



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018  
at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** I Parr, K Barker, R Casson, D May, G Birbeck, N Morgan and A Makepeace.

**Unitary Councillor** N Wright,  
**Parish Clerk** N Morris

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

**1. Apologies for absence**

*Apologies had been received from Cllrs C Powell and N Brown and Unitary Cllrs Gibbon and Hammond and PCSO Wiggins*

*Resolved to accept the apologies and note the absences of Cllrs Turner and Hardman.*

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr May*

**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. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 June 2018**

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr May*

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

*No matters were reported.*

**5. Mr Scott Wilson of United Utilities was welcomed to the meeting to discuss persistent problems with poor water pressure experienced in Wincham over many years.**

*Several Councillors explained that poor water pressure has been an issue in Wincham for many years. It is not the result of recent dry weather. One resident, who had experienced unacceptably low water pressure over a 30 year period, had been persuaded to pay for a new supply pipe, but this still did not solve the problem. Thor, a major commercial presence within the village, is known to have made their own arrangements and no longer rely on a mains water supply because it is too unreliable.*

*The Councillors explained that there were 2 issues they wanted United Utilities to address:*

- I. The perennial issue of unacceptably low water pressure within Wincham and*
- II. The unsatisfactory manner in which residents are handled by United Utilities. Typically, a resident would telephone United Utilities to report very low pressure, to be told that no other complaints had been received and that an engineer would be booked to investigate the resident's personal arrangements because the problem must be within their home.*

*Subsequently, the resident would find his neighbours and other residents across Wincham had also reported the same pressure issue.*

*i. So far as the low pressure was concerned, Cllr Casson reported that she had had numerous conversations both with United Utilities staff and also residents within Wincham and she had evidence that the water pressure had been unacceptably low for many years and yet United Utilities had not taken action to resolve the problem. She knew of 3 events during 2018 (5 complaints makes an "event"). Cllr May noted that 15 residents in her road alone had experienced significant problems this year.*

*A previous Chairman of Wincham Parish Council had succeeded in having sensors fitted to the water mains, but the standard response from United Utilities still seems to be to check the resident's home, not the sensors. These visits must be cost United Utilities money and yet they were not resolving the issue.*

*Mr Wilson explained that the most recent event had been caused by a valve having been open by mistake. This had now been rectified.*

*Mr Wilson said that the flow and pressure across Wincham was monitored and that recently the system had been changed to a flow-modulated system which should improve pressure. To make further improvements would mean replacing many water pipes and he claimed Offwat would object to the capital expenditure. There is a prioritisation list for upgrades and Wincham would be added to this list if the necessary criteria were fulfilled. For the moment, however, Mr Wilson had data to indicate that the water pressure problems within Wincham had been solved.*

*ii. Mr Wilson explained that United Utilities do keep a log of all residents who complain and, if a resident rings, United Utilities should link this with previous calls.*

*Cllr May thanked Mr Wilson for attending the meeting, but asked that he let the Parish Council have a plan within 7 days as to how United Utilities were going to improve the provision of water for all the residents of Wincham. The plan should focus on the village as whole, not individual consumers.*

*After reviewing this plan, the Parish Council would decide whether it was necessary to take the matter to Offwat.*

## **6. A report was made by the Unitary Councillors**

*There was no news on the Black Greyhound development.*

*There was some interest amongst commercial businesses in leasing space in Weaver Square. Currently, the application for a grant for the war memorial submitted by the Friends, would be rejected. More detail was required explaining the use of any funds.*

*Road safety, including where trees overhang the road signs and worn white lines on the roads, were discussed. The Unitary Councillors would support the Parish Council in campaigning for an improvement.*

## **7. PLANNING**

### **A. APPLICATIONS**

**i. Site Address: Renaissance Northwich Griffiths Road Lostock Gralam Northwich CW9 7NU**

Proposal: **Extensions to existing Waste Management Facility**

Reference Number: **18/02411/FUL**

Case Officer:

Ward: Witton And Rudheath

Parish: Wincham

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

Comments by: **1 August 2018**

*It was noted that this application was in Rudheath. The clerk was requested to check whether it had been sent to Wincham in error.*

*(CWAC confirmed that the application was sent in case Wincham had comments as a neighbouring parish.)*

**ii Site Address: Renaissance Northwich Griffiths Road Lostock Gralam Northwich CW9 7NU**  
Proposal: **Variation of condition 28(Noise emanating from the site) of planning permission: 16/01436/S73 Sustainable Waste Treatment Facility**

Reference Number: **17/03886/S73**  
Case Officer: Mrs Hazel Honeysett  
hazel.honeysett@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk  
Ward: Witton And Rudheath  
Parish: Wincham  
<http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>.  
If you have any  
Comments by: **2 August 2018**

*This matter was referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.*

**iii.** Site Address: **Thor Specialities UK Limited Wincham Avenue Wincham Northwich CW9 6GB**

Proposal: **Hazardous substance consent to store / use additional finished goods and raw materials**

Reference Number: **18/02621/HAZ**

Case Officer:

Mr Paul Friston

paul.friston@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Ward: Marbury

Parish: Wincham

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

Comments by: **7 August 2018**

*This matter was referred to the Planning Committee for consideration.*

## **B. APPROVALS**

**18/01679/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey extension to rear

**Location:** 18 Shelley Avenue Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6PH

**Approval**

## **C. REFUSALS**

None so far

## **D. WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS**

**15/03719/WAS** 28 June 2018

ben.greenwood@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Restoration of two disused lime beds at Manor Farm using suitable imported inert and excavation materials

**Location:** Manor Farm Marston Lane Marston Northwich Cheshire CW9 6DH

**Withdrawn**

## **E. PLANNING POLICY**

The following has been received from CWAC.

Dear Sir/Madam

Cheshire West and Chester Council is preparing a Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) which will identify sites to meet the need for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons accommodation in the area.

The first stage in preparing the DPD is the 'Issues' consultation, which asks for the views of stakeholders and interested parties about the approach to site selection. As part of the consultation there is also a call for sites, which invites respondents to provide details of any sites that might be suitable for Traveller accommodation.

The consultation will take place between 16 July and 5 October. All documents can be viewed online at [https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc\\_ldf/traveller/traveller\\_issues](https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/traveller/traveller_issues)

Comments can be submitted online at the above link, by email to [planningpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or by post to:  
Planning Policy team  
Cheshire West and Chester Council  
4 Civic Way  
Ellesmere Port  
CH65 0BE

All responses should be received by **5pm on Friday 5 October 2018**.  
Site suggestions can be sent by email or post as above.

[.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/).

*The clerk was asked to put this item on the next agenda.*

- F. The current Wincham Parish Council policy not to comment on domestic planning applications which have no additional impact on the village was discussed; to codifying this policy into the following wording as recommended by ChALC, such policy then to be posted on the village website was discussed:**

“The Council Policy on domestic extensions that have de minimis impact on local amenity is not to make any comment to CW&C Planning Department.”

*The clerk was asked to put this item on the next agenda.*

- i. There was nothing to report on CHAIN**

**8. The following report was delivered by PCSO Wiggins:**

Visible patrol has been given.

Police surgery to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 7-8pm

New dates have been arranged for Police Surgery these are on the Cheshire Police website.

Summer fete attended.

Reassurance visit to vulnerable person.

Reassurance to residents on Tingdene Park Homes.

Speed enforcement to be carried out in the next few weeks at various locations in the village.

Unsung Heroes attended

**9. The existence of advertising notices and banners erected within the village were discussed, following the receipt of complaints about the same.**

*It was noted that the school only had banners on its railings around the time of the Summer Fayre as a way of bringing in additional revenue.*

*For the Parish Council railings on Linnards Lane, advertisers were asked not to use the railings, but instead to post notices on the public noticeboard at Rayners Corner.*

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

- i. No dates were known for sub-committees meetings to be held before the next Council Meeting except a meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.30pm on 6 August. Cllr Birbeck was added to the Councillors sitting on the Planning Committee.**
- ii. An update from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party was postponed to the September meeting.**
- iii. No updates were received from other Working Parties.**

*The clerk was asked to include an item reviewing membership of committees and working parties on the next agenda.*

**11. The rota for the responsibility for inspections was noted:**

20/06/2018	Cllr Turner
18/07/2018	Cllr Parr
18/08/2018	Cllr Casson
19/09/2018	Cllr Barker
17/10/2018	Cllr Powell
20/11/2018	Cllr Birbeck
20/12/2018	Cllr Turner
22/1/2019	Cllr May
20/2/2019	Cllr Parr

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.

**12. The Memorial Garden and the new War Memorial and the booklet to give biographical details of the deceased were discussed.**

*The clerk was asked to inform the Friends that the application for a grant from the Unitary Councillors needed revision.*

*It is intended that the war memorial will be built before the booklet is circulated to residents.*

**13. Complaints by residents that the litter bins in the Linnards Lane Playing Field become too full in sunny weather were considered along with the following from Northwich Town Council:**

*With regards to the bin emptying, the bins get emptied every Friday. We can increase this if you wish, possibly doing a day at the beginning of the week as well? There would be a cost of £24.50 for every time that we emptied them.*

*Resolved that the litter bins be emptied on the four Mondays in August, in addition to their routine emptying on a Friday;*

*That the Clerk be asked to amend the check list for monitoring the playing fields to include specific mention of the litter bins;*

*That the Clerk be asked to include discussion of bins on the next agenda*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Parr*

**14. Progress on displaying the Jet Commemorative Stone was discussed.**

*A meeting has been arranged on 27 July between Mr Olive, the Chairman, Clerk and M Cenac of the Community Centre.*

**15. The issue of the protection of trees within the parish was discussed.**

*The Parish Council is not consulted by CWAC when a resident requests permission to fell a tree.*

*The Clerk was asked to put trees on the September agenda.*

**16. Plans to move the Victoria Infirmary were discussed.**

*The Clerk was asked to put the proposal to relocate the Victoria Infirmary on the September agenda.*

**17. The village picnic for 2018 held on 1 July 2018 was discussed.**

*The event was not well attended. It was noted that Pickmere had an event on the same day. In future, it would be advisable to check with Pickmere before setting the date. Also perhaps there could have been more publicity.*

**18. The Unsung Heroes event on 22 June 2018 was discussed.**

*This event had been a huge success, with around 60 people attending. There had been significant positive feed-back. It had cost the Parish Council approximately £60, with the hall being made available by the Community Centre free of charge.*

*Warm thanks were extended to Cllr May for all her work for this event.*

**19. The planned Pizza Night for the evening before the Summer Fayre was discussed.**

*This event had been cancelled because of insufficient volunteers.*

*The Clerk was asked to put on the next agenda the setting up of a working party to plan for the next Pizza Night.*

**20. The Parish Council stall at the Summer Fayre at Wincham Community Primary School was discussed.**

*It was noted that the location of the Parish Council stall was much better than last year. The Jenga, rocks to paint and telescope had been useful additions.*

**21. Provision of noticeboards within the parish and in particular whether the noticeboard outside Wincham School is still needed by the Parish Council was reviewed.**

*The Parish Council no longer requires the noticeboard outside the school on Linnards Lane. This should now be left for school use only.*

**22. Feedback was invited from any meetings attended by members since the last Parish Council meeting.**

*No feedback was received.*

**23. The village website was reviewed and any improvements discussed.**

*The Clerk was asked to change the incorrect email given on the website for Cllr Parr. A new working party consisting of Cllrs Parr, Barker, May and Morgan was created to consider improvements to the website.*

**24. Recommendations from the Personnel Committee in November including a special parish council email were discussed.**

*This item was postponed until the next meeting.*

**25. Reports on Village Communication were received:**

**i. The newsletter.**

*The new edition had been delivered. For the future, the print run should be increased from 1000 to 1050. The meeting thanked Cllr May for her work on the newsletter.*

**ii. Any changes or additions for the village website**

*These will be addressed by the new working party.*

**iii. Arts and performance around the Wincham area.**

*The next performance will be George Egg on 12 October.*

**26. Accounts:**

**i. The following payments were considered**

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| 1. Northwich Town Council for works on Linnards Lane Playingfield and Chapel Street;<br>Invoice 2874 dated 30/6/2018 | £343.00 |         |
| VAT  | £68.60  | £411.60 |
| 2. Simon Roberts for printing the Wincham Word   |         | £436.00 |
| 3. Reissued cheque for work done by Dominic Turner, replacing cheque dated 19.4.2017                                 |         | £75.00  |
| 4. Reimburse Debs May for food and miscellaneous purchases made for the Unsung Heroes event and for sticky labels    |         | £339.62 |
| 5. Reimbursement of Mrs K Barker for craft supplies for the Picnic in the Park                                       |         | £5.99   |
| 6. Mileage expenses for Cllr Birbeck to attend the New Councillors course<br>66.8 miles at £0.45/mile                |         | £30.06  |
| 7. Wincham Community Centre:<br>Adhoc hirings  |         | £38.00  |

Annual hire for Parish Council Meetings	£300.00	£338.00
8. Reimburse Clerk for banner for Wincham Parish Council		£32.08
9. Clerk salary for July 2018 35 hours @ £10.72/hour		£375.20

*Resolved to settle the following accounts*

*Proposed: Cllr May*

*Seconded: Cllr Casson*

- ii. **Current Net Balances were noted**

<b>Current Account as at 5.7.2018</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.7.2018</b>	<b>£51,565.31</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.7.2018</b>	<b>£12,003.93</b>
- iii. **It was noted that papers are now with the External Auditor.**
- iv. **The signatories of the Parish Council bank accounts were considered, including amending the Financial Risk Document to allow four serving Councillors to be simultaneously authorised to sign cheques. (This proposal has been approved by ChALC.)**

*Resolved that the Financial Risk Document should specify four Parish Councillors be able to sign cheques.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Casson*

## **27. Correspondence**

- 1. Emails concerning water pressure problems**
- 2. Emails regarding planning services**
- 3. Emails concerning litter**
- 4. Emails regarding advertisement banners within the village**
- 5. Emails concerning grass cutting.**

## **28. Any Other Business.**

- i. Cllr Birbeck offered wooden figures of soldiers for use around the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday.*
- ii. The Clerk was asked to put painting the railings on the next agenda.*
- iii. The Clerk was asked to put setting up a working party to organise the Remembrance Day event on the next agenda.*
- iv. It was noted with concern that the Linnards Lane noticeboard had been vandalised.*
- v. The Rules for the Park competition will be judged by Cllrs Barker and Morgan.*
- vi. The danger caused by cars parking on the junction of Pheasant Rise and Church Street was noted and the Clerk was asked to write to CWAC about this.*
- vii. The Clerk was asked to put the issue of storage space for Parish Council items on the next agenda.*

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.43 pm**

*Naomi Morris*  
28.8.2018