



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018 at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: I Parr, K Barker, A Makepeace, D May and D Turner

Ward Cllr N Wright, Gibbon

Parish Clerk N Morris

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs D Pugh and R Casson and Unitary Cllr Hammond and PCSO Hambleton

Resolved to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Cllr Makepeace

Seconded:

2. Request for Dispensation

- i. Members who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda (*other than the Precept*) were invited to an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.

Cllr Turner declared that he might be involved in quotations for work.

- ii. Requests for dispensation were invited, noting that in January 2013 the Parish Council resolved the following:

“The Council grant a general dispensation under s33 the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to speak and vote to all Members serving on Wincham Parish Council who

- a. have a Disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the parish council where that business relates to the functions of the parish council in respect of setting a budget and a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and who

- b. have applied for such a dispensation in writing

The period of the dispensation to be for Members' remaining period of office.”

All current Parish Councillors are covered by this resolution.

Written requests for dispensation under this resolution were received from all Parish Councillors present at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17 November 2017

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 17 November 2017 be held over to the February meeting when sufficient councillors might be present who could judge whether the Minutes were a true and complete of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Turner

4. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting.

Trees on the rough ground at the end of Chapel Street were discussed. These trees cause a nuisance to nearby residents. Cheshire West Council have sprayed the edges of the bushes, but nothing more. It was noted that the Parish Council have no appropriate powers. The Unitary Councillors suggested that the clerk write to DEFRA concerning knotweed on the land.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors

- i. The Black Greyhound application is awaiting a Planning decision.
- ii. There was no news on Barons Quay.
- iii. One of the caravans had moved from the layby on the highway. It was hoped that the others would also move.
- iv. There is a Community Assets Forum consultation.
- v. It is anticipated that there might be funds at the disposal of the Unitary Councillors in May or June.

6. PLANNING

A. APPLICATIONS

- i. No developments had been announced for the former Black Greyhound site.

- ii. **52 Chapel Street Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6DA**

Proposal: **Single storey extension to front and part single storey, part two storey extension to rear**

Reference Number: **18/00149/FUL**

No comments were made.

B. APPROVALS

The following approvals were noted:

- i. **17/04470/FUL**

Proposal: Construction of a War Memorial within the memorial garden area of Linnards Lane Playing Fields, Wincham

Location: Land at Linnards Lane Wincham Northwich CW9 6ED

Approval

- ii. **17/04825/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side and two-storey rear extensions

Location: 73 Linnards Lane Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6ED

Approval

- iii. **17/02224/FUL**

Proposal: New distribution and Storage Warehouse to include associated parking, hard standing and landscaping.

Location: Land Adjacent To Victoria House New Cheshire Business Park Wincham Lane Wincham Northwich

Approval

- iv. **17/03893/FUL**

Proposal: Sun lounge to rear elevation and front hall extension to front elevation, with pitched roof. Convert existing garage to Snug Room. Provide 1575mm high privacy screen wall to front elevation.

Location: 6 Meadow Gate Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6EW

Further to previous correspondence relating to the above planning application,

Approval

C. REFUSAL

The following refusal was noted:

17/04514/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached bungalow with driveway/onsite parking for 2no. vehicles, plus associated landscaping and garden

Location: Land At 31 Chapel Street Wincham Northwich CW9 6DA

7. A discussion over the situation regarding CHAIN and on the proposed developments by TATA was postponed.

8. A report was read out that had been received from PCSO Hambleton.

Crime

Windows damaged at the School and Spar, ongoing investigation.

Residential Property has had a brick thrown through the window.

Theft of Mattresses, from a Business on New Cheshire Business Park.

Burglary at Buildbase, suspects have gained entry to the compound and attempted to steal a Micro Digger, although this wasn't stolen, there was a lot of damage caused to the digger.

Anti-Social behaviour

Report received of fly tipping, which was referred onto CWAC.

9. It was noted that no applications from prospective new councillors were yet available to be discussed.

10. Progress on the neighbourhood plan continues, but no developments were reported to the meeting.

11. It was noted that the Wincham Parish Council Carol event took place at 5pm on 16 December, under the direction of Mr James Patron Bell of Pickmere Methodist Church and with the participation of the Wincham CP School Choir.

It was noted that future Parish Council events should only take place if there sufficient Parish Councillors are available to help.

It was reported that Mr Patron Bell was delighted to have been asked to conduct the event and would be happy to put a date for 2018 in his diary.

The contrast with previous carol events was noted and Councillors wondered if a lighter tone would be preferable.

12. A donation request for funds for repair work on the spire and lych gate from St John's Lostock Gralam was discussed.

It was noted that Wincham Parish Council makes regular donations to St John's and this money could be used for repairs to the lych-gate and spire.

Resolved that the Parish Council does not have funds available for the current financial year to make a donation

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr May

13. A suggestion made by a resident, Janet Boyd, to commemorate the testing around Wincham of the first jet engine (designed by Frank Whittle) was discussed but the Clerk was asked to take the item off future agendas until the plaque is located.

14. Sub-Committees and Working Parties

i. It was noted that the Finance Sub met on 8 January 2018:

a) Minutes of the meeting were approved.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 8 January 2018 be accepted as a true and complete record.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Parr

b) The proposal of the Finance Sub-Committee was considered to set the Precept for 2018/2019 at £31,019.25 (in addition to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant which will be £617 for 2018/19). A precept of £31,019.25 was chosen after due consideration of the recommendations of ChALC to budget for an increase in costs of 4% and bearing in mind obligations of the Parish Council to keep the playing fields safe and the wish of the residents of the village that the playing fields be upgraded and improved. The increase in the precept also reflects the reduction in grants available to the Parish Council from CWAC: the New Homes Bonus has been abolished completely and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant has been reduced by 67% for the coming year. (Please see Appendix D for further details.)

c) Resolved that the precept for 2018/19 be set at £31,019.25

- ii. **No dates were known for any sub-committees to be held before the next Council Meeting.**
- iii. **The Grounds Maintenance Working Party had no report to make to the meeting.** *The next meeting of the Grounds Maintenance Working Party is scheduled for 6 February. The clerk was asked to enquire whether either of the refurbishment of the football pitch or the creation of a war memorial might be a project that Manchester Airport might support.*
- iv. **No further Working Parties had reports to be considered.**

15. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

- i. **The responsibility for inspections was noted:**

17/01/2018	Cllr Parr
21/02/2018	Cllr May
28/03/2018	Cllr Makepeace
25/04/2018	Cllr Henshall

Inspections 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.

- 16. **It was noted that there had been a further meeting discussing the creation of a new War Memorial, but there were no developments to report to the Parish Council.**

17. A response to the proposals to change funding for PCSOs was discussed.

It was noted that the Parish Council would not be able to fund a PCSO at a cost of £33,000. All Councillors felt the loss of a shared PCSO between Lostock Gralam and Wincham was a shame. The clerk was asked to put discussion of the Community Centre room and WIFI on the February agenda for discussion.

The clerk was asked to enquire what provision of PCSO the village would now receive so that residents could be kept informed.

Resolved that the Parish Council did not have the financial resources to fund a PCSO at the new cost of £33,000.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr May

- 18. **Holding an Unsung Heroes event on 9 March 2018 between 6.30-8pm was discussed. It appeared that few Councillors would be available. This was disappointing since considerable effort had been put in on preparing for this date.**

- 19. **The issue of document retention was postponed.**

- 20. **It was noted that the donor of the stone trough sends his thanks to the village for planting and taking care of the trough and is pleased to send a further donation of £100 for future planting and expenses, such donation to be given directly to residents and not to form a trust fund administered by the Parish Council.**

The Parish Councillors expressed thanks for the gesture and also to the residents who take care of the flowerbeds and the trough.

- 21. **The issue of email provision and use for Councillors and the clerk had been discussed in the previous meeting in Part II.**

22. Reports were received on Village Communication.

- i. **The newsletter – a meeting had recently taken place**
- ii. **CRTA – 7 April an Indian company will be staging a story-telling event in Wincham Community Centre**
- iii. **Facebook is now being run by Cllr May and Mrs Yates**
- iv. **The new noticeboard is in operation.**

- v. The Village Website – details of former Councillors needed to be removed, along with details of the Carol Concert. Newsletters also need to be updated on the website.

23. Accounts:

i. The following payments were authorised:

Resolved to settle the following accounts

1.	Northwich Town Council Invoice 2325 dated 31.10.17	147.00		
	VAT	29.40		
			£176.40	
	Invoice 2615 dated 31.12.17	73.50		
	VAT	14.70	£88.20	£264.60
2.	Mrs Brenda Yates as reimbursement for the payment made to F Morrey and Son for the replacement Christmas tree			£61.20
3.	Mr Allan James replacing the Christmas tree			£100.00
4.	Simon Roberts printer balance due from previous Wincham Word			£14.00
5.	The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire PCSO payment			£5,959.00
6.	To reimburse for the purchase of stone chippings around a flowerbed			£15.00
8.	Clerk salary for December 2017 35 hours @ £10.30/hour	£360.50		
	For January 2018 35 hours @ £10.30/hour	£360.50		£721.00

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr May

ii. The following bank balances were noted:

Current Account as at 5.1.2018	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.1.2018	£37,052.75
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.1.2018	£12,000.93
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.10.2017	£11,999.93

24. Correspondence

The following had been received:

1. Emails and other forms of communication regarding the activities of builders attending a property on Linnards Lane.
2. Emails and other forms of communication regarding trees growing on land at the end of Chapel Street.
3. Emails concerning caravans.
4. Emails concerning the difficulties a resident has been experiencing without an available drop kerb.
5. Correspondence received regarding changes to the funding of PCSOs.

25. Any Other Business.

- i. It was noted that Father Christmas had visited Wincham and it had been a wonderful event.
- ii. It was noted that the Unitary Councillors had been negative in their attitude to the problems experienced by the residents over nuisance trees.
- iii. It was reported that the new contact at Witton Albion is Jim from JP Ceramics.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.48pm

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
5.2.2018*