

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, K Barker R Casson, P O'Halloran, D Pugh.
I Parr and F Smith

Parish Clerk: N Morris
Ian Ross of the Press

No concerns were expressed during the public forum that was not dealt with elsewhere in the Minutes.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs B and B Cooke and Cllr Moss sent their apologies because of ill health. Cllr Turner sent his apologies because of family reasons.

Resolved to accept apologies from all the Councillors

Proposed: Cllr Pugh

Seconded: Cllr Parr

(Ward Councillors D Hammond, N Wright and M Byram also sent their apologies.)

2. Declarations of any

(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or

(b) other disclosable interests

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

Cllr Barker declared that he was a Governor of Wincham CP School and he would be speaking as such on the issue of the proposed development of 105 dwellings off Chapel Street.

No other declarations were made.

3. 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.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 October 2014.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Casson

Seconded Cllr Barker

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

Cllr Barker reported that he had written to Cllr Mike Jones at CW&C, asking that the proposed development of 105 dwellings be tied into the conditions attached to the Wincham Urban Village. Cllr Barker asked that the Parish Council also write to Cllr Jones.

6. A report from the Unitary Councillors.

None of the Unitary Councillors were present.

7. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton

- *In one speeding check session, 15 motorists had been recorded.*
- *There had been a large party held at a barn, resulting in over 200 young people walking through the village*
- *PCSO Hambleton had held a pizza night for fifty local young people.*
- *PCSO Hambleton had also taken a group of young people to a climbing centre.*

8. A report was received on National Road Safety Week

PCSO Hambleton held an awareness session in Wincham Community Centre.

9. A report was received from residents working to improve the safety and cleanliness of Wincham.

Mrs Henshall and Mr Cenac reported that they have set up a village Facebook page to raise awareness. They want this site to work in co-operation with the existing village Facebook pages. The hope is that residents will use the new site to report issues of concern, such as dog fouling.

10. It was noted that, since January, the volunteer litter-pickers had collected 96 green Cheshire West & Chester bags of litter from the parish of Wincham.

11. It was noted that crocus bulbs and various other plants had been donated to the village from Unwins for the flowerbeds. Angela Sidwell intends to plant these. There were also plans for the school children to plant poppy seeds in the flowerbeds.

12. The current needs for volunteers were noted:

- i. Volunteers were required to help plant the new trees in the Linnards Lane Playing Field.*
- ii. Mrs Laetitia Bridge requires volunteers to paint the fence around the sandpit and the village signpost on Saturday 21 March 2015. Councillors discussed the matter and felt that barriers were not required around the signpost during the painting session.*

13. Sub-Committees

The Finance Sub-Committee and the Planning Sub Committee will both meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 January to agree recommendations for the Precept for 2015/16 to be brought back to the full Council in the January meeting. They will also consider several planning matters and make binding decisions on the same on behalf of the Parish Council. The Planning Sub Committee will then report back the decisions taken. (The members involved are Cllrs O'Halloran, Barker, Parr, Casson, Pugh and Turner.)

14. A request for a donation of £300 from the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends was considered.

Resolved that a donation of £300 be sent to the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends.

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran

Seconded Cllr Casson

15. Plans for a Business Breakfast were discussed.

Resolved that the dates of 23 or 30 January at 8am would be appropriate.

16. The present position of the site of the Black Greyhound was discussed.

The owner still appears to be removing items from the site. The agent is no longer communicating with the Parish Council.

17. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Cllr Cooke for representing Wincham Parish Council at St John's Church in Lostock Gram on Remembrance Sunday.

18. A report was given by Cllr Smith on the recent INEOS workshop.

INEOS have to go through a statutory process. This is the second stage of the process. IEOS are not commenting on any issues raised by the plans for HS2. Cllr Smith noted that the proposed development would add significantly to the traffic through Wincham.

19. Final arrangements for the Christmas Carol Service on 7 December at 6.30pm were discussed.

20. A report on plans for new play equipment into the Chapel Street Playing Field was received.

21. Linnards Lane Inspections

It was noted that:

- i. inspections for the last month were conducted by Cllr Barker;**
- ii. Inspections for the next month will be the responsibility of Cllr Pugh (19 November until 17 December);**
- iii. Inspections from 17 December to 22 January will be the responsibility of Cllr O'Halloran;**
- iv. Inspections from 22 January to 18 February will be the responsibility of Cllr Parr.**

The clerk stressed that inspections sheets are still required for each individual week.

The clerk requested (but did not receive) sheets for the previous month. The clerk stressed that this situation was not sustainable and that the insurance of the parish council required sheets to be completed.

22. **The Register of Members' Interest was considered, but the Members had no changes to record.**
23. **It was noted that Cheshire West & Chester intend to charge for all uncontested elections for parish councillors in 2015. The rate of charge is anticipated to be £165 administration fee, plus £16 for each 1000 electors. For Wincham it is expected to mean a charge of £197. Should there be a contested election, the fee would be £0.85 per elector, with a minimum fee of £547.50. Wincham has approximately 1750 electors resulting in a charge of £1487.50.**
24. **It was noted that parish council meetings may now be recorded by members of the public without permission and to discuss SILCA advice that councils should consider using a council audio recorder to prevent disagreements over what has been said in council meetings.**
Resolved that the Parish Council noted the new arrangements and would consider if any action was necessary after the elections in April 2015
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Casson
25. **SILCA advice never to forward private e mail addresses or e mails from third parties without consent and to note recent experience of several local parish councils of vexatious litigants on this point was noted.**
26. **The issue of low water pressure experienced at properties in Wincham was discussed.**
Resolved that a representative of United Utilities be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.
Proposed Cllr O'Halloran
Seconded Cllr Barker
27. **It was considered whether the Parish Council should apply for Tree Preservation Orders on any individual trees within the parish, such as the oak tree on the corner of Church Street and Linnards Lane.**
This matter will be considered further in the January meeting of the Parish Council.
28. **It was noted that the Parish Council meeting on 21 January 2015 will be held at Witton Albion. The meetings for April and July 2015 will also be held at Witton Albion.**
29. **The date of the April 2015 meeting was considered.**
Resolved that the April meeting will be held on 29 April, with the agenda sent out on the previous Thursday, as usual.
Proposed Cllr O'Halloran
Seconded Cllr Barker
30. **Suggestions of how to raise morale and community spirit within the village were discussed such as holding a Best Kept Garden or Village Photography Competition**
Resolved that Wincham hold a "Best Kept Garden" Competition (with Cllrs Smith, Makepeace and Moss as the organisers and judges, together with Mrs Angela Sidwell) and a village photography competition on the topic of "Wincham Life", announced and run through the newsletter.
Proposed Cllr Parr
Seconded Cllr Smith
31. **Village Communication:**
 - i. *A report was received on the newsletter, including responsibility for future newsletters and the format of the newsletter.*
 - ii. *No changes or additions for the village website were reported, but the clerk was asked to put an agenda item for the next meeting concerning the operation of the website.*
 - iii. *An update on the Rural Arts Network and in particular a report on the recent production, "What the Dickens" was received. "What the Dickens" had been a great success, with a number of local residents attending. Cllr Makepeace hopes to stage a further production in the autumn.*

32. Planning:

- i. It was noted that no applications have been issued since the last meeting.
- ii. To note that two approvals have been issued since the last meeting:

a) **Application number 03241/S73**

Removal of condition 2 (occupation of bungalow) as approved under permission 4/10474. Elbury, Ollershaw Lane, Marston, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6ES

Approval

b) **Application number 14/03536/FUL**

Replacement of barn roof and new brick wall to divide properties. Rose Farm, Church Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EP

Approval

33. Accounts:

i. The following payments were considered:

1. Simon Roberts printing of Autumn Newsletter			£495.00
2. Payment for the Remembrance Sunday wreath laid at St John's			£25.00
3. Northwich Town Council invoice number 1194 dated 31.10.2014			
Contract work on			
Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Fields:-			
i. 3 hours playground inspection	£70.50		
ii. 4 hours paper picking/emptying bins	£94.00	£164.50	
iii. VAT @ 20%		£32.90	£197.40
4. Northwich Town Council invoice number 1173 dated 30.9.2014			
Contract work on			
Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Fields:-			
i. 1 hour grass cutting (push)	£23.50		
ii. 4 hours grass cutting (ride on)	£94.00		
iii. 1 hour strimming	£23.50		
iv. 3 hours inspection	£70.50		
v. 5 hours paper picking/emptying bins	£117.50	£329.00	
VAT @ 20%		£65.80	£394.80
5. Northwich Town Council invoice number 1180 dated 30.9.2014			
Contract work on			
Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Fields:-			
i. 1 hour grass cutting (push)	£23.50		
ii. 4 hour grass cutting (ride on)	£94.00		
iii. 1 hour strimming	£23.50		
iv. 4 hours paper picking/emptying bins	£94.00	£235.00	
VAT @ 20%		£47.00	£282.00
6. Payment to Mr P Hambleton to cover the pizzas			£874.20
purchased by PCSO Hambleton for the recent youth pizza evening			
7. Agreed donation to the Wincham Indoor Bowls club (cheque made payable to Carol Davies).			£50.00
8. Keith Carter Harris stone sculptor			£30.00
9. Reimbursement of Cllr Makepeace for flowers covered by Chairman's Allowance			£960.00
10. BDO External Auditor's Insurance Premium Taxfees for 2013/14			£25.00
11. Clerk's salary for November 2014 35 hours @ £10.30/hour			£136.76
12. Clerk's payment for the Autumn Newsletter			£360.50
13. Donation to Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club			£100.00
			£300.00

Resolved that the above payments be accepted and authorised.

ii. Current Net Balances were noted:	
Current Account as at 3.10.2014	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 3.11.2014	£19,628.10
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 3.10.2014	£11,988.02

Note National Westminster Bank has abolished Bonus Saver Accounts and so the former Bonus Saver Account is now a second Business Reserve Account.

34. Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted:

1. Letter from Mrs Paula Jones, enclosing receipts from the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club.

35. Any Other Business.

- i. *Cllr O'Halloran reported on a Manchester Airport Liaison meeting he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council. Changes are being made so the ascents and descents of the aeroplanes will be steeper. This should not affect Wincham.*
- ii. *Cllr Pugh reported that superfast broadband internet access was now available to the village through BT.*
- iii. *Cllr Makepeace reported that there would be no village New Year party for 2014/15, but she intended that there should be one for 2015/16.*
- iv. *Cllr Makepeace requested that the following items be on the agenda for the next meeting:*
 - a) *The Parish Council website;*
 - b) *Issues surrounding the newsletter'*
 - c) *Surgeries held by parish councillors.*

The meeting was declared over at 21.19pm.

Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
29.12.14