

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

In Attendance: Unitary Councillors: Byram and Wright.
Members of the public interested in Item 14 which was discussed during the 15 minutes public forum following Item 4.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Casson, Parr and Smith and were accepted by the Parish Council.
- 2. DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** Cllrs O'Halloran and Turner declared prejudicial interests in Item 14 due to their positions on the allotment society committee. Cllrs Barker, Pugh and Moss declared personal interests in Item 14 due to their interest in having an allotment. Cllr Mainwaring declared a personal interest in Item 14 application 11/01968/OUT.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** were confirmed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr O'Halloran and seconded by Cllr Makepeace.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
A meeting has been arranged with Jeremy Owens on 27 March to discuss the preliminaries for the NDP.
- 5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLORS**
Cllrs Wright and Byram gave a report which contained the following items:

- The Lion Salt works amendment to the permission was approved last night. Grants of £8m have been secured.
- Ward members will donate £100.00 towards the village Jubilee celebrations. Ward members were thanked for their donation.
- Cllr Byram advised that highways would report back to him regarding application 11/05337/FUL.
- The bridge on Hall Lane will be closed for two days.
- It was reported that the Brine Compensation Board continues to object to the Wincham Urban Village application.

Cllrs Byram & Wright left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Clarification of clause 4.3 (with reference to financial risk assessment.). It was proposed that this advisory clause be removed and the financial regulations and financial risk assessment be amended accordingly. Proposed Cllr Turner; seconded Cllr Pugh. Members noted that the Parish Council accounts are audited by an independent auditor half yearly and externally audited by the Audit Commission annually.

7. UPDATE FROM CWaC LOCAL ASSEMBLY

A report was received from attendees which contained the following items:

- The Localism Act will become law in July and contains changes implicit for Neighbourhood Development Plans (NPDs).

- The future of standards was discussed – personal & prejudicial interests will disappear and will be replaced by pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.
- Over the last three years the standards committee has received thirty complaints twelve of which were from the CWaC area. Seven were considered serious; however there have been no proven breaches of the Code of Conduct over the last three years.
- The Register of members' interests will also be changed and will have to appear on Parish Council websites (where one exists) and on the CWaC website once the Act is in place.

8. RECRUITMENT OF NEW CLERK

One hundred and twenty requests for application packs have been received to date and six completed application forms. Candidates will be shortlisted on 29 March, interviews will take place on 10 April. A Cllr suggested that the clerk should have an office external to his/her home

9. NEW POLICIES FOR ADOPTION:

Resolved: that all three policies be adopted by the Parish Council.
Health and Safety. Proposed Cllr Moss; seconded Cllr Makepeace.
Equal Opportunities. Proposed Cllr Makepeace; seconded Cllr Moss.
Bullying and Harassment. Proposed Cllr Moss; seconded Cllr Pugh.

10. CWaC CONSULTATION ON STANDARDISATION OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

To consider how this will impact on Wincham Primary School and decide on a response.

Resolved: Cllrs can respond individually if they wish.

11. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

To receive an update. An outline of the event was discussed.

Resolved: Costings for commemorative mugs will be discussed at the next meeting.
Cllrs Pugh and Turner will report to the next meeting.

12. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

To receive a report from the communications sub-committee. Parish Council surgeries were scheduled for April, May and June – two Parish Councillors and PCSO Hambleton will be present at each. The deadline for the Wincham Word is 28 March.

Resolved: that the report be received; proposed Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllr Turner.

To receive quotation and potential location of new village noticeboard. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

13. VILLAGE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

The Cheshire Rural Touring Arts event was a success and made a profit. The craft fair will take place on Saturday 24 March. Resolved: The update was received.

14. PLANNING:

- a. Decisions: **11/05883/FUL** permitted with conditions
11/05337/FUL – permitted with conditions.
- b. Refusals: None to report.
- c. Applications: **12/00719/FUL** – First floor extension to rear 48 Church Street, Wincham. No objections.
12/00617/FUL – First floor rear extension 5 Kingfisher Grove, Wincham. No objections.

11/01968/OUT – Residential development of up to 1050 dwellings including 30% affordable housing; plus up to 2500m² of associated commercial facilities. Points of access/egress on to New Warrington Road and Chapel Street. Land south of Chapel Street and East of New Warrington Road, Wincham. The planning sub-committee will meet on 3 April to discuss this application.

Other Planning related matters

Request from Cygnet to name the access road to their premises Kimpton Drive. No objections

Update on Keats Field proposed development. NB No application has been received. This item was discussed during the public forum. The applicants for this proposed development are Arena Housing Trust and MCI Developments based in Speke. Two representatives met with the chairman prior to the meeting. The proposal is for the portion of the site closest to Linnards Lane. The applicant wishes to build 17 2/3 bedroom affordable homes at 80% of market value rental which is the usual format and it is proposed that these will be made available for local people only. The applicant has identified that there is a shortage of 40 homes within Marbury ward. Priority would be given to people who had lived within the parish boundary for a year prior to their application for a property and after this applicants would need to demonstrate a strong local connection. The remainder of the site is being retained by the current owner who intends to put forward an application for stables and paddocks. The applicant will pay £6k of section106 money to CWaC for playground facilities which they want to go to Wincham specifically. The application will be lodged in early April and the applicant hopes to start construction at the end of 2012. Although this land is not designated for houses; as the application will be for affordable homes it ticks boxes. All properties will have two parking spaces and the applicant is in consultation with highways about extending the footpath down Linnards Lane in front of the site.

Residents were concerned about the poor water pressure in the village, the prevailing issues with drainage, the regular power cuts and also the likelihood of overflow parking on Linnards Lane. This land is Green Belt. The code for sustainable homes is level three.

15. ACCOUNTS

- a. Northwich Town Council Contract work for February - £192.60
Wincham School invoice for WPC photocopying - £35.44
Webdesigncouk Website updates for 12 months - £120.00
Clerk's salary - £305.94

All agreed.

- b. Net Balances: Current Account £200.00
Reserve Account £5250.32 (of which PP grant £1917.62)
Bonus Saver Account £4681.26

16. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Items of general correspondence were received and noted:

- a. Additional posters from CWaC on rural bus services.
- b. Letter from Pam Lavers regarding voluntary litter picks around the village.
- c. Response from Land Registry – they have received the application
- d. Letter from Manchester Airport re taxi way maintenance
- e. Cheshire and Wirral NHS newsletter

- f. Landlife wildflower seed and plant catalogue
- g. The Playing Field.
- h. Clerk and Council Direct.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A cllr reported that residents had been in contact with her regarding the new rural bus service. A cllr reported that the Community Centre Committee is applying for grants for double glazing. A meeting is to be arranged between a cllr and Planning enforcement. A Homewatch meeting took place on 20 March. Clarification on giving and accepting apologies was raised and discussed.

The meeting closed at 21.41 pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **25 April 2012** at **7.45 pm** in the Community Centre. The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Assembly at **7.30 pm**.