

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2015 at 7.30 PM AT WITTON ALBION WINCHAM

Present:

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

Unitary Councillors: M Byram

Parish Clerk: N Morris

PCSO Hambleton

Ian Ross of the Press

No concerns were expressed during the public forum that was not dealt with elsewhere in the Minutes.

1. Apologies for absence

*Apologies were received from Cllrs F Smith and Ward Councillors N Wright and D Hammond
Resolved to accept the apologies.*

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran

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.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2015.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran

Seconded Cllr Barker

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

No matters were reported.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor

It was the period of purdah.

The Parish Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Byram for his support of Wincham and wished him a happy retirement. Cllr Byram sent his best wishes to Wincham and pledged to help in any way he could in the future.

6. Dennis Rodgers and Patrick Lomax were welcomed to the meeting to discuss plans submitted for the re-development of the site of the former Black Greyhound.

Mr Lomax reported:

- *That his office had received 27 call outs to the site over the last year.*
- *Despite his efforts, Mr Lomax had been unable to obtain any interest from supermarkets or any other commercial enterprise over the site.*
- *The HSE have stated that the site is no longer in an exclusion zone generated from Thor UK.*
- *He believes the site to be classified as Brownfield and not Green Belt.*
- *His office is in consultation with CW&C and the HSE.*
- *They intend to build red brick houses. At present, the plan is for 17 dwelling, 30% of which will be affordable. The total number of dwellings may be reduced.*
- *They would commission the building themselves, through their own contractors.*
- *After a query from the Parish Councillors, Mr Lomax agreed that the design could be altered so that the houses faced outwards, rather than inwards so that the houses could be seen from the road.*

- They will investigate further the reported problems with water supply.
- They will look again at the access onto Church Street.
- They will investigate further any flooding issues.
- They will consider the issue of facilities.

Cllr Makepeace explained that the Parish Council was very concerned about protecting Green Belt areas around the village. This would form an important aspect of the decision to be made by the Parish Council over whether to support or object to the application. Mr Lomax said that he understood their position.

Cllr Makepeace exhorted Mr Lomax and his team to remain in touch with the Parish Council as the application developed. Mr Lomax thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to address them and promised to remain in communication.

7. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton:

No anti-social behaviour had been reported.

There had been the theft of ladders on Pickmere Lane.

Work was being done to counter dog fouling.

30 drivers were apprehended after monitoring on Church Street.

8. A report was received from residents on their campaigns to improve the safety and cleanliness of all areas of Wincham and on the community litter pick on Saturday 21 March.

Nearly 20 people, including families, had attended the community litter pick and there was a willingness to hold a similar event in the future.

An on line survey is still live until 1 June. To date, around 60 responses have been received.

9. Trees

i. A report was received on the community tree planting on Saturday, 21 March.

Three apple trees were planted in the play area at Chapel Street. A crab apple and a Christmas tree were planted adjacent to the play area, outside the fence.

Three rowans were planted in the Linnards Lane Playing Field to remember Cllr Linda Moss. One of these is beside the Birch Grove entrance.

Lawtons have already watered the trees and will continue to do so over the next year.

Consideration is being given to inviting residents to "adopt" a particular tree to ensure that it receives sufficient water.

ii. Consideration was given to suggestions for Tree Preservation Orders received as a result of the invitation issued in the last newsletter.

Consideration of this item was postponed until the next meeting.

iii. Consideration was given as to whether the Parish Council wished to apply to CW&C for a licence to be able to plant trees in any grass verges in Wincham.

Consideration of this item was postponed until the next meeting.

iv. It was discussed how the balance of funds from CW&C not spent on the tree planting should be used.

Resolved that this money should be spent on a table tennis table for the Linnards Lane Playing Field.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Barker

v. Consideration to replacing the fencing for 6 of the fence panels around the Chapel Street Playing Field.

Consideration of this item was postponed until the next meeting.

10. Linnards Lane Inspections

It was noted that:

- i. inspections for the last month were conducted by Cllr Turner (16/3/2015 – 29/4/2014)
- ii. Inspections for the next month will be the responsibility of Cllr Barker (29/3/2015 - 20/5/2015)

11. A report was received on the second Business Breakfast.

This will now be held on 18 June.

12. A report was given on opposition to an incinerator in the local area.

13. A report was given on the INEOS Liaison meeting with local parishes on 10 April.

14. It was noted that Miss Sam Gillett will be holding 2 free workshops on understanding dementia on 7.30pm Wednesday, 13 May or 4pm Saturday, 20 June.

15. Working Parties

- i. **A report was received from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.**

It was suggested that perhaps Chris Shaw of Northwich TC could be invited to attend the playing fields on 18 June, after the Business Breakfast.

- ii. **A report was received from the Picnic in the Park Working Party and to discuss the date**

The Picnic will be held on 16 August and will encourage low key family activities.

- iii. **A report was received from the HS2 Working Party**

Cllr Casson joined the working party. It now consists of Cllrs Parr and Casson.

16. Sub-Committees

No sub-committee meetings were planned to be held before the next Council Meeting.

17. Dates of Parish Council meetings until Christmas were noted as being:

29 April (Witton Albion)

20 May

17 June

15 July (Witton Albion)

16 September

21 October

18 November (Witton Albion)

18. Consideration was given to the responsibility for posting notices on the noticeboards, given the retirement from the Parish Council of Peter O'Halloran

Cllrs Turner and Pugh kindly agreed to take over the duty of posting notices on the two village noticeboards. The clerk thanked them both and thanked Cllr O'Halloran for his help in the past.

19. Village Communication:

- i. **The Wincham Word**

A report was received on the newsletter.

Mr Ian Walker, a resident, addressed the Parish Councillors and explained that he had previously submitted poetry to the newsletter and had it published, but recently his poetry had not been published, but his letter had not been acknowledged. Apologies were extended to Mr Walker that his letter had not been answered and the clerk explained that it will have been her fault when the editorship passed from her to the new editorial team.

Mr Walker stated to the meeting that he did not like the new format of the newsletter. The chairman noted his comments and thanked him for attending the meeting.

ii. The Parish Council Website

No changes or additions for the village website were reported.

iii. An update was received on the arts and performance around the Wincham area, including Wincham Village People.

There are now Tuesday evening sessions being held for older residents in the Community Centre. The content of these is flexible.

20. Planning:

a. The applications received since the last meeting were considered.

1. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

i. APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/01079/FUL DATE: 16 March 2015

PROPOSAL: Single storey garage to the Side

LOCATION: 75 Pickmere Lane Wincham Northwich Cheshire

No objection.

ii. APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/00703/OUT DATE: 24 March 2015

PROPOSAL: Outline application for the demolition of the Black Greyhound pub and the erection of 17 residential dwellings.

LOCATION: Black Greyhound Hotel Hall Lane Wincham Northwich

<http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

The Parish Councillors made the following points:

- This area is Green Belt. It would also require a change of use for the application to be successful. It would also appear to be in the Thor exclusion zone. There are access issues because of the proximity of the traffic lights.*
- For this application to be approved there would have to be exceptional reasons because it is Green Belt. Otherwise, approval would not be consistent with national planning policy.*
- It was noted that many residents would prefer the site to be developed, rather than remaining an ugly and dangerous site.*
- The Parish Councillors did not object to the site being developed for housing, subject to: the estate not being gated; the houses being rotated so that they faced the road and the issues of flooding, water and traffic management being addressed.*
- The Parish Councillors, however, felt they had to object to the application because it is on Green Belt and part of the Thor exclusion zone.*

Resolved to object to the application on two grounds, namely that the site is Green Belt and part of the Thor exclusion zone and that there are no exceptional reasons justifying the re-development of this area of Green Belt.

Proposed by Cllr O'Halloran

Seconded by Cllr Barker

iii. APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/00946/FUL DATE: 27 March 2015

PROPOSAL: Erection of Industrial Unit to create 4 self contained units with associated parking (Class B2)

LOCATION: Land Adjacent To Ellesmore House Wincham Avenue Wincham Northwich

<http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

No objection.

b. Approvals issued since the last full Parish Council meeting were noted.

APPROVALS ISSUED

i. APPLICATION NUMBER:14/05348/FUL

Proposal: Two storey extension to the rear

Location: 28 Chapel Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6DA

Approval

ii. APPLICATION NUMBER 15/01079/FUL

Proposal: Single storey garage to the side

Location: 75 Pickmere Lane, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EB

Approval

21. Accounts:

i. To authorise the following payments.

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| 1. Room at Witton Albion Social Club for Business Breakfast | £30.00 | |
| Tea/Coffee/Biscuits | £10.00 | |
| | | £40.00 |
| 2. CreativePlay for play equipment at Chapel Street | | |
| 50% Deposit for works to be completed 3,041.50 | £3,041.50 | |
| VAT @ 20.00 | £ 608.30 | |
| | | £ |
| | | £3,649.80 |
| 3. CHALC for the revised Good Councillor's Guide | | £6.00 |
| 4. F Morrey & Son: rowans and stakes etc planted in memory of Cllr Moss | | £48.75 |
| 5. Northwich Town Council | | |
| Invoice numbered 1300 dated 23.3.15 | £324.00 | |
| VAT @ 20% | £64.80 | |
| | | £388.80 |
| Invoice numbered 1304 dated 23.3.15 | £141.00 | |
| VAT @ 20% | £28.20 | £169.20 |
| 6. W.A.P. Lawton & Son Ltd | | £558.00 |
| 6 watering visits over the year to the Linnards Lane Playing Field | £540.00 | |
| VAT | £108.00 | £648.00 |
| 7. Cheshire Association of Local Councils annual subscription | | £561.64 |
| 8. Playsafety Limited Annual inspection of all Wincham play equipment | £151.00 | |
| VAT | £30.20 | £181.20 |
| 9. Cheshire Community Development Trust Payroll service 2014/2015 | £140.00 | |
| VAT | £28.00 | £168.00 |
| 10. Impressions Engraving & Chemical Etching Ltd – 2 commemorative plaques | £116.00 | |
| Carriage costs | £10.00 | |
| VAT | £25.20 | £151.20 |
| 11. Clerk's salary for April 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour | | £360.50 |

Resolved that the above payments be accepted and authorized.

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran

Seconded Cllr Casson

ii. To note Current Net Balances:

Current Account as at 31.3.2015

£200.00

Business Reserve Account 1. as at 31.3.2015

£12,559.23

Resolved that the above be accepted and authorized.

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran

Seconded Cllr Casson

22. Correspondence

To note the following correspondence received since the last meeting:

- 1. Invitation to the Northwich Town Mayor's Posh School Prom Charity Ball on 9 May.*
 - 2. E mail from resident Sarah Parr over a tree to be considered for a TPQ.*
 - 3. Four e mails from residents expressing concern over the proposed development of the Black Greyhound site.*
- E mail from the Clerk at Pickmere over the problem of motorboats on Pickmere Lake*

23. Any Other Business.

- i. The councillors expressed their delight that Cllr D Cooke was present after her recent illness.*
- ii. Cllr Turner expressed concern about the sandpit and said that the working party will consider what can be done.*
- iii. Cllr Barker proposed a vote of thanks for the work and commitment of Cllr O'Halloran on the occasion of his retirement from the Parish Council. The vote was seconded by Cllr Makepeace and carried unanimously.*

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
8.5.2015*

The meeting was declared over at 9.36pm.