



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 February 2017 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: I Parr, K Barker, A Makepeace, D Turner, D Pugh and R Casson,

Unitary Cllrs: N Wright and L Gibbons

Parish Clerk: N Morris

PCSO Hambleton

Mr 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 had been received from Cllrs F Smith, S Henshall and D May

Councillor D Hammond also sent his apologies.

Resolved to accept the apologies and it was noted that Cllrs B and D Cooke were also absent..

Proposed: Cllr Turner

Seconded: Cllr Pugh

1. Declarations of any

(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or

(b) other disclosable interests

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

Cllr Turner declared a pecuniary interest in all items mentioning the site of the former Black Greyhound since he had been employed as a contractor to secure the site. He also declared a pecuniary interest in items mentioning the defibrillator since he is contracted to erect the item. Cllrs Barker and Casson declared a disclosable interest in the item concerning Wincham Community Primary School since Cllr Barker is a Governor of the school and Cllr Casson is employed at the school.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday Wednesday 18 January 2017.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 18 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded Cllr Turner

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

No matters were raised.

4. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.

The next Marbury Community Forum is to be held at the Lion Salt Works on 28 March. The Unitary Councillors requested to be notified of any topics the Parish Councillors wished to be addressed.

The parking consultation is about to end.

The fact that the second interactive sign has still not been installed was noted with concern. The attention of the Unitary Councillors was drawn to the fact that the Planning Office had apparently not noted the concerns of Wincham Parish Council on Planning Consultation 16/04057/FUL - Land at Wincham Lane Business Park Wincham Lane Wincham CW9 6DE. The clerk was asked to investigate.

The Unitary Councillors also asked that they be copied in on planning comments made by the Parish Council in future.

5. The position of installation of the interactive traffic signs was discussed.

Frustration was expressed that the second sign was still not installed. The clerk reported that she had been told that the job was on the scheduled list of tasks to be completed by the Highways team.

6. Discussion with Pastor Andy Webb over the Christmas Carol Service was postponed.

7. Discussion with Chief Inspector Meegan over policing around the Wincham area was postponed

The clerk received confirmation from PCSO Hambleton that Chief Inspector Meegan was the correct person to invite to the meeting.

8. The Councillors welcomed Mr Patrick Lomax to discuss the Black Greyhound site.

- *The development scheme has been reduced down to 8 units.*
- *This will be submitted for Outline Planning Permission and Mr Lomax hoped that the owner would use his firm for the construction process.*
- *Mr Lomax explained that he had investigated developing the site for commercial purposes but there was still no interest.*
- *The new plans were circulated. The dwellings are surrounded by greenery.*
- *There is no affordable housing. The dwellings will be 3 or 4 bed houses.*
- *The meeting was informed that the footprint of the current building is 1700square metres. The new plans would build on 1408square metres, although the construction does not follow the exact footprint.*
- *The Councillors explained that if the plans did not stick to the original footprint, it would be difficult for them to support the scheme because it would be classed as building on greenbelt. Mr Lomax said that he believed that the new scheme would be allowed under the current planning regulations and he hoped that the Parish Council would support the proposals.*
- *If Mr Lomax' firm is responsible for implementing the plans, he said he would plant the periphery areas with good quality greenery.*
- *No plans have currently been submitted, but it was expected that they would be in the near future.*
- *Cllr Wright asked for it to be on record that, as a member of the Planning Committee at CWAC, he made no comment on the proposals.*
- *Cllr Barker expressed the wish that the Parish Council be involved in discussion of the reserved matters if Outline Planning Permission was indeed granted.*
- *Mr Lomax was thanked for coming to the meeting.*

9. Planning:

It was noted that no new applications, approvals or refusals had been received since the last meeting.

10. PCSO Hambleton made a report to the meeting.

Crime: a male was arrested because he had failed to appear when required in court; 2 persons were bitten by a dog and the police intend to prosecute.

Anti Social Behaviour: 2 males have allegedly been asking residents to endorse their driving licence application.

Speeding: 17 motorists were apprehended on Warrington New Road; residents had requested speeding tests on Green Lane and Chapel Lane but no motorists were apprehended.

11. The instillation of the defibrillator was discussed.

All necessary decisions have now been taken and the defibrillator will be installed when the electrician has an available slot in his schedule.

It was noted that there is now a defibrillator also in the Red Lion public house.

12. Discussion of the position with regard to notice boards within the parish was postponed, but the clerk reported that Cllr May had obtained quotations for new noticeboards which she would bring to the March meeting.

13. Consideration was given to an application for a donation for the Summer Fayre from Wincham Community Primary School.

Resolved that £300 be donated to Wincham Community Primary School.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Turner

14. Consideration was given to an application for a donation of £200 to the North Air West Ambulance.

Resolved that £200 be donated to North West Ambulance.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Pugh

15. Consideration was given to an application for a donation to the group Mid Cheshire Against HS2.

The clerk was asked to check whether it would be permitted for the Parish Council to make a donation to this group. If it was permitted, the clerk was asked to invite the group to submit a formal application for a donation on the appropriate form.

16. Consideration of an application to the Community Spirit award was postponed.

17. Consideration was given as to whether to work with Marston Parish Council on a neighbourhood plan and whether to arrange a joint public meeting to gauge interest within the two parishes.

The clerk was asked to propose a meeting at the Salt Barge on Wednesday, 1 March.

18. It was noted that Mrs Wendy Sinfield is unavailable to meet Parish Councillors on a Wednesday evening to discuss plans for Manchester Airport and consideration was given as to whether it was necessary to arrange an alternative time for her to meet Councillors.

The clerk was asked to enquire whether Mrs Sinfield would be able to come to a meeting on a Friday evening at 7.30pm. The date of 10 March would not be suitable, but 3 March might be.

19. Consideration was to setting a date for a community painting for the Linnards Lane railings was postponed until March.

20. 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 to the effect that members wanted to arrange for the trees to be pruned before the growing season progressed.

Resolved that the Grounds Maintenance Working Party be authorised to make a decision on behalf of the Parish Council over the selection of which quotation to accept for the pruning of trees on the basis that appropriate quotations will be assessed and the decision taken will be brought back for scrutiny and confirmation at the next Parish Council meeting

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Turner

iii. There were no updates received from other Working Parties.

21. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

i. Responsibility for inspections was noted:

15/02/2017

Cllr Pugh

15/03/2017

Cllr Casson

19/04/2017

Cllr Parr

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

The clerk was asked to send the current rota to all Councillors by e mail.

22. It was noted that the recipients for 2 donated tickets for a concert at the Bridgewater Hall was being handled by Cllr May.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

AGENDA PART 2

The remainder of the agenda was taken in closed session not open to the public or press and will relate to updating personnel matters.

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
5 March 2017*