

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
15 JANUARY 2014 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:

Parish Councillors: P O'Halloran, K Barker, D Turner, F Smith, D Pugh, A Makepeace and I Parr.

Ward Councillor: N Wright

PCSO: P Hambleton

Parish Clerk: N Morris

Alex of the press.

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors L Moss, D Cooke and B Cooke. Cllr Casson had sent her apology for the start of the meeting, but hoped to arrive later. (Ward Councillors Byram and Hammond also sent their apologies.)

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Pugh

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 Wednesday 20 November 2013.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Pugh

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

The clerk reported that Sue Stratham will be writing about the Lostock Gralam incinerator in the next newsletter. The clerk was asked to put this on agenda for the next meeting.

6. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.

- i. ASDA is coming to Northwich, probably in the spring.*
- ii. There is a consultation currently running on the Northwich roundabout.*
- iii. The Unitary Councillor will register Wincham's opposition to HS2.*
- iv. There is money available for local flood defences.*
- v. Helen Davies Grant Officer dealing with the funds for the New Year's Eve Party.*
- vi. The Parish Councillors asked if financial support could be given for the new war memorial. The parish councillors were reminded that any money given would have to be spent before October.*

7. Cups and certificates were awarded to the winner, runner-up and third-placed contestant in the Wincham Parish Council Christmas Lights Competition.

The prizes had been donated by Cllrs D & B Cooke and judged by the Parish Council.
The winner was Derek
Second prize was man and child
Third prize was resident who has lived there for many years.

8. Pastor Andy Webb was welcomed to the meeting and sincerely thanked for the Wincham C He carol Service.

Annie abstained.

12 or 14 December. Ask Mrs P. He needs to know for next meeting. Everything seemed fine. Put it in every newsletter. Pastor can help with the poster. About an hour. If the school want an assembly and he has been checked. Parish Council handed over a donation of £30.

Resolved:

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

9. Dawn Taylor was welcomed to the meeting and discussed with the councillors the situation regarding travellers.

NormALLY they would contact the landowner. She recommended that the PC identifies the owner of land and log this. There is an encampment coming to an end in Pickmere. Dawn will update us next week. CW and W will have 2 permanent sites. CW&W are trying to locate a transit site. There is one in Halton Borough. Cheshire East and Warrington and Cheshire West are looking for a transit site. They are trying to centralise the police and public contact point.

Resolved:

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

10. PCSO Hambleton delivered a report:

It has been quiet. The Black Greyhound has been stripped of metal.

Damage to a vehicle on Linnards Lane at 3pm.

Lead flashing taken from a roof one afternoon in Church Street.

11 year old girl being bothered on the telephone by a foreign male.

Linnards Lane car park had an argument between Weavervale tenants.

Next pizza night will probably be 7 February.

11. A report was received from a WCC representative. Postponed.

12. A report was received on the Neighbourhood Plan.

No change. Put it on hold until there is more interest in the village. Take it off the agenda

Proposed Barker

Second Makepeace

Annie has been looking through

13. Linnards Lane Playing Field:

- i. The Clerk requested completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the last two months for the inspections conducted by councillors.

- ii. Consideration was given as to whether to choose the stainless steel benches without backs for £800 each (plus VAT) for the benches plus the cost of removal of old and installation which would be £94 per bench or whether to choose stainless steel benches with backs at a cost of £1100.00 each bench (plus vat), again with £94 per bench for installation.

Cllr Turner declared an interest over the possible work on installing the benches.
Dom will send me the quote for the recycled bench.

14. Sub-Committees

- i. *Resolved that the Minutes to the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record:*

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

- ii. Consideration was given to the proposal from the Finance Sub-Committee to set the Precept for 2014/2015 at £25,750. It was noted that this figure was chosen after due consideration of the recommendations of ChALC and of the projects for village improvement which the Parish Council wish to achieve.

Resolved to set the Precept for 2014/2015 at £25,750.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Makepeace

CLlr Casson arrived.

- iii. No dates for any other sub-committees were expected to be held before the next Council Meeting.

- iv. A report was received from the HS2 Working Party. Went to the Tatton Park roadshow. It had a free bus service which was not advertised. No plans for a station in Crewe. If not happy with the noise there is money for noise abatement. We need to encourage people to write to their MP. Cheshire West are not having consultation meetings. Ian will write an article for the newsletter. and the Councillors noted that:

- a) That Cheshire West and Chester Council have not yet adopted a stance in favour or against the proposed route of HS2, despite the damage that the route would cause to the countryside and communities within Cheshire West.

Resolved to write to CW&C to express Wincham's opposition to HS2

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

- b) That Wincham Parish Council was not invited to the reported discussion between George Osborne MP and local parish councils concerning the proposed route for HS2. The clerk reported that Mr Osborne's office has now offered an invitation to a member of the Parish Council.

The Councillors were surprised that Mr Osborne had not realised that HS2 went through

Resolved to write a stern letter and copying it to the press (I'll write.)

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Parr

15. Consideration was given of the local bus provision around Wincham

29 responses, majority over 60s. Most used 45 and 289 and would like it extended services, mainly for work purposes. Some worked in Warrington. About 8 people in Chapel Street said they would like some kind of bus!

We need to find who in CW&W deal with subsidised buses.

I need to find out who is for next meeting. Come to the PC Meeting? To receive a report on responses to the Wincham Parish Council questionnaire on local public transport. To note and consider problems experienced by residents of Wincham wanting to use a bus, especially in the evening. To note comments made by a resident over the cost of bus travel for senior school children to local schools. To note the problem of bus services being run by different companies, preventing purchase of return tickets. To note that CW&C provides no financial support for buses around Wincham.

To consider what action the Parish Council could take.

Resolved

Proposed Cllr Secoded Cllr

- 16. Consideration was given to the possibility of moving the lists of war casualties for Wincham from within the grounds of Wincham CP School into Linnards Lane Playing Fields, to enable more residents to view these. It was considered whether this should be timed to coincide with the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of World War I.**

Resolved not to move the list, but to create our own.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Secoded Cllr Parr.

- 17. A report was given on the success of the Village People's New Year's Party for Wincham, supported by the Parish Council.**

The Councillors expressed their thanks to The Village People.

Annie needs more help. She can't have the hall for next year because it is already privately booked. She can do it next year, but she needs more help.

Postpone until November 2014 to discuss making a group.

- 18. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Roberts' Bakers, Sainsbury's and to Spar for the refreshments generously donated to the Carol Service.**

Proposed Pugh

Secoded Barker

- 19. It was noted that problems have been encountered concerning usage of a footpath in Wincham and consideration of signage for the footpath was considered. It is the process of diverted and if there is still**

- 20. Consideration was given to moving the date of the February meeting from 19 February to 12 February since the Clerk will be away from home on 19 February.**

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council take place on 12 February 2014.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Secoded Cllr Pugh

20. Consideration was given to nominating the Chairman of Wincham Parish Council to go into a ballot at ChALC for one of four tickets to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Nominations must be submitted by 31 January.

Resolved that the Chairman of Wincham Parish Council be nominated to go into a ballot at ChALC for a Royal Garden Party.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Barker

21. Consideration was given to installing a grit bin and having this filled with grit for use on pavements around Wincham. It could be used as part of the Snow Angels project. The cost of the grit bin would be around £100, but may be covered by the Snow Angels project. An initial load of grit would cost £100. Subsequent refills would be £50. The cost of grit with one load of grit and will have a grit bin installed within the Linnards Lane Playing Field. Snow Angels would only grit the private driveways.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Barker

Snow Angels are asked when

21. Consideration was given to submitting an application to the fund established by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The application would be for a match-funded grant.

PCSO youth for FTER APTIL APRIL AGENDA.

Resolved that the Parish Council will submit an application for the interactive camera for Pickmere Lane.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Parr.

22. Consideration was given to spending the capital payment to the village of £2,086 from the Cheshire West and Chester Council's Community Fund for financial year 2013/14. Suggestions included:

- **To help fund an interactive sign on Pickmere Lane to reduce speeding. (A sum of £1,000 can be used from the Parish Improvement Grant);**
- **To help fund the new Remembrance Area for the war memorial and Christmas tree;**
- **To pay for grit or grit bins for use in the Snow Angels project.**

Resolved that the Parish Council will spend the capital payment

Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded Cllr Barker

23. Consideration was given to the volunteer action taking place in Wincham:

- i. **Monitoring speeds on roads around Wincham, particularly on Pickmere Lane.**
- ii. **To consider promoting the Road Safe Pledge road safety campaign in Wincham.**
- iii. **The Snow Angels project to protect vulnerable people in Wincham in periods of extreme cold.**
- iv. **Training in use of the defibrillator, including consideration of booking a 2 hour training session for 10 people through Cheshire West, at no cost to the Parish Council. A date of Wednesday, 26 March, 7.15-9.15pm has been suggested. There is a need for 10 confirmed names of people attending before the session can go ahead. It can be advertised in the newsletter.**

24. Consideration was given as to whether the Parish Council should provide outline guidelines for the areas it would consider for making donations (such guidelines to be included on the website), or whether to leave its discretion unfettered and to consider each case on its merits.

Ian will put together some guidelines and so he will send them to me until 2 February

Resolved that

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Pugh

25. Consideration was given over whether to authorise execution of an agreement with SITA to access the £25,000 grant for re-development of the Linnards Lane playing field. SITA had failed to deliver the said document in time for the meeting, but the Councillors considered the implications of the document.

Resolved that the SITA document be executed on behalf of the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Casson

26. Consideration was given over purchasing tea and coffee flasks for use during Parish Council meetings. (Through Amazon, a three litre pump flask would cost £17.22; a five litre flask would cost £26. There is free delivery on each flask.)

The Parish Council councillors should bring their own.

22. Village Communication:

- i. An update was received on the for the new village notice board. Annie will look
- ii. An update was received on the newsletter. The deadline for the next edition is 31 January. Leftwich, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford.
- iii. There were no changes or additions for the village website.
- iv. An update was received on the Rural Arts Network. Not booking anything for the spring, but Gonzo Mousse in the autumn.

23. Planning:

- i. *The following Permission was noted:*

13/04401/COU

Proposal: Continuation of use of land for storage and vehicle parking ancillary to the reclamation and recycling business (temporary planning permission (now expired) 07-3230-FUM)

Location: Land To The Rear Of, Cedars, Chapel Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire,

- ii. *The following Application has been withdrawn:*

13/03489/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of dormer bungalow

Location: Cranmore, Earles Lane, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EA

- iii. *No Applications had been refused since the last Parish Council Meeting.*

- iv. *The following Applications were considered:*

a) 13/05490/FUL

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear/side and front and first floor side extensions and new garden wall

LOCATION: 23 Shelley Avenue Wincham Northwich Cheshire
All responses by 23 January 2014

Resolved that there was no objection.

b) **13/05507/FUL**

PROPOSAL: Two storey rear extension

LOCATION: 25 Hewitt Grove Wincham Northwich Cheshire

All responses by 23 January 2014

Resolved that there was no objection.

c) **13/05505/FUL**

PROPOSAL: New detached dwelling and new vehicular access

LOCATION: Land to the side of 75 Pickmere Lane Wincham Northwich

All responses by 24 January 2014

It is not green belt. Resolved that there was no objection.

Proposed CllrTurner

Seconded CllrBarker

d) **13/05498/FUL**

PROPOSAL: Two storey rear extension

LOCATION: 79 Shores Green Drive Wincham Northwich Cheshire

All responses by 27 January 2014

Resolved that there was no objection.

24. Accounts:

i. *Resolved to execute a letter of instructions addressed to the Parish Council's bank.*
Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded CllrMakepeace

ii. *Resolved to approve the quarterly statement of accounts (Appendix C)*

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

iii. *Resolved to approve the following payments:*

Proposed Cllr

Seconded Cllr

a) Donation from Wincham Parish Council to Pastor Webb's charitable work in recognition of his contribution to the parish £30.00

b) Northwich Town Council Invoice number 053 dated 31.10.13 – £197.40 - Contract work on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-

i. 1 x 3 hours inspection £70.50

ii. 4x 1 hours paper picking/empty bins £94.00 £164.50

VAT @ 20% £32.90 £197.40

1. Clerk's salary:		
for December 2013	£309.00	
for January 2014	£309.00	
2. Clerk's payment for autumn newsletter	£100.00	£709.00
3. Clerk's expenses:		
Printer ink and paper	£42.27	
VAT @ 20%	£8.45	£50.72

iv) *The following balances were noted*

Current Net Balances:

Current Account as at 3.1.2014	£200.00
Business Reserve Account as at 3.1.2014	£12,022.23
Bonus Saver Account as at 3.1.2014	£21,904.52
Total Bank Funds	£34,126.75
Less unrepresented cheques	(£9,709.82)
REVISED BALANCE AT BANK	£24,416.93

25. **Correspondence:**

No correspondence had been received.

26. AOB

Question over noticeboard.

Kenton's aaplolisesfor next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.33 pm.

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
16.1.2014*