



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017 at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** I Parr, S Henshall, A Makepeace, K Barker, and D Turner.  
**Ward Cllr D Hammond**  
**Parish Clerk N Morris**  
**PCSO Hambleton**

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

**A. Election of Chairman**

*Cllr Henshall was proposed by Cllr Makepeace and seconded by Cllr Turner and was duly unanimously elected as Chairman.*



**1. Election of Vice Chairman**

*Cllr Parr was proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Barker and was duly unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.*

**2. Election of two Footpath Officers**

- i. Cllr Turner was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Parr and was duly unanimously elected as a Footpath Officer.*
- ii. Cllr Parr was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Turner and was duly unanimously elected as a Footpath Officer.*

**3. Apologies for absence**

*Apologies had been received from Cllr R Casson, Cllr D May, Cllr D Pugh and Unitary Cllrs Wright and Gibbon.*

*The following were noted as absent F Smith, B Cooke and D Cooke*

*Resolved to accept the apologies and note the absences*

*Proposed: Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded: Cllr Turner*

**4. Declarations of any**

**(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or**

**(b) other disclosable interests**

**As are required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.**

*Cllr Turner declared a pecuniary interest in the installation of the defibrillator. No other declarations were made.*

**5. 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*

**6. Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 April 2017.**

*Resolved that the Minutes Annual Assembly of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Parr*

**7. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 April 2017.**

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Parr*

**8. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

*No reports were received.*

**9. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor**

*The boundaries of the Wards are being reviewed. There is a suggestion that the number of Unitary Councillors be reduced. The Parish Council was encouraged to submit comments to the review.*

*The Unitary Councillor was asked:*

- a) To note that CWAC was still referring to Upper and Lower Wincham as if there were two villages;*
- b) To comment on the vacant shops at Barons Quay. The meeting was informed that a statement was expected shortly.*

**10. Superintendent Peter Crowcroft was welcomed to the meeting to discuss policing around Wincham and plans over the funding of PCSOs.**

*Superintendent Crowcroft reported the following:*

- The funding for PCSOs has been in place for a number of years and needs to be updated*
- The working shifts for PCSOs are changing in June 2017 to 8.00-24.00, but this can be pushed back to 19.00.*
- The Role Profile for a PCSO is: visibility; problem-solving.*
- PCSOs will generally operate on foot, but there will be electric bicycles available.*
- PCSOs will be given additional powers.*
- In the past, PCSOs have felt detached from mainstream policing. This must change.*
- Northwich District is short of PCSOs and so is recruiting.*
- The funding proposals are as follows: 2017/18 the funding framework will remain unchanged; 2018/19 two standards will be introduced: Standard Service and Enhanced Service.*
- Standard Service will be free; Enhanced Service cost £34,000 per PCSO.*
- There are 121 Wards and there will be 173 PCSOs under the Standard Service. Provision will be based on deprivation, rural scarcity and population.*
- Wincham would have one PCSO, twinned with Marbury. Lostock Gralam would be twinned elsewhere.*
- For the full £34,000, the parish would have full use of the PCSO, unless a major incident called the PCSO elsewhere.*
- Currently, Wincham pays £5,900 annually.*

*Superintendent Crowcroft then answered questions. The following points were made:*

- For years, Wincham had been poorly served by PCSOs. Now PCSO Hambleton provides a very good service. If Wincham was twinned with Marbury, the service might be much less good.*
- £34,000 is too much to pay from the Precept.*
- So far the proposals are only proposals. Wincham can make a representation to the Commissioner. The Commissioner makes the final decision.*
- Does Marbury include Barnton? The Superintendent said that he did not know this, but would find out and tell the Parish Council.*
- What will the new powers for PCSOs be? Power over parking? No, only Obstruction.*
- The only new power that the Superintendent could remember was power to tackle dog fouling. He said he would send the Parish Council a comprehensive list of the new powers.*
- At present, there are 16 PCSO posts for the Northwich area. The proposal is for 17 in the future for the Standard Service.*
- The Superintendent said that Wincham could propose how much money it was prepared to pay and then the police could look into what service might be available*

- o *The Superintendent would like to sign a 3year agreement, but that would be negotiable.*

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

## **11. PLANNING**

### **i. Applications received between the date of the last meeting and the date of this meeting were discussed**

#### **a) Outbuildings At Rose Farm Barns Church Street Wincham Northwich**

No comment

#### **b) 33 Church Street**

*The following comments were made:*

- *There are already access issues*
- *It is on greenbelt*
- *Are there plans to clear the trees?*

### **ii. Approvals**

#### **a) 52 Church Street Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6EP**

**Approval**

#### **b) Home Farm Linnards Lane Wincham Northwich Cheshire CW9 6ED**

**Approval**

## **12. No report was received on CHAIN and on the proposed developments by TATA, but the clerk was asked to keep the issue on future agendas.**

## **13. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.**

- *A trailer had been stolen*
- *Tools had been stolen from a caravan at Witton Albion*
- *Registration plates had been stolen from a car.*
- *There had been fly tipping on Linnards Lane*
- *Four letters had been received concerning parking issues*
- *Speeding was still an issue on Church Street even with the interactive signs.*

## **14. The situation with regard to the defibrillator was discussed and the offer from Knutsford First Responders was considered.**

*Resolved that the payment should be made and the agreement with Knutsford First Responders signed*  
*Proposed Cllr Parr*  
*Seconded Cllr Barker*

## **15. The position with regard to notice boards within the parish was postponed to the next meeting.**

## **16. Progress on the neighbourhood plan was discussed.**

*A meeting had been held with Marston Councillors and Richard Thresh. The Neighbourhood Plan would be a strategic document and could be as detailed or otherwise as the councils chose. It might strengthen the case against a boundary change to the borders of Wincham. The £9,000 available should cover most of the work. The money could be taken in parts, rather than all at once. Marston Parish Council have yet to decide finally to agree to proceed.*

*Resolved that Wincham should proceed with drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan*  
*Proposed Cllr Turner*  
*Seconded Cllr Barker*

## **17. The community painting of the railings was agreed to be 10 June.**

## **18. Sub-Committees and Working Parties**

- i. No dates were known for any sub-committees to be held before the next Council Meeting.**
- ii. An update from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party was postponed.**

iii. No updates were received from other Working Parties.

**19. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections**

i. Responsibility for inspections were noted:

17/05/2017

Cllr Henshall

21/06/2017

Cllr May

16/07/2017

Cllr Barker

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.

**20. The ROSPA reports on Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Playing Fields and any recommendations made were postponed.**

**21. The Memorial Garden and the new War Memorial were discussed.**

*There has been a site visit.*

*The clerk was asked to put on the next agenda whether any Councillors wanted to be on the Friends group.*

**22. A village picnic for 2017 was briefly discussed.**

*Possible dates mentioned were 5 or 6 August.*

**23. An Unsung Heroes event for 2017 was not discussed.**

*The clerk was asked to keep it on the agenda.*

**24. Discussion whether the Parish Council should take a stall at the Summer Fayre at Wincham Community Primary School and the arrangements for this were postponed.**

**25. It was noted that Wincham PC is now a "Local Charter" under the National Tree Charter.**

**26. Problems with water pressure within the village were discussed and it was noted that the pressure seemed to have deteriorated. Members of the public were urged to contact United Utilities.**

**27. Consideration was given as to whether Wincham Parish Council wished to submit comments to the electoral review of wards within Cheshire West and Chester (comments to be received by 5 June 2017).**

*Resolved that the clerk should write to express the opposition of Wincham Parish Council to the number of Unitary Councillors for Marbury Ward being reduced. This could have a detrimental effect on the interests of Wincham because the Ward Councillors would be over-stretched or else would have to become more professional. This could damage the relationship between the parish council and CWAC.*

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded Cllr Parr*

**28. An application for a donation to the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends was considered.**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council should provide £300 as a donation to Pickmere and Wincham Old Friends Club.*

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

**29. Village Communication**

i. The newsletter was in the process of being prepared.

ii. The clerk was asked to arrange for the change of officers to be posted on the village website.

- iii. Preparatory work was being done to investigate further arts and performance around the Wincham area.

### 30. Accounts:

- i. To authorise payments listed.
- ii. Resolved to settle the following accounts

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr Parr*

1. Northwich Town Council invoices:			
i. Invoice 2259	£328.50		
VAT	£65.70	£328.50	
ii. Invoice 2232		£88.20	£416.70
2. St John the Evangelist Church			£250.00
3. Subscription to Cheshire Community Action			£50.00
4. Playsafety Limited ROSPA inspection	£171.50		
VAT	£34.30		£205.80
5. Wincham Community Centre hire of the clubroom			£55.00
6. Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends			£300.00
7. Clerk salary for May 2017 35 hours @ £10.30/hour			£360.50

- iii. Current Net Balances were noted
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| Current Account as at 5.5.2017             | £200.00    |
| Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.5.2017 | £50,757.22 |
| Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.4.2017 | £11,999.33 |
- iv. Signatories to the bank accounts were reviewed and updated
  - v. It was noted that the internal auditor had all the paperwork for consideration.

### 31. Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

1. Correspondence from The Tree Charter.
2. Information from Knutsford First Responders

### 32. Any Other Business.

- i. It was noted that the next INEOS meeting was on Friday 30 June 2-4pm Holford Brine & Water Offices
- ii. There have been complaints about the new LED lights. The clerk was asked to enquire whether the intensity could be reduced.
- iii. The Spar barrier needs attention.
- iv. There are travellers at Witton Albion.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.33pm.

### AGENDA PART 2

The remainder of the agenda was held in closed session not open to the public or press.

1. A possible banner against HS2.
2. Cutting back of hedges to improve road safety

*Naomi Morris*