



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 7.30 pm Wincham Community Centre**

### **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** I Parr, K Barker, R Casson, D May, and S Henshall.

**Parish Clerk:** N Morris

**Ward Councillors** N Wright

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

*Apologies had been received from Cllrs Pugh, A Makepeace, F Smith, D Turner, B Cooke and D Cooke and from Ward Cllrs Hammond and Gibbon*

*Resolved to accept the apologies from Cllrs Makepeace, B and D Cooke and from Ward Cllrs Hammond and Gibbon and to note the absences of Cllrs Turner, Pugh and Smith*

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr Henshall*

### **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. Declarations of any**

**(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or**

**(b) other disclosable interests**

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

*Cllr Barker declared that he was a member of SID, opposed to the building of an incinerator near Wincham, and also a Governor of Wincham Community Primary School. Cllr Casson also declared that she worked at Wincham Community Primary School.*

### **1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 March 2017.**

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

*Proposed Cllr Casson*

*Seconded Cllr Barker*

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

*No matters were raised.*

### **3. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.**

*It was noted that there were still a number of empty shop premises in Barons Quay. Expressions of admiration were made of the new cinema.*

*It was asked if the Unitary Councillors could help Wincham Community Primary School to obtain a new school hall. It was noted that the need for a new school hall had been included in the CWAC Capital Plan, but had been dropped when it appeared that the Urban Village would bring a hall. It was important that this need be reinstated within the plans of CWAC.*

**4. The installation of the interactive traffic signs was noted and thanks were expressed to the Ward Councillors for their support on this.**

**5. Mr John Atkinson and Miss Carol Ince of HS2 were welcomed to the meeting.**

*The official consultation period on the preferred route ended on 9 March 2017. Many responses have been received and are being assessed, but nothing could be said about these whilst the process concluded. "Purdah" surrounding the General Election would mean that no public announcement could be made until after the Election.*

*Once the official route has been settled, local questions may be addressed, but Mr Atkinson made the following remarks about the concerns of the Wincham Parish Councillors:*

- Concerns over the environmental impact of the railway will be answered. He wants to set up a system to bring local concerns to his attention and to involve local knowledge in the design of a solution. There will be an environmental statement taking into account traffic, noise and ecological concerns.*
- He appreciates the concern over the height of the railway embankments. It may be possible to make these lower to reduce the visual impact on the sky line and how far the noise will travel.*
- He would be pleased to come back to the village at a later date with engineers to discuss the environmental impact.*
- A dialogue has been started with INEOS over the issue of brine and the legacies of brine extraction. Safety will be the primary concern and they will use the top geotechnical engineers. The Secretary of State will have to justify why the preferred route is right and will also address whether, given any local geological problems, it is also affordable.*
- He could not comment on the impact that fracking might have on HS2, but promised to look into it.*
- When the proposed route of HS2 moved, the properties previously affected were put in a safeguarded area which means that they still have a period (probably 3 months) to force a sale on the HS2 body, even if their property is no longer required. If the Councillors knew of anyone in that situation, they were asked to pass Mr Atkinson's details to them. Mr Atkinson stressed that he wanted to make the process as human as possible.*

**6. Mr James Patron Bell of Pickmere and Wincham Methodist Church was welcomed to the meeting.**

*Mr Patron Bell became the minister in September 2016 and said he was delighted to have been invited to the Parish Council meeting and he would be pleased to become more involved in Wincham village life. He was aware that there was no place of worship within Wincham.*

*The church has recently been refurbished and at present the following regularly takes place:*

- Weekly worship*
- Community Coffee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*
- TLC – Tea, Laughter and Chat on a Friday for the housebound*
- Friday morning toddler group*

*They are also building a Facebook page and developing links with Wincham School.*

*When asked, Mr Patron Bell said he would be interested in running a Christmas Carol event in December.*

**7. Planning:**

**1. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**i.**

Site Address:	<b>Black Greyhound Hotel Hall Lane Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6DG</b>
Proposal:	<b>Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of eight residential dwellings and associated infrastructure works.</b>
Reference Number:	<b>17/00966/OUT</b>
Case Officer:	Ms Bethany Brown 01244 976977 bethany.brown@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Ward:	Marbury
Parish:	Wincham
How to comment online:	If you want to comment on this application or view all the application documents (including supporting documentation) please use our online Public Access system at <a href="http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/">http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</a> .

*It was noted that the application that had been submitted was not the one shown a few weeks before to the Parish Council. The houses on the one shown to the Parish Council were closer to the footprint of the previous building. The Parish Councillors expressed the view that they had liked this design.*

*It was felt the submitted application ran roughshod over the greenbelt regulations. The plans submitted (if accepted) might be used in prospective applications for developments on greenbelt elsewhere in the village.*

*It was also noted that the narrative within the application mentioned certain amenities that are no longer in existence in Wincham.*

*This application was only for outline planning permission and so the details could be changed at a later date and this meant the lack of trust was significant. The developer had not been straightforward thus far and it was felt that there was a degree of cynicism in dealings with the Parish Council.*

*Resolved that the Parish Council should object to the application on the following grounds:*

- a) It represented excessive urbanisation of the greenbelt*
- b) The proposed building work was extensively on the greenbelt area of the land, not on the existing footprint;*
- c) The design submitted in this application differed significantly with the plans shown for this purpose to the Parish Council only weeks before*
- d) The Parish Council was concerned over the positioning of the access road so close to the busy junction and traffic lights.*

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr Henshall*

## **2. Approvals**

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**The following Approval was noted:  
16/04057/FUL**

**Proposal:** Construction and operation of a 20MWe Peaking Power Generation Plant and ancillary equipment

**Location:** Land At Wincham Lane Business Park Wincham Lane Wincham Northwich CW9 6DE

### **Approval**

## **8. A report on CHAIN and on the proposed developments by TATA was received.**

*The original Planning Permission was for a 600,000 tonnes incinerator. Now TATA intend to build a 300,000 tonnes incinerator. This was felt to be a material change to the Planning Permission and should be referred back for a new Planning Application.*

*Resolved that the clerk should write to the Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council asking if a new Planning Application had been received since the new plans amounted to a material change to the Permission previously granted.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Henshall*

**9. PCSO Hambleton's report to the meeting was postponed in his absence**

**10. The instillation of the defibrillator was discussed.**

*It was noted that the box had been installed, but was empty. The reasons for this were unclear.*

**11. The notice boards within the parish was discussed**

*Wincham School have agreed to a noticeboard beside their perimeter fence. A formal quotation for a green noticeboard with the village logo was awaited.*

**12. Consideration was given to arranging a joint public meeting with Councillors of Marston PC**

*A time of 8pm on 26 April at the Church Hall on Ollershaw Lane, Marston was suggested.*

**13. A date for a community painting for the Linnards Lane railings was set**

*The railings are a quarter painted. A new date of Sunday, 7 May at 1pm was suggested.*

**14. Consideration as to how the Parish Council might use Office 365 or in other ways update its IT or data collection methods was postponed until later in the year.**

**15. Sub-Committees and Working Parties**

- i. It was agreed that there were no planned dates for any sub-committees to be held before the next Council Meeting.
- ii. An update was received from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party that work on the trees had begun
- iii. There were no updates received from other Working Parties.

**16. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections**

- i. Responsibility for inspections was noted:

19/04/2017	Cllr Parr
17/05/2017	Cllr Henshall
21/06/2017	Cllr May
16/07/2017	Cllr Barker

Inspections sheets are required for each individual week. Inspection sheets may be scanned and sent to the clerk at [winchampc@talktalk.net](mailto:winchampc@talktalk.net) or sent by post to 22 Churchfields Bowdon WA14 3PJ.

**17. The Memorial Garden and design for the new War Memorial was discussed.**

*The designs for the memorial were noted with enthusiasm, along with some for a path and a booklet giving background information.*

**18. The state of the Christmas tree in Linnards Lane and whether it needs to be replaced was discussed.**

*There is some die back on one side of the Christmas tree. It had been hoped that this would reduce, but it has not and looks ugly. Replacing the existing tree was felt to be the right approach. Choosing a more mature tree would make it difficult to establish. Instead, boxing in the new tree was felt to be helpful and possibly erecting a plaque to the effect that this is the Wincham Christmas tree in the hope that people would then take care of it. Replacing the tree now would be inappropriate because of the season. It would be better later in the year.*

**19. The holding of a village picnic for 2017 and the arrangements for planning this were discussed.**

*A working party of Cllrs Henshall, May, Makepeace and Barker was agreed.*

**20. Whether the Parish Council should take a stall at the Summer Fayre at Wincham Community Primary School and the arrangements for this was postponed to the next meeting.**

**21. Becoming a "Local Charter" under the National Tree Charter was discussed.**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council should apply to become a Local Charter under the National Tree Charter*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Casson*

**22.** The issue of water pressure within the village was discussed and it was noted that some residents had been in touch.

**23.** It was discussed whether to pay for the time spent preparing the newsletter and a working part of Cllrs Casson, Parr, May and Barker was agreed

**24.** Consideration as to whether Wincham Parish Council wished to submit comments to the electoral review of wards within Cheshire West and Chester was postponed to the next meeting (comments may be submitted up to 5 June 2017).

**25.** Consideration was given to an application for a donation towards the cost of:

- i. maintenance work in the churchyard of St John The Evangelist Church, Lostock Gralam.
- ii. Urgent repair works needed for the church and lych gate.

*Resolved that the usual donation be given to the church and that the church be invited to reapply for an additional donation for the church building and lych gate*

*Proposed Cllr Barker  
Seconded Cllr Casson*

**26.** Consideration was given to entering the Les George OBE Memorial Award from the Cheshire Playing Fields Association and it was decided that this year was not the correct year to apply.

**27.** Consideration was given to the request from an advertising agency to add a sponsorship sign below the entry signs to Wincham.

*Resolved that this was not what the Parish Council considered to be appropriate*

*Proposed Cllr Parr  
Seconded Cllr Henhall*

**28.** Consideration was given over whether to renew membership of:

**i. ChALC**

*Resolved that membership be renewed*

*Proposed Cllr Henshall  
Seconded Cllr Barker*

**ii. The Cheshire Playing Fields Association.**

*Resolved that membership be renewed*

*Proposed Cllr Henshall  
Seconded Cllr Barker*

**29.**

**iii. Village Communication was discussed:**

- i. The newsletter is being prepared and it is hoped may be sent out by the end of May.
- ii. The village Facebook page is being well received.
- iii. There were no changes or additions for the village website, but the clerk was asked to check that the meeting dates for the Parish Council are on the website.
- iv. There will be a meeting with CRT in May.

**30. Accounts:**

**i. The following payments were noted:**

1. Northwich Town Council invoices:		
i. Invoice 2100	£294.00	
ii. Invoice 2162	£88.20	£382.20
2. Subscription to Cheshire County Playing Fields Association		£20.00
3. Cheshire Community Development Trust payroll services for 2016/17		£168.00

4. Subscription to ChALC		£611.80
5. Wincham Community Centre annual invoice for hire for the PCSO		£300.00
6. Simon Roberts		£382.00
7. Green Green Flag: Keep Britain Tidy for Linnards Lane Playing Fields	314.00	
VAT	62.80	£376.80
8. APC Electrical Contracting Limited for work on the defibrillator		£173.65
9. Cllr D Turner for installing the defibrillator		£75.00
10. Clerk salary for April 2017 35 hours @ £10.30/hour		£360.50

*Resolved that the above accounts be approved and paid in full.*

*Proposed Cllr Henshall*

*Seconded Cllr Barker*

ii.

**Accounts:**

- i. **To authorise payments listed in Appendix B.**
- ii. **To note Current Net Balances**

Current Account as at 5.4.2017	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.4.2017	£20,691.36
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.4.2017	£11,999.33
- iii. **To review signatories to the bank accounts. This was postponed.**

**31. Correspondence**

*The following correspondence had been received:*

1. A letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance Charity.
2. Three e mails from residents concerning problems with low water pressure.
3. One e mail objecting to the TATA development and asking for the response of the Parish Council to the development.
4. E mails concerning a proposition to "sponsor" Wincham by an advertising agency.
5. A letter from Frack Free Northwich

**32. Any Other Business.**

1. A personnel appraisal will be arranged with the clerk.
2. An event to honour the Unsung Heroes should be arranged and put on the next agenda.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm

***Pending Issues***

1. ***A possible banner against HS2.***
2. ***The war memorial.***
3. ***Cutting back of hedges to improve road safety***
4. ***Tree Preservation Orders***
5. ***Problems concerning local buses***

***Naomi Morris***  
***8.5.17***