

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Parish Councillors: P O'Halloran, K Barker, A Makepeace, R Casson, F Smith, D Pugh and D Turner

Parish Clerk: N Morris

In Attendance: Unitary Councillors: M Byram

PCSO P Hambleton

D Hewitt, Thor Specialities

B Allcock, Northwich Guardian

Members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

were received from Cllrs Moss and Wright and accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Pugh;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

2. DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Cllrs O'Halloran and Turner declared prejudicial interests in Item 18 of the Agenda due to their positions on the Allotment Society Committee.

Cllrs Barker & Pugh declared personal interests in Item 18 of the Agenda due to their interest in having an allotment in the future.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Pugh;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk reported that she had attended a seminar on risk management of Council property.

The Clerk reported that CW&C had given the owner of 30 Chapel Lane until 18 June to tidy their property or else face proceedings.

The Clerk reported that the £100 from CW&C for the jubilee mugs had been received. The Land Registry have refused the request from the former Clerk for an extension and consequently title to the Linnards Lane playing field has been registered without the disputed land. WPC will continue to press to have the title rectified.

The Chairman used his powers to re-arrange items on the Agenda (and, in consequence, the numbering on the Agenda) as a courtesy to Mr Hewitt.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM MR DAVID HEWITT, MD OF THOR SPECIALITIES

Mr Hewitt gave a presentation about Thor Specialities.

Thor have been in Wincham for 10 years and during that time the number of employees has gone from 46 to 93 and the firm has invested £26million in the site.

Thor intend to invest a further £11million before the end of 2016, increasing employment by about 50. The development is planned in phases, with strict time-pressure on the completion of the phases. The first phase includes constructing a second tank farm, a logistical centre and an additional building.

Thor intend to reroute a current footpath along the canal side and then along the side of the old football ground.

Mr Hewitt explained that Thor have joined an educational scheme inviting primary school groups to their site to learn more about science. He hoped now to create work experience opportunities for secondary school children.

A councillor asked whether the new plans would increase the number of vehicles carrying chemicals through Wincham and whether the danger of pollution would be increased. Mr Hewitt explained that, at present, iodine is held elsewhere and brought to the site. Once the development itself is completed, the iodine will be held on-site, reducing the heavy vehicle flow. Moreover, at all times vehicles serving Thor should be using the dedicated routes and should not be driving through the main village streets. Mr Hewitt explained that two councillors had visited the Thor installation in the past to investigate its safety mechanisms. After free access and a full discussion, these councillors had been satisfied of the safety arrangements then in force at Thor. Rain and polluted water are separated to avoid contamination of the canal.

Mr Hewitt was asked about the likely effect of Thor's plans on the proposed Wincham Urban Village. He explained that Thor required an increased consultation zone which might result in the loss of half an hectare of the Urban Village. Thor have applied to CW&C for all necessary planning permissions.

Mr Hewitt ended by offering show councillors around the site or indeed to host a council meeting at Thor, with the opportunity to meet staff.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Byram gave a report which contained the following items:

- The planned traffic lights should be in by the end of the year;
- The Strategic Planning Committee Meeting for the Urban Village is planned for 19th July in Winsford. He stressed it was important for as many residents as possible to attend the meeting;

- The Planning Committee is to decide on the proposed development at Keats Lane Field in Chester on 3rd July at 4pm. The Council were urged to attend with as many residents as possible.
- Cllr Byram has asked for the change of use of Keats Field to go to Planning Committee because it would involve the creation a road on green belt land.
- There is a blockage in the ditch on Keats Field. This is the fourth time this has happened. Experts had attended the site two days previously. Cllr Byram reassured residents that United Utilities are now responsible for the drains up to the boundary of a property, but he recommended residents to keep a record of problems and of workmen attending the site.
- No plans for Thor over hazardous waste have yet been received at CW&C.
- The gyratory system in Northwich is to be further altered.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PCSO HAMBLETON

PCSO Hambleton gave his report on developments since the last WPC meeting:-

- There is evidence that suggests Weavervale headed paper has been used inappropriately;
- Wincham has suffered theft and damage of £4000;
- There has also been a case of the theft of charity donations;
- The PCSO has apprehended 18 drivers exceeding the speed limit during 2 sessions with a speed camera since the last WPC meeting;
- A Drivers' Information Day is to be held on 5th July;
- The PCSO will be at the Wincham CP School Summer Fayre;
- The PCSO will also be involved with sessions of rock climbing and crazy golf for children over the school holidays. This has been funded by a borough councillor;

A councillor asked the PCSO to be aware of the problem of cars being parked on pavements, blocking access in the village.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was reported that no planning official had been available from CW&C and so the launch of the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been postponed until 26 September 4th. It is intended to send an e mail asking for confirmation that a planning official will be available for that date.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

The representative councillor was not present. Another councillor reported that a new noticeboard has been erected and that there is a long-term plan to replace the windows of the Community Centre.

9. MARBURY WARD COMMUNITY FORUM 7pm 10th July 2012

Councillors O Halloran, Barker and Turner will attend.

A councillor requested that the river area which forms part of Wincham Parish be discussed at the next Wincham Parish Council Meeting and the question raised as to whether regeneration funds could be available for the area.

Cllr Byram left the meeting.

10. DRIVERS' DAY

Resolved to give a donation of £40 towards the costs of running a further Drivers' Day on 5th July 2012 to promote road safety in Wincham. The money will be used to cover the costs of hiring the Community Centre.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Makepeace.

11. CO-OPTION

- i. The Clerk reported that no poll had been called by Wincham residents.
- ii. The co-option procedure was followed and the following were co-opted on to Wincham Parish Council:-

Mr Brian Cooke;

Mrs Dee Cooke;

Mr Ian Parr.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Casson.

The Clerk will contact the new councillors.

12. SUB COMMITTEES

Resolved to postpone this item to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Makepeace.

13. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

- i. It was felt that, although the noticeboard proposed might not last for very long, it was important to have a noticeboard erected quickly to serve the needs of the residents on Linnards Lane.

Resolved to accept the quotation provided and to have it erected beside the postbox on Linnards Lane, subject to the agreement of CW&C.

Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

Resolved to ask the craftsman who had erected a noticeboard for the Community Centre to do the work.

Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

- ii. It was reported that the deadline for the submission of articles for the newsletter was 1 July.

Miss Beth Allcock left the meeting.

- iii. Recent changes to EU Law on the website were noted.

Resolved to adopt the method of implied consent over "cookies."

Proposed: Cllr Turner;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

The Clerk requested that all changes or additions to the website be given to her on or before WPC Meetings to ensure that changes are

only notified to the web-provider once a month, in accordance with the current contract.

The Clerk confirmed that, in accordance with principles of good governance, agendas and minutes of WPC will now be posted on the Wincham website.

- iv. A councillor gave an update the Rural Arts Network. She had shortlisted 3 events that would be suitable for Wincham and she had applied for all of these, but did not yet know the result.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ACTION THAT COULD BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OLDER RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE

Resolved to postpone this item to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Pugh.

15. CHESHIRE HOME WATCH

The local branch of Cheshire Home Watch have requested £160 to cover the costs of 4 home watch signs.

Before he had left the meeting, the unitary councillor had said he could not foresee a problem with funding half this demand.

Resolved to make a donation of £80 to cover half the costs of the Cheshire Home Watch signs.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Pugh.

16. THE CHESHIRE SHOW AND ITS CONSEQUENT ROAD CLOSURES

Wincham Parish Council have previously been involved in discussions before the Cheshire Show, but these meetings have not taken place for the last 2 years. The Clerk will write to say that WPC would want to be involved in future discussions.

It was noted that traffic management around the village had been successful during the Cheshire Show, this year, resulting in less disruption.

17. LINNARDS LANE PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved to establish a sub-committee of Cllrs Pugh, Makepeace and Turner to consider the viability of a toddlers' section being installed in the Linnards Lane playing field.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Casson.

18. GARDENING-SUPPORT COMMUNE OR COMMUNAL VILLAGE LITTER-PICK

Resolved to postpone considering the possibility of these schemes to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Makepeace;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

19. PLANNING

a) **Decisions** **12/01768/FUL** – Raise roof height of half of building by 2m and single storey rear. G and B Motor Engineers Ltd, Springboard House, Chapel Street, Wincham. CW9 6DA. **Permission granted.**

b) **Refusals** **None to report.**

c) **Applications**

12/01853/FUL – Single storey front extension and two storey side extension 6 Pear Tree Drive Wincham CW9 6EZ. **No objection.**

12/02221/FUL – Two storey extension to front 16 Birch Grove Wincham CW9 6EQ. **No objection.**

12/02036/FUL – Single storey rear extension Fernlea, Pickmere Lane, Wincham. **No objection.**

Cllrs O'Halloran and Turner left the room since they had expressed a prejudicial interest in this item.

12/01698/FUL – Residential development of 17 affordable dwellings on land adjacent to and rear of Meadow Croft Linnards Lane, Wincham.

This application has been amended and is available to view on CW&C website.

Comments had been invited before 13 June. No extension of this period had been granted, but any late submissions will still be put to the Committee.

The case is likely to be heard at Committee on 3 July 2012.

Cllrs O'Halloran and Turner returned to the Meeting.

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. An extension for objections was granted until 17/5/ 2012.

This is down for the Strategic Planning Committee on 19 July 2012 at the Council Offices, Wyvern House, Winsford.

d) **Other Planning related matters** **None to report.**

19. ACCOUNTS

a) The following payments were authorised:-

1. ROSPA - £151.20.
2. Northwich Town Council – £366.60
3. Wincham Community Centre – £24.40
4. ChALC - £30.00
5. Re-issued cheque for Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club £300.00.
6. Mrs A Dunabin £19.27
7. Expenses of £75.98 for the current Clerk:

8. Clerk's salary - £305.94

b) The following Current Net Balances were noted:-

Current Account	£200.00
Reserve Account	£27,501.91
Bonus Saver Account	£4694.06

c) Resolved to accept the appointment of BDO LLP by the Audit Commission for the Annual audit.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr O'Halloran.

20. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Items of general correspondence were received and noted:

- a) Mrs E Swinerd of the NeuroMuscular Centre wrote informing WPC of her dog walk in Marbury Park on 30th June.
- b) A thank you card had been received from the former Clerk, expressing thanks and appreciation of the gifts given to her from the Council.
- c) CW&C informed WPC that a Dog Control Order came into effect on 14 May 2012 across the whole Borough of Cheshire West and Chester making it an offence for any person (subject to the statutory exemptions) to fail to clean up after a dog of which they have control.
- d) CW&C informed WPC that they were preparing a new Cycling Strategy for the Borough and have a consultation period up to 13th July. There is a questionnaire for members of the public to complete online.
- e) The Wincham & Pickmere Old Friends Club had not received the cheque for £300, although the letter and cheque had been sent on 24th or 25th May.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A councillor wondered whether additional land might be available for allotments.

The meeting closed at 21.36 pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **18th July 2012** at **7.30 pm** in the Community Centre.