



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019  
at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** *K Barker, A Makepeace, D May, G Birbeck and A Webster.*

**Parish Clerk N Morris**

Mr Tom Chapman of Ashgate Lane addressed the Parish Council on the following points:

- i. Please could the Parish Council address the maintenance issues of the land outside the hedge surrounding the Linnards Lane Playing Field because the grass is a mess and the bushes ill-kept;
- ii. Would the Parish Council consider laying down a new hedge? The existing hedge used to be maintained annually, but this has not been done for a number of years.
- iii. The footpaths between Wincham and Northwich are no longer passable on a mobility scooter because the hedges have not been adequately cut back and the path surface has not been maintained. The Clerk said she would report this to Highways.

No further concerns were expressed during the public forum.

Vice Chairman Kenton Barker took the Chair for the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

*Apologies had been received from Cllrs I Parr, R Casson, C Powell and N Morgan and from Unitary Cllrs Wright, Gibbon and Marshall and PCSO Wiggins*

*Resolved to accept the apologies*

*Proposed Cllr May*

*Seconded Cllr Makepeace*

**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 19 June 2019**

*Confirmation and acceptance of the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 19 June 2019 could not be made because there were insufficient Councillors present who had been at the June Meeting. The Minutes were therefore heldover to the next Parish Council meeting.*

**4. Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

*The Clerk reported that Highways are asking Wincham Parish Council to pay £2275 to resite the interactive sign on Church Street. The Clerk was requested to ask Highways why they had changed the area covered by 20 mile hour zone without consultation.*

**5. Mr Andrew Webster was welcomed as a new Councillor**

**6. No Unitary Councillors were present.**

## 7. PLANNING

*The following matter was noted:*

### A. APPLICATIONS

Site Address: **17 Pear Tree Drive Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6EZ**

Proposal: **Single storey rear extension**

Reference Number: **19/02371/FUL**

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

comments by:

**31 July 2019.**

*No comment.*

### B. APPROVALS

*None*

### C. REFUSALS

*None*

*The Clerk was asked to put the wording of the current resolution under which Wincham Parish Council does not normally discuss residential planning applications on the next agenda for discussion.*

**8. No report had been received on CHAIN, but it was noted that it appeared possible that TATA would be allowed to take action without varying the original planning permission. CHAIN have declared they will fight this.**

**9. The following report was received from PCSO Wiggins in her absence:**

*“One report of suspicious activity Wincham industrial estate.*

*One report of burglary Wincham industrial estate.*

*Speed monitoring has been carried out with the junior safety officers on Church Street Wincham.*

*Speed monitoring conducted on Linnards Lane.*

*Police surgeries held.*

*Visible patrol given to the area of Wincham.*

*Social media updated with actions / visible presence conducted.*

*Parking complaints addressed.*

*Parking advisory notices placed on offending vehicles.*

*School parking – visible patrol”*

*The Clerk was asked to write to the local police and ask that the PCSO be allowed shifts allowing her to attend Parish Council meetings, as was promised when the new PCSO arrangements were put into place.*

## 10. Sub-Committees and Working Parties

**i. No dates were known for sub-committees meetings to be held before the next Council Meeting.**

**ii. The Grounds Maintenance Working Party made a report:**

*The Grounds Maintenance Team have walked the playing field, inspected every piece of equipment and made a list of what they should like to have done, including where the Fit Trail should go.*

*Plans will be published for public consultation in the Wincham Word, with comments invited.*

*The Chapel Street playing field was discussed. The Parish Councillors would like to upgrade the fence and do other work here, but feel it would be imprudent because the land is not owned, nor leased. There is no security of tenure and so money spent could be lost.*

**i. No updates were received from other Working Parties.**

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

**19/6/2019**

**Cllr Powell**

17/7/2019  
17/8/2019  
18/9/2019  
16/10/2019  
20/11/2019

Cllr Birbeck  
Cllr Barker  
Cllr May  
Cllr Parr  
Cllr Makepeace

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. Discussion of 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 postponed to the next meeting.**

**13. Recent developments by HS2 within the Wincham area were discussed.**

*There have been 11 amendments to the proposed layout. It was agreed to discuss any further developments at the September meeting.*

**14. The clerk invited reports on any issues on the streets of Wincham meriting the attention of CWaC.**

*It was noted that having to pinpoint a problem on the on online recording system was unsatisfactory. Often it would be more useful to be able to draw a line, instead.*

*The clerk was asked to bring this complaint to CWaC.*

**15. There was nothing to report on the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**16. Consideration was given to possible capital projects for an application to the CWaC Members' Budgets for 2019/20.**

*Resolved that the Unitary Councillors be asked to make a contribution to the new teen shelter  
Proposed Cllr Birbeck  
Seconded Cllr Makepeace*

**17. The Cheshire West and Chester Council Proposed Changes to the Dog Warden were noted and welcomed as a significant improvement because the service now extends to weekends.**

*The clerk was asked to press for the dog bins to be emptied more often, especially around the Flashes because they become too full.*

**18. The Cheshire West and Chester Council Local Plan (Part Two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies were noted.**

**19. Discussion of the present situation regarding the War Memorial and the Parish Council policy regarding wreaths and tokens was postponed until September.**

**20. Arrangements were discussed for the unveiling of the Jet Commemorative Stone within the Community Centre on 21 September.**

*Cllr Birbeck was thanked for all his work on this topic.*

*Significant research has now been completed, but the information board to accompany the Stone will probably not be ready for the unveiling in September.*

*The Astronomy Club will be holding an open day on the same day as the unveiling of the Stone and refreshments can be shared.*

**21. A discussion on tree planting and other horticultural matters within Wincham was invited**

*A complaint had been received from a resident over the land being cleared near Chapel Street. Thor now owns that land and the Thor CEO, Mr David Hewitt has said that the land is being tidied, nothing more.*

*Wincham Community Primary School have yet to confirm whether they are interested in an organised tree-planting session on the Thor land. It is a condition of the funding of street trees within Wincham by the Mersey Forest that an educational tree planting of this kind takes place.*

*The damson and plum trees in the Linnards Lane Playing Field need summer pruning and Mr Graham Stone has kindly agreed to do this.*

*One of the trees in the Memorial Garden has died and will be replaced in the autumn.*

## **22. The amended GDPR Subject Access Policy was considered**

*Resolved that the amended GDPR Subject Access Policy be adopted.*

*Proposed Cllr Birbeck*

*Seconded Cllr May*

## **23. Arrangements for the Unsung Heroes Event on 19 October were discussed.**

*It was welcomed that some new names have been received. Invitations will be sent out in September.*

## **24. Arrangements were discussed and agreed for the Picnic in the Park on 21 July 2019.**

*Mrs Helen Morgan will kindly do a story-telling session from the Story Telling Chair; Northwich Library will be present to sign up children for the Summer Reading Challenge; the ice cream van may be in the area; the Wincham Astronomy Club will be there with a telescope and Mr Philip Hambleton has said he will kindly bring toys and games.*

## **25. Discussion of events for Christmas 2019 was postponed to the next meeting.**

## **26. No reports of events attended by Councillors or the clerk in an official capacity were reported.**

## **27. Reports were invited on Village Communication, including:**

- i. The newsletter, which will be sent out at the end of July/beginning of August**
- ii. Any changes or additions for the village website – none were reported**
- iii. The village Facebook page and other social media: Facebook is doing very well with more people joining.**
- iv. Arts and performance around the Wincham area: there will be a CRTA production, *Done to Death, By Jove* on 5 October. It is a farce.**

## **28. Accounts:**

### **i. The following payments were considered**

1. Northwich Town Council maintenance of the Playing Fields:		
i. Invoice 3611 28/06/2019	£318.50	
VAT	£63.70	£382.20
2. Simon Roberts: printing the Wincham Word		£472.00
3. Reimbursement of Mrs Sue Lawson for bark chippings for Memorial Garden		£15.66
4. Clerk's salary: July 2019: £11.22 x 35 hours per month		£392.70

*Resolved to settle the above-listed accounts*

*Proposed: Cllr May*

*Seconded: Cllr Makepeace*

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

<b>Current Account as at 5.7.2019</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.7.2019</b>	<b>£42,424.19</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.7.2019</b>	<b>£12,023.24</b>
- i. **It was noted that papers are now with the External Auditor.**

## **29. Correspondence**

- 1. Emails regarding the outstanding Expense Form for a re-elected Councillor.**
- 2. Emails relating to audit details.**
- 3. Emails relating to the Picnic in the Park.**
- 4. Emails with the PCSO Wiggins.**
- 5. Emails relating to the new speed limits in Wincham.**
- 6. Emails relating to fly tipping in Wincham.**
- 7. Emails relating to the rubbish collection in Wincham.**
- 8. Emails relating to the participation of library staff at the Picnic in the Park.**
- 9. Emails relating to maintenance issues in the playing fields.**
- 10. Emails relating to issues relating to dogs.**
- 11. Emails relating to aircraft noise.**

## **30. Any Other Business.**

*None was reported.*

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm**

*Naomi Morris 31/07/2019*