepeace.
This item for information only: 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. It will be discussed at next month's meeting.
This item is for information only: 11/01968/OUT Wincham Urban Village. The planning sub-committee met with the consortium on 1 December and received new maps. The case officer intends to re-consult. He believes that the application could go before the Strategic Planning Committee in March or April 2012.
Two additional booklets 'How to respond to planning applications' have been received. CPRE has produced another one 'Planning Explained' which can be downloaded at www.planninghelp.org.uk.

17. ACCOUNTS

- a. Payments made during the recess under Wincham Parish Council Financial Regulations item 6.3:
- Northwich Town Council November playground works - £192.60
 - Wincham Word - £548.00
 - Allan James urgent hedging works on Linnards Lane Playing field - £395.00
 - ChALC training sessions - £60.00
 - Cinema Event - £375.00
 - Payments to be authorised:
 - ChALC for planning booklets - £1.50
 - Northwich Town Council for playground works in December - £189.00
 - Clerk's salary - £305.94
 - Clerk's back pay for five editions of Wincham Word - £509.90

All agreed.

- b. Net Balances: Current Account £200.00
Reserve Account £11389.02 (of which PP grant £1947.37, grant for Playing Field £2150.00)
Bonus Saver Account £4681.26
Quarterly Accounts were received.

18. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Items of general correspondence were received and noted:

- a. To consider an offer from Manchester Airport for two free tickets to be used as raffle prizes or similar. It was agreed to ask for two tickets for the performance on 1 April. These will be used as raffle prizes on 16 March.
- b. To consider three representatives for the Local Council Assembly to be held on Thursday 1 March at Forest Hills Hotel at 7 pm. Cllrs Barker, O'Halloran and Turner will attend.
- c. To consider a request for a donation from North West Air Ambulance (NB WPC has made two donations already this financial year). Not agreed.
- d. To consider a request for a donation from Mencap. Not agreed.
- e. West Cheshire Together has produced a Wellbeing framework
- f. Letter from a gentleman researching the history of Wincham Hall. Cllr Mainwaring will respond.
- g. Leaflets from West Cheshire Healthy Homes. Cllr Pugh undertook to give these leaflets to the Old Friends group.
- h. Cheshire West and Chester Local Transport Plan 2011-2026
- i. Letter from Arley affordable homes
- j. Letter from Fastrack Ground Maintenance
- k. Letter and booklet from Groundworks North West Ltd
- l. CCA Newsletter and Annual Review
- m. Clerks and Councils Direct.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllrs asked for the following items to be put on the agenda for the next meeting – the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; verges on Linnards Lane. A cllr reported that Northwich Victoria football club has gone bankrupt and the ground has been sold. The chairman read out a letter of resignation from the clerk.

The meeting closed at 21.35 pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **15 February 2012 at 7.30 pm** in the Community Centre.