



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2019
at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:

Parish Councillors: I Parr, K Barker, D May, N Morgan, C Powell and G Birbeck

Unitary Councillors N Wright and L Gibbon

PCSO Wiggins

Parish Clerk N Morris

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Casson, A Makepeace and Unitary Cllr D Hammond. No apologies had been received from Cllr D Turner

Resolved to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr May

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.
No applications were made.

- 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 were 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 21 November 2018

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 21 November 2018 be a true and complete of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Birbeck

Seconded Cllr Barker

4. There were no matters arising from Previous Meeting.

5. The Unitary Councillors gave a report to the meeting.

- i. *There was no news on the Black Greyhound site.*
- ii. *Residents in Northwich have submitted a petition campaigning against parking charges.*
- iii. *There is a current petition on Facebook campaigning to keep open the Marks and Spencer in Northwich.*

- iv. Currently, 40% of the commercial property at Baron's Quay has been let; 25% is open.
- v. CWaC have set up a Brexit Group to investigate potential vulnerabilities; Cllr Gibbon is in the group.

6. PLANNING

i.

A. APPLICATIONS

- i. Site Address: **Land Off Linnards Lane Wincham Northwich**

Proposal: **Erection of 2 dwellings and creation of new vehicle access**

Reference Number: **18/04739/FUL**

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

Case Officer:

Comments by:

28 January 2019

Wincham Parish Council considered this application.

Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

1. *The site is greenbelt;*
2. *The developers are presenting no exceptional circumstances that would permit this development on greenbelt;*
3. *This is not in-fill because it is beyond the village boundaries and is firmly in the countryside. It is further out from the village boundary than the field (Keats Field) that previously had planning permission denied because it was greenbelt and which went to appeal, but had the appeal quashed on the grounds that it was greenbelt. This current application is near that site, but further out into the countryside, with no exceptional circumstances;*
4. *There is other land available for the building of dwellings within the village of Wincham and so there is no need to use greenbelt in order to build additional housing;*
5. *The proposed development is for very large homes that are not in keeping with what is around that area. The proposed new buildings would be out of keeping and would dominate. The development is inappropriate.*
6. *Any new Directions for a presumption to allow the building of homes for "small" developments on greenbelt fall outside this proposed development given the size and nature of the buildings proposed.*

*Proposed Cllr May
Seconded Cllr Barker*

- ii. Site Address: **Land Off Cookes Lane Rudheath Northwich**

Proposal:

Proposed partial removal of furnace bottom ash (FBA) bunding comprising of two bunds of lime bed 4 and the temporary manufacture of clinker blocks (utilising the extracted FBA) and associate works, including removal of lime (calcium carbonate) from lime bed 4 to lime bed 5, provision of a concrete working platform, temporary access routes, drainage, erection of hoarding's and landscape restoration over a 2 year period and the restoration of lime bed 5 over a 3 year period

Reference Number: **18/04735/FUL**

Case Officer: Mrs Hazel Honeysett

hazel.honeysett@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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

Comments by:

25 January 2019

Wincham Parish Council considered this application.

Resolved to make the following comments and requests about the above:

1. *The Parish Council is most concerned about the increased traffic during the construction process and requests that everything possible is done to limit traffic disruption and also to prevent the construction period from exceeding the stated 2 year period;*
2. *The Parish Council requests that the period of restoration be monitored to ensure it does not exceed the stated time prediction of 3 years in order that the whole process in total does not exceed a maximum of 5 years. This application is not for a permanent situation.*

Reference	18/04558/FUL
Alternative Reference	IAP00027514-001
Application Received	Fri 23 Nov 2018
Address	Land At Lostock Works Griffiths Road Lostock
Proposal	Erection of Workshop and Amenity Building

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

Comments by:

18 January 2019

Wincham Parish Council considered this application, but made no comment.

- ii. **The Planning Consultation which accepts comments until Sunday 3 February 2019 was discussed. It was noted that no changes are proposed for Wincham. Individuals can respond, if they so wish, but the Parish Council made no comment.**

7. The response from CWAC on the representations made over the proposed 20mph zones in Wincham was noted and the clerk was asked to respond to Mr Lewis with the following points:

- i. *How is it envisaged the Rayner's Corner junction of Pickmere Lane and Linnards Lane will work safely? It is a busy junction, with restricted visibility, beside a primary school. The new changes will mean that two of the four roads will be 20mph approaching the junction, but two will be 30mph until the cars actually drive across the junction. The change of speed limit will occur at the junction itself.*
- ii. *Mr Lewis' letter stated issues of over-grown bushes and inadequately maintained road markings were being attended to. The Parish Councillors will conduct a review of such problems around Wincham so that they can be brought to Mr Lewis' attention. For the moment, the Parish Councillors asked that prompt attention be given to the zigzag lines outside Wincham C Primary School which have required work for some years.*
- iii. *The Councillors requested that Mr Lewis define the word "consultation" since none of the wishes and objections raised by any of the residents of Wincham have resulted in changes to the proposals. Designating the small estate roads around Wincham 20mph zones was declared in the meeting to be a waste of money since no driver could drive faster than 20mph.*

8. Mr John Robinson, a resident of Wincham, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss bus services, particularly the Bus 9 service relating to Earles Lane.

Resolved that the Clerk will attend the proposed site visit with CWaC officers and those from the bus company to explore if a satisfactory solution to the problems with the bus stops on Earles Lane can be agreed.

*Proposed Cllr May
Seconded Cllr Barker*

9. Sue Statham was not present to address the meeting regarding CHAIN and TATA.

10. PCSO Wiggins made a report to the meeting

- i. *Complaints had been received regarding parking; these sites were observed, but nothing of concern seen;*
- ii. *One report of theft from the industrial estate*
- iii. *A visit was made to a vulnerable resident to give reassurance*
- iv. *Patrols; surgeries and a visit to the school*
- v. *Speed enforcement on Pickmere Lane*
- vi. *Reports of someone sleeping rough in the derelict Old Greyhound site; the clerk will provide details of the agent dealing with the site.*

11. Sub-Committees and Working Parties

i. It was noted that the Finance Sub met on 9 January 2019:

a) Minutes of the meeting were approved.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 9 January 2019 be accepted as a true and complete record.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Birbeck

b) *The proposal of the Finance Sub-Committee was considered to set the Precept for 2019/20 at £29,012.70 (in addition to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant which will be £309 for 2019/20). A precept of £29,012.70 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 CWAC New Homes Bonus is no longer paid and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant has been reduced by 50% for the coming year and has reduced.75% since 2015/16. The CRTS grant will not be paid at all beyond 2019/20.*

A Precept of £29,012.70 would be a 7% reduction in Council Tax, meaning a Band D property would pay £2.86 less (£37.93, rather than the current £40.79).

The issues were discussed and the Councillors declared that they wished to be an "honest council": to reduce the precept now that the Parish Council was no longer paying for the PCSO.

Resolved that the precept for 2019/20 be set at £29,012.70

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr May

ii. No dates were known for any sub-committees to be held before the next Council Meeting.

iii. The Grounds Maintenance Working Party made a report to the meeting.

a) *A site visit had been made by the supplier chosen for the roundabout, but the quotation had not yet been received.*

b) *The wording for the playground signs will be taken from the homework submitted by the children at Wincham School. Tracey Outram will be asked to design the layout of the signs.*

c) *It is proposed to replace the chain link fence behind the war memorial with a more attractive fence, but first this must be agreed with the resident who shares the boundary.*

d) *The clerk would submit a bid for grant funding for a teen shelter. The Grounds Maintenance Working Party had considered various alternative teen shelters, but recommended the Caloo Loft.*

e) *The Grounds Maintenance Working Party had considered quotations and specifications of various benches and picnic benches. They recommended to the meeting:*

A. Five recycled benches from PlayQuest

B. Two standard recycled picnic benches from PlayQuest

C. One circular and one games picnic bench from Earth Anchor

Resolved that the Parish Council chooses the Caloo Loft teen shelter for installation when funds are available

Proposed Cllr Birbeck

Seconded Cllr Morgan

Resolved that the Parish Council chooses

Five recycled benches from PlayQuest

Two standard recycled picnic benches from PlayQuest

One circular and one games picnic bench from Earth Anchor including one snakes and ladders board and one chess/draughts board

iv. No further Working Parties had reports to be considered.

12. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

The new rota for the responsibility for inspections was noted:

20/12/2018	Cllr Turner
22/1/2019	Cllr May
20/2/2019	Cllr Parr
16/3/2019	Cllr Makepeace
13/4/2019	Cllr Morgan
11/5/2019	Cllr Brown
15/6/2019	Cllr Powell
20/7/2019	Cllr Birbeck
17/8/2019	Cllr Barker
21/9/2019	Cllr Casson
19/10/2019	Cllr May

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.

13. A report on the children's competition for Rules for the Park was covered in Item 11 above.

14. An offer by a resident at his expense to replace the chain link fence on the perimeter of the Linnards Lane Playing Field, to the rear of the War Memorial was covered in Item 11 above.

15. Christmas events in Wincham were reviewed

The Christmas events were very popular. Almost 100 children attended the lantern parade and the feedback was very positive.

The evening when Father Christmas visited Wincham was very rainy, but the event was still successful.

There have been some negative comments posted on Facebook regarding the lack of a carol concert, this year. The Parish Council expressed the desire to hold the event next year.

16. The current position along the boardwalk beside Pickmere Lake was discussed.

Repairs have been promised since November. The clerk was asked to enquire when action would be taken.

17. Progress on displaying the Jet Commemorative Stone was discussed.

The work is progressing and should be completed before the next meeting.

18. Trees within the parish and tree planting plans within Linnards Lane Playing Field was discussed but discussion of a general policy on trees for the Parish Council was postponed.

A tree strategy document has been prepared by CWaC across the borough. It is 250 pages long.

The Mersey Forest have volunteered to donate two trees to Wincham and a volunteer will plant them with no charge. The planting is likely to take place in February.

19. The Chairman's Allowance of £100 was discussed for this year and subsequent years

Resolved that the Parish Council approves the Chairman's Allowance at a figure of £100

Proposed Cllr Morgan

Seconded Cllr May

20. It was noted that Cllr Nicola Brown has missed six consecutive meetings of the Parish Council, but in the run-up to the election of Councillors in May it was felt sensible to leave Miss Brown in post with the hope that she will be able to attend future meetings.

21. No events were declared as having been attended on behalf of the Parish Council since the last meeting.

22. Consideration was given to nominating the Chairman of Wincham Parish Council for the lottery for tickets for a garden party at Buckingham Palace

Resolved that the Parish Council nominates Ian Parr for the lottery for tickets for a garden party at Buckingham Palace

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Morgan

23. It was noted that the Great British Spring Clean will take place between 22nd March and 23rd April 2019 and the meeting considered whether Wincham should participate and apply for posters and special litter bags

Resolved that the Parish Council did not consider this would be a helpful campaign

Proposed Cllr Birbeck

Seconded Cllr Barker

24. It was discussed whether the Parish Council should rent a lockable cupboard (and key) from Wincham Community Centre at a cost of £10/year.

Resolved that the Parish Council did not feel a lockable cupboard was necessary

Proposed Cllr Morgan

Seconded Cllr Barker

25. It was noted that Manchester Airport has sent the Parish Council 2 tickets for a concert on Sunday 31 March 2019 at the Bridgewater Hall by tenThing Ensemble and the meeting discussed to whom to give the tickets.

Resolved that the Parish Council would put the distributors of the newsletter into a hat and draw out a lucky winner

Proposed Cllr May

Seconded Cllr Barker

26. Reports were received on Village Communication.

i. The newsletter

Discussions were about to begin over the next edition.

The clerk was asked to include consideration for remuneration of the editors of the newsletter on the next agenda.

ii. The village website

There were no changes or additions

The village Facebook page is functioning well.

iii. Arts and performance around the Wincham area

The next event is on Saturday, 11 May.

27. Accounts:

i. The following payments were considered:

Resolved to settle the following accounts

1. Northwich Town Council for works on Linnards Lane and Chapel Street;

i.	Invoice 3289 dated 04/01/2019	£147.00	
	VAT	£29.40	£176.40
ii.	Invoice 3245 dated 30/11/2018 for work on Linnards Lane and Chapel Street	£343.00	
	VAT	£68.60	£411.60

£588.00

2. Wincham Community Centre			
1 st December 2018 – Main Hall: Tree light event	27.80		
9 th January 2019 – Committee room	9.80		£37.60
3. Reimbursement of Cllr Barker for the annual Website fee from LinuxStartUp www 123-reg.co.uk			£71.86
4. Reimbursement of Mrs Lawson for padlocks etc for the new Wheelie bin			£26.00
5. Reimbursement of Clerk for Printer ink and paper	£108.15		
6. Clerk's salary for:			
December 2018 35 hours @ £10.72/hour	£375.20		
January 2019 35 hours @ £10.72/hour	£375.20	£750.40	£858.55

*Proposed Cllr Powell
Seconded Cllr Barker*

28. Correspondence

- 1. Emails concerning diggers on the land with the old greyhound facility.**
- 2. Written and email correspondence about Freedom of Information requests.**
- 3. Correspondence regarding a proposed 20mph zone within Wincham.**
- 4. Emails regarding arrangements around Christmas**
- 5. Telephone call about benches in the Linnards Lane Playing Field**
- 6. Emails regarding policing in the area**
- 7. Emails regarding the Grow Wild Community Grant**
- 8. Emails regarding bus services around Wincham**

29. Any Other Business.

- i. A resident has complained about that the new hedge planted around the perimeter of Pickmere Cottage reduces visibility and imperils safety.*
- ii. The Linnards Lane sign has been removed from the wall of Pickmere Cottage.*
- iii. Witton Albion has a new management team and the clerk was asked to put the suggestion that some Parish Council meetings should again be held at Witton Albion on the next agenda.*

AGENDA PART 2

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

The meeting was declared closed at 9.52pm.

*Naomi Morris
9.2.2019*