

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2014 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

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

Parish Clerk: N Morris

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

Mrs Laetitia Bridge came to meet the Parish Councillors and duly handed over a cheque for £400 as a donation from the Wincham Toddler Group towards the provision of a picnic bench in the Linnards Lane Playing Field. Chairman Peter O'Halloran thanked Mrs Bridge on behalf of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence

D Turner, D Pugh were absent and apologies had been received from Cllrs.

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs.

Proposed: Cllr Makepeace

Seconded: Cllr Barker

(Cllr M Byram, N Wright and D Hammond also sent their apologies.)

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.

Cllrs Pugh and Turner declared an interest in Item 18 since they have children currently attending Wincham CP School. Cllr Casson declared a pecuniary interest in Item 18 since she is currently employed at Wincham CP School. Cllr Barker declared an interest in Item 18 since he was a governor at Wincham CP School. Cllr Moss declared an interest in Item 28 since she had applied for Planning Permission.

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 Wednesday 19 March 2014.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Makepeace

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

No reports were received.

6. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.

7. Receipt of the Unitary Members' Awards of £3,000 towards the project to commemorate WWI and to create a war memorial and memorial garden was acknowledged with thanks.

8. Peter Maddocks of the Northwich Army Cadets and Glyn Roberts of the Davenham branch of the Royal British Legion were welcomed to the meeting and the councillors discussed arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2014.

Mr Maddocks said that the Cadets would need a letter with dates for any proposed work they could do on the war memorial garden. He is parade marshal for Northwich in the morning of Remembrance Sunday, but would be free to bring the cadets to Wincham in the early afternoon. It was suggested that the parade travel from the car park to the playing field.

Resolved that Wincham Parish Council welcome the help of the Northwich Cadets.

Proposed: Cllr Makepeace

Seconded: Cllr Barker

9. Patrick Lomax had sent his apologies to the meeting.

10. John Ellis Jones Operations Manager Integrated Transport Service Cheshire West and Chester Council was welcomed to the meeting and discuss with the councillors the bus services 45 and 289 serving Wincham.

He explained that:

Route 45 has a CW&C contract

Route 289 has a Cheshire East contract and has one vehicle. To be more frequent they would need they would need 2 vehicles.

The routes and timetables were reorganised in 2007.

There is one service is every 2hrs

He was asked:

Could the Rudheath service in the evening come through Wincham?

Could there be one earlier service to Warrington?

Mr Jones was sceptical that evening buses would be used.

It was commented that the fares were expensive: £4.80 to Northwich; £5 to Warrington.

Mr Jones volunteered to produce a notice for Wincham to go on the noticeboards. The Wincham Word and the website.

Cllr Moss wanted a sign on Church Street to say that the service is both ways from the bus stop.

Mr Jones was asked about an area ticket to cover both routes.

It was commented that the bus times are not integrated with train times.

Mr Jones agreed that Wincham councillors could come to meet him to discuss what could be done.

11. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

12. A report was received from the WCC representative. There was a discussion over the proposed meeting with the Community Centre and the following questions were agreed:

1. Who owns/is responsible for the noticeboard/car park/trees/surrounding land:

2. Clarification on hiring rates especially for small groups;

4. Why it is justified to keep a bank balance of £100,000;

5 A clarification of the licensing rules for the Community Centre.

13. Sub-Committees

- i. No sub-committees were planned to be held before the next Council Meeting.
- ii. An update was received from the Christmas Tree Working Party.
- iii. A report was received from the HS2 Working Party.

14. The issue of community resilience was discussed.

15. Consideration was given as to whether Wincham Parish Council should host an event to bring together businesses within the village.

Resolved that the Parish Council should hold an event

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Casson

16. Consideration was given as to whom should receive two adult tickets to the Cheshire Show in June, donated by Nigel Evans, Chief Executive of the Cheshire Show.

Resolved that the tickets should be offered to Pam and Sue Lawson for their help with the litterpicks.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Barker

17. Consideration was given to allocating a Chairman's Allowance of £100 in the accounts of the Parish Council to be used at the discretion of the Chairman of the Parish Council, in accordance with the LGA 1972 s15(5).

Resolved that an allowance of £100 be agreed.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Moss

18. Consideration was given to a request for a donation from Wincham C P School towards the cost of the Summer Fayre Programme and to whether the Parish Council would want to accept an advertisement in the Programme.

Resolved that the donation requested be given to Wincham CP School

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr B Cooke

Carried with one vote against (Cllr Moss) on the basis of the application form.

Cllr Makepeace volunteered to provide information on recycling at the stall.

19. Consideration of any response that the Parish Council may wish to make to the governance review currently taking place in neighbouring parishes of Lostock Gralam, Nether Peover, Allstock, Byley, Sproston and Lach Dennis was discussed.

The Parish Council wished to make no comment.

20. Consideration was given as to whether as part of the review of governance in Wincham, the Parish Council wished to submit comments.

Resolved that the clerk be asked to voice the strong opinion that the Parish Council did not want the composition or the boundaries of the village altered. The Councillors believed that they represented the entire village.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Casson

21. Consideration was given to the e mail domains for the Parish Clerk and the clerk.

We own winchamvillage.co.uk. If the Parish Council is classed as a personal user, the domain would cost £11.88 for the clerk to have a new e mail address.

If it is a business, then the cost would be £240

Resolved that the Chairman investigates further.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace
Seconded Cllr Barker

- 22. Consideration was given to supporting the CHAIN campaign over the proposed incinerator by writing a letter in protest to Mr George Osborne, MP for this area. Resolved that the clerk be asked to send a letter to Mr George Osborne MP, on behalf of the Parish Council, protesting that the incinerator now to be built is inconsistent with the Planning Permission given.**

Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Makepeace

- 23. Consideration of the draft guidelines on donations from the Parish Council to be included on the website, drafted by Cllr Parr.**

This matter was postponed.

- 24. Consideration was given as to whether the Wincham newsletter should include information from Community Dance (a commercial enterprise) or from Buggyfit (which charges a small fee for each accompanied walk for parents pushing prams and pushchairs). Consideration of a general policy for the inclusion or exclusion of commercial courses and events was discussed.**

This matter was postponed for consideration in time for the Summer newsletter.

25. Linnards Lane Playing Field:

- i. The clerk circulated new rotas and inspection sheets.
- ii. The clerk requested, but did not receive completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the following dates for the inspections conducted by councillors:

16/3/2014	Cllr Makepeace
23/3/2014	Cllr Barker
30/3/2014	Cllr Casson
6/4/2014	Cllr Turner
13/4/2014	Cllr Parr
20/4/2014	Cllr O'Halloran

- iii. The councillors noted the rota for the next month for the inspections conducted by councillors:

28/4/2014	Cllr Pugh
5/5/2014	Cllr O'Halloran
12/5/2014	Cllr Parr
19/5/2014	Cllr Barker

- iv. A report was not received on the installation of the two new benches due to the absence of Cllr Turner.
- v. It was noted that the left hand side of the playing fields was currently closed whilst the new play equipment was installed.
- vi. Consideration was given as to whether there should be a consultation with the residents of Wincham via the newsletter and possibly at the Summer Fayre over whether to rename the Linnards Lane Playing Field.

Resolved that there should be a consultation.

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace
Seconded Cllr Barker*

26. Village Communication:

- i. An update was not received on the plans for the new village notice board due to the absence of Cllr Turner.
- ii. A report was given on the newsletter.
- iii. There were no changes or additions for the village website.
- iv. An update was given on the Rural Arts Network.

27. Christmas tree lights

A report was received from the working party on the Christmas tree lights. The composition of the Christmas Tree Working Party was confirmed as being Cllrs O'Halloran, Pugh, Turner, Moss, D Cooke and Cllr Casson. The clerk was asked to contact the Mersey Forrest about a scots pine.

28. Planning:

- i. Permissions were noted
- ii. The Parish Council considered the following applications:

a. **APPLICATION NUMBER:** 14/01048/FUL **DATE:** 14 March 2014

PROPOSAL: Two storey rear extension

LOCATION: 1 Church Mews Church Street Wincham Northwich

(Application details are available on the following link:

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

Response from the web page comment box by: 25 April 2014)

No objection was raised.

b. **APPLICATION NUMBER:** 14/01065/COU **DATE:** 17 March 2014

PROPOSAL: Change of use from derelict industrial land to open storage in connection with existing industrial buildings and proposed self store storage compounds

LOCATION: Land Adjacent 7 New Cheshire Business Park Northwich

(Application details are available on the following link:

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

Response from the web page comment box by: 25 April 2014)

No objection was raised.

c. **APPLICATION NUMBER:** 14/00759/FUL **DATE:** 18 March 2014

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension

LOCATION: 2 Rose Farm Court Church Street Wincham Northwich

(Application details are available on the following link:

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

Response from the web page comment box by: 25 April 2014)

No objection was raised.

d. APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/01407/FUL DATE: 8 April 2014

PROPOSAL: Two storey rear extension

LOCATION: 9 Chapel Street Wincham Northwich Cheshire

(Application details are available on the following link:

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

Response from the web page comment box by: 29 April 2014)

No objection was raised.

29. Accounts:

i. Consideration was given to authorising the payments below:

A. Northwich Town Council:

a. Invoice number 057

dated 28.2.14 – £197.40 - Contract work

on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-

i.	1 x 3 hours inspection	£70.50	
ii.	4 x 1 hours paper picking	£94.00	£164.50
	VAT @ 20%	£32.90	£197.40

b. Invoice number 058

dated 31.3.14 – £197.40 - Contract work

on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-

iii.	1 x 3 hours inspection	£70.50	
iv.	4 x 1 hours paper picking	£94.00	£164.50
	VAT @ 20%	£32.90	£197.40

£394.80

B. Simon Roberts printer for Spring edition of Wincham Word:

170gsm Gloss x1100

(Same price as a 1000 run at least for this job)

£428.00

C. ChALC subscription

£510.60

D. Gardening for Disabled Trust subscription

£20.00

E. Cheshire Playing Fields Association

£20.00

F. Kel Palmer Memorial Garden Design –

First payment of half agreed fee of £500

£250.00

G. Wincham CP School PTA s137 Donation

£100.00

H. St John's Church, Lostock Gralam s137 Donation

£250.00

I. Reimbursement of clerk's expenses –

50 2nd class stamps @ 0.53 26.50

30 1st class stamps @ 0.62 18.60

10 1st class Large @ 0.93 9.30

£54.40

J. Clerk's salary for April 2014

£309.00

Resolved that these payments be approved.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Barker

- i. Current Net Balances were noted:
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| Current Account as at 31.3.2014 | £200.00 |
| Business Reserve Account as at 31.3.2014 | £7,488.58 |
| Bonus Saver Account as at 4.4.2014 | £11,937.69 |
| Total held at bank | £19,626.27 |
| <i>Less unpresented cheques</i> | <i>(£1,437.00)</i> |
| Total funds (including allocated funds) carried f/d | £18,189.27 |
- ii. The final quarterly statement was considered.
- iii. *Resolved that these payments be approved.*
Proposed Cllr Baker
Seconded Cllr Makepeace

30. Correspondence

The following item of correspondence was noted:

A letter from Mrs Dockney, expressing sadness that there are currently no councillors on Wincham Parish Council who live in Lower Wincham. Mrs Dockney says that she enjoyed her time on the Parish Council, but cannot now attend meetings because she does not drive and it is too far to walk to the Community Centre.

31. Any Other Business.

- i. **Cllr O'Halloran said that he wanted to consider the hours worked by the clerk.**
- ii. **It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider holding a council meeting at Witton Albion.**
- iii. **A councillor reported a large pothole opposite no 40 Church Street.**
- iv. **The clerk was asked to report that The Black Greyhound site was becoming dangerous because the slates are loose.**

21.45pm meeting closed

Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
1.5.14