

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24
APRIL 2013 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: P O'Halloran, K Barker, D Turner, D Cooke, B Cooke, I Parr,
A Makepeace, D Pugh, R Casson and L Moss.

Unitary Councillors: N Wright

Parish Clerk: N Morris

PCSO: P Hambleton

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors F Smith, B Cooke and D Cooke. Ward Councillors Byram and Hammond also sent their apologies and the councillors expressed their best wishes for the swift recovery of health for Ward Councillor Byram

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Parr

2. Declarations of any

(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or

(b) other disclosable interests

As are required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations were made.

3. Request for Dispensation

The Clerk invited any members who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda to provide her with an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.

No applications were received.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20 March 2013

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on 20 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record:

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Barker

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Officer dealing with Chapel Street is going into hospital, but that the owner of the site has been given a deadline to tidy the site or he may face prosecution.

6. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor.

- i. The new traffic lights are working well.
- ii. There has been work done on resurfacing local roads.
- iii. The Northwich regeneration project will include 2 supermarkets and a cinema (with 5 screens) will be built and new swimming pool and leisure centre.
- iv. A councillor requested that the Unitary Councillor investigate the effect on the Wincham Urban Village of the decision of Roberts scrapyards not to move.

- v. A councillor asked about the prospective incinerator. The Unitary Councillors have contributed to the opposition fund.
- vi. A councillor asked about how to move forward about the signage for the Community Centre.
- vii. A councillor asked about the old Greyhound pub. Nothing has yet come to the Planning Authority.
- viii. A councillor asked about the issue of public transport. There are no Cheshire West buses around Wincham. The Unitary Councillor suggested lobbying Lynn Riley at Cheshire West.

7. The Ward Members award for youth projects co-ordinated by PCSO Hambleton, the award for new benches and the promise of a defibrillator for the village was noted. Thanks were expressed.

8. The following report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

i. Crime

- A burglary took place at Buildbase, Wincham Lane. Three males from Liverpool have been arrested and charged.
- There has been an attempted burglary at the Spar shop.
- Select Plant Hire have reported that 27 portacabins have had electrical cabling and boilers removed. 1 male has been arrested in connection with the thefts.
- Damage has occurred to gates to gain entry to an industrial unit on Wincham Lane, no entry gained.
- Scrap collectors have been removing items from gardens without permission.

ii. Anti-Social Behaviour

- There has been a report of off-road bikes on the field at the rear of Witton Albion; patrol attended; riders claimed to have permission from the landowner.
- A report has been received of the dogs from the travellers' site running loose in the field off Spinks Lane. The dogs were being aggressive towards other dogs. PCSO attended the site and spoke with all the residents and provided advice regarding the control of the dogs. Dog Wardens of both East and West Cheshire have been advised.

iii. Speeding

- Reports have been received of speeding vehicles on Linnards Lane. Checks have been carried out; no vehicle exceeded the speed limit whilst at the location. (3 sessions during school run times.)
- Speed checks have also taken place on Church Street, 23 motorists reported for the offence (4 sessions).

iv. Other

- The first group of young people have completed the Sportative Projects with final sessions of Street Dance, Ten-Pin Bowling and Rugby with Sales Sharks.
- Three CWAC councillors have agreed £500 each to fund climbing sessions throughout the year. Sessions have been arranged for the school holidays in May and August (about 25 from Wincham).

9. An update was received on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Work is on-going.

10. An update was received from WCC representative.

WCC are working on the access audit and on obtaining a new sign for the Community Centre. The view was expressed that the tables need replacing. Clerk was asked to write a letter.

11. Sub-Committees:

- i. No sub-committee meetings were planned before the next Council Meeting.
- ii. The Christmas Tree Working Party reported that their deliberations were continuing
- iii. The Linnards Lane Playing Field Working Party investigating the viability of a toddler area reported that their considerations were continuing and progress is being made.
- iv. The HS2 Working Party reported that they felt it would be helpful to put pressure groups on website. There is a meeting planned for May.

12. Discussion of the Wincham Primary School Summer Fayre invitation from the PTA for the Parish Council to have a stall at the Summer Fayre for their use generally and in particular to cover any issues regarding HS2.

The Summer Fayre is on Saturday 13 July. Cllrs Barker, Moss, Makepeace and Parr will help between 1.30-5pm. WPC will have the HS2 Working Party information, a questionnaire about public transport and information about Cheshire Arts.

Councillors requested that the WPC stand should be near the tea tent so that people can sit down to complete the questionnaire.

13. Discussion of the provision of public transport in Wincham and whether there is any action the Parish Council can take.

A councillor said that there were few buses. There are no buses in Chapel Street. The bus companies say they are subsidised by Cheshire West. If Wincham are paying for transport, then why does the village have no service? If Wincham had a bus service linked in with Lostock then the total population served would be the same as Rudheath. There is currently a questionnaire on line provided by CW&C. Wincham people will need public transport if they are going to use the new Northwich facilities. It was suggested that a councillor should write an article for the next Wincham Word.

It was also commented that the sign by the old post office does not have the tape taken off so that it is not clear that the stop serves both directions. The Clerk was requested to ask Lynn Riley. The Clerk will forward the questionnaire to the councillors and will request that the WPC Chairman be put on the View West panel.

The Unitary Councillor left the meeting.

14. Discussion of the wording on the signage entering Wincham on Linnards Lane amended before CW&C erects a new sign.

"Wincham welcomes careful drivers" was the chosen wording.

15. Consideration of the Financial Risk Assessment for Wincham Parish Council

This item was postponed until later in the year.

16. Consideration of the Governance and Administration Documents for Wincham Parish Council

This item was postponed until later in the year.

17. Consideration of the Risk Assessment Document for Wincham Parish Council

This item was postponed until later in the year.

18. Linnards Lane Playing Field:

- i. The Clerk received completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the last month.
- ii. Consideration was given as to the QEII plaque and the royal oak sapling. Beth Tweddle will unveil the plaque before it is attached at the playing field. The councillors will look to see where to put the plaque and the oak sapling.
- iii. Consideration was given to contributing £490 to be aggregated with the Unitary Members' Award.

*Resolved to contribute £490 towards the purchase of two benches.
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Makepeace*

19. Village Communication:

- i. It was reported that work is continuing on the new village notice board;
- ii. The newsletter will be completed this week and sent to the printers. The question of distribution was discussed. The scouts have not replied. It was suggested that the newsletters be delivered on 10 May to the WPC Chairman.
- iii. No changes were reported to the village website, but it was agreed that the summer fayre should be advertised, including the WPC stall and the bus questionnaire.
- iv. An update was given on the Rural Arts Network. Trio Gitan has been booked, but independently and not through Cheshire Rural Arts. It has been necessary to pay up front for the hall and travelling expenses. There will then be a gate split. There is also new material coming up from Cheshire Arts. It was agreed that financially underwriting Trio Gitan will be discussed at the next meeting.
- v. The question of having to hire the WPC hall for a full 2 hours was discussed. This makes it very difficult to book a session of zumba. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to WCC.

20. Planning:

- a. No permissions granted since the March meeting.
- b. No permissions refused since the March meeting.
- c. Consideration of the Council's responses to the current applications:

i. APPLICATION NUMBER: 13/01117/FUL

PROPOSAL: Part two storey and part first floor side extension and single extension to front

LOCATION: 17 Pear Tree Drive, Wincham Northwich

No objection

21. Accounts:

- i. *Resolved : to authorise the payments below:
Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Makepeace*
 - a. Northwich Town Council invoice number 046 dated 1.4.2013
Contract work on
Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Fields:-
 - i. 1 x 3 hours inspection £70.50
 - ii. 1 x 5 hours paper picking/emptying bins £117.50
 - iii. VAT @ 20% £37.60

£225.60
 - b. Cheshire County Playing Fields Association £18.00
 - c. Cheshire Association of Local Councils £514.50
 - d. Cheshire Community Action £50.00
 - e. Clerk's salary for April 2013 £305.94

Receipts

1. HM Revenue & Customs VAT repayment £747.78

2. Unitary Members' Award to fund replacement benches £2,500.00

ii. *Resolved: to note Current Net Balances.*

Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded Cllr Makepeace

Business Reserve Account as at 31.3.13: £9,272.70

Bonus Saver Account as at 31.3.13 £7,316.25

Current Account as at 1.3.13 £200.00

22. Correspondence

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Pugh

- i. Letter dated 23.3.2013 from Mrs Dockney.
- ii. Letter dated 4.4.2013 from Fairhurst Property Services.

23. Any Other Business

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 15 May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

Naomi Morris

Parish Clerk