

## WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### Present:

**Parish Councillors:** A Makepeace, K Barker, D Turner and R Casson  
**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

*Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors O'Halloran, Pugh, Parr, Smith, D Cooke, B Cooke and Moss.*

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr Turner*

*(Ward Councillors Hammond, Wright and Byram also 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.**

*No 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 17 September 2014.

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 17 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

#### 5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

The clerk reported that the Business Breakfast was now planned to take place after Christmas and would be on the next agenda for discussion.

#### 6. A report from the Unitary Councillors.

No Unitary Councillor was present.

#### 7. Three representatives of the group Cheshire Against HS2 were welcomed to the meeting to talk about the likely impact of HS2 on Wincham and the surrounding area and about the local campaign against the project.

The Councillors were told that the process for official approval of the HS2 scheme was currently between the second and third reading in Parliament. Over 2000 petitions have been received against the route and these may well take 3 years to examine. It is now expected that a preliminary report on the route should be published at by the end of this year, but the final report is now expected at the end of 2015, a year late. One of the reasons for the delay is the complications caused by possible subsidence in Cheshire. Experts from HS2 recently met to discuss this.

The current route will be along an embankment approximately 30ft above the level of the road as it passes along the Wincham border. The capacity of the line will be for 18 trains each hour and it is expected that this will be fully utilised for carrying freight over-night.

Cheshire Against HS2 will send a report to the clerk for inclusion in the newsletter edition after Christmas.

*Resolved to thank Cheshire Against HS2 for their excellent presentation and to confirm that Wincham Parish Council supports their campaign that there is no need and no business case for HS2.*

**8. Rev Brian Harris of Lostock Gram church was welcomed to the meeting.**

Rev Harris thanked the Councillors for the invitation to the meeting and said that he wanted to continue to build a relationship between the Parish Council and the parish church in Lostock Gram. Rev Harris also thanked the Council for its support and donations for the upkeep of the churchyard and confirmed that he would be pleased to help in any way with the new war memorial. In the meantime, a wreath will be laid at the memorial in Lostock Gram this Remembrance Sunday and the list of war dead researched by Helen Green will be read out during the service.

*Resolved to thank Rev Harris for coming to the meeting and for his support of the Parish Council and the parishioners of Wincham*

*Proposed Cllr Barker  
Seconded Cllr Turner*

**9. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.**

Since the last meeting, PCSO Hambleton reported:

- a) Five motorists were recorded speeding on Linnards Lane;
- b) The Police have been called to the site of the Black Greyhound on three occasions;
- c) It is planned to take a group of young people climbing on 28 October and to hold a Pizza Night on 29 October.

**10. The issue of dogs in the Linnards Lane Playing Field was considered.**

After a discussion, it was agreed that a new Working Group will be formed consisting of Cllr Makepeace, Cllr Turner and Mr Christophe Cenac, Mr Carl Bridge and Mrs Sarah Henshall and that they will meet together and explore the issue of dogs and generally of keeping Wincham clean and safe. They will report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

*Resolved that a new working group be set up to investigate how to keep Wincham clean and safe.*

*Proposed Cllr Casson  
Seconded Cllr Turner*

**11. The issue of Broadband and internet connection within Wincham was considered.**

*The clerk reported that faster Broadband was expected to be offered to the Church Street/Linnards Lane area of Wincham shortly, possibly before Christmas. Faster Broadband is already available to the Chapel Street area.*

**12. The concerns raised by Ms Sarah Henshall were considered about the road safety of children and their parents walking along the pavements of Wincham, especially on the way to school and in particular to consider Ms Henshall's call for the speed limit around the school to be reduced to 20mph.**

The new Working Group will consider these issues.

**13. It was noted that Witton Albion are setting up a charitable wing to aid the locality and have invited a representative of Wincham Parish Council to be appointed as a trustee. An appropriate representative of Wincham PC to act as trustee was considered.**

*Resolved that the representative of Wincham Parish Council should be PCSO Hambleton, subject to permission being granted by Cheshire Constabulary.*

*Proposed Cllr Turner  
Seconded Cllr Barker*

**14. The current needs for volunteers were considered:**

- i. **To paint the fingerposts on footpaths around Wincham.**  
*Cllrs Barker and Turner and Mr Cenac and Mr Bridge volunteered to help.*
- ii. **To paint the signpost on the corner of Linnards Lane and Church Street.**  
*Cllrs Barker and Turner and Mr Cenac and Mr Bridge volunteered to help.*
- iii. **To help out with any plans to mark National Road Safety Week.**  
*This will be handled by PCSO Hambleton.*
- iv. **To plan and replant the flowerbeds in the Linnards Lane Playing Field.**

*Cllr Makepeace will assist Mrs Sidwell.*

- v. **To conduct a survey of lorries over 7.5 tonnes travelling along Chapel Street.**  
*Cllr Makepeace will ask the residents of Chapel Street if they would be interested in helping.*
- vi. **To man the SID on Linnards Lane.**  
*Mr Cenac and Mr Bridge will let the clerk know if they would be able undertake training to operate the SID.*
- vii. **To help with the planting of the Christmas tree and other trees to be arranged for the winter months, probably November.**  
*It was hoped that Lawtons would be able to plant the tree.*
- viii. **To help with decorating the new Christmas tree with the Christmas lights.**  
*Cllr Turner volunteered to organise the Christmas tree lights.*
- ix. **To help with the organisation on the evening of the Carol Service (planned for Sunday, 7 December in the Community Centre.)**  
*Cllrs Barker and Turner volunteered to help with the Carol Service.*
15. **It was considered whether the Parish Council needed to purchase high visibility vests for volunteers painting the signpost on Linnards Lane and surveying Lorries on Chapel Street etc.**  
*Cllr Turner volunteered to lend vests to the volunteers.*
16. **The suggestion that the Parish Council should create a scheme to recognise the contribution to the village from volunteers by awarding certificates each year and publicising these in the newsletter was considered.**  
*Resolved that recognition should be given to volunteers in the newsletter and that a letter of appreciation should also be prepared and handed over in person.*  
*Proposed Cllr Barker*  
*Seconded Cllr Turner*
17. **A report was given on plans to install new play equipment into the Chapel Street Playing Field.**  
*It was reported that the residents will be meeting to explore ways to raise money for additional play equipment.*
18. **The decision to hold the September 2014 Parish Council meeting at Witton Albion was considered and whether further meetings should also be scheduled for Witton Albion**  
*Resolved that 3 meetings each year should be held at Witton Albion.*  
*Proposed Cllr Barker*  
*Seconded Cllr Casson*
19. **The request for a grant of £30 for the Wincham Indoor Bowls Club to enable them to operate throughout the winter in Wincham Community Centre was considered**  
*Resolved that £30 should be donated to the Wincham Indoor Bowls Club.*  
*Proposed Cllr Turner*  
*Seconded Cllr Casson*
20. **Christmas:**
  - i. **Arrangements for the decoration of the Christmas Tree in the Linnards Lane Playing Field and any health and safety requirements were considered**  
*Cllr Turner will be responsible for the health and safety aspects of the Christmas tree lights.*
  - ii. **Whether to hold a Christmas Decorations Competition was to considered.**  
*Resolved that there should not be a Christmas Decoration Competition this year, but that an item should be included on the next agenda of alternative ways to raise village morale and community spirit.*  
*Proposed Cllr Casson*  
*Seconded Cllr Barker*

- iii. **Arrangements for the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, 7 December were considered.**  
*Cllrs Barker and Turner will help at the Carol Service. The clerk was asked to include this on the next agenda so that further details could be discussed at the next meeting.*

**21. Linnards Lane Inspections**

It was noted that inspections for the next four months will run from one Parish Council meeting to the next (with the exception of December/January). There will still be an insurance requirement that weekly inspections are conducted. Councillor Barker has kindly agreed to be responsible for the first month.

**22. No sub-committees were scheduled to be held before the next Council Meeting.**

**23. A response of Wincham Parish Council to a letter from Cheshire West and Chester Council concerning the Local Plan (part two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies – Sites and Services Survey was considered.**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council had no comment to make.*

*Proposed Cllr Turner*

*Seconded Cllr Casson*

**24. The issue of low water pressure experienced at properties in Wincham was postponed to the next meeting.**

**25. Village Communication:**

- i. **A report was received on the newsletter.**
- ii. **Information on the walks around Wincham and a link to Cheshire Against HS2 will be included on the website.**
- iii. **An update was received on the Rural Arts Network. Cllr Makepeace reported that “What the Dickens” would shortly be staged in Wincham and that unless this was well-supported it might be the last production staged through Cheshire Rural Arts in Wincham.**

**26. Planning:**

- i. **The applications issued since the last meeting were considered.**

**12. APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/03387/FUL**

**Proposal:** Single storey rear and side extension and loft conversion.

**Location:** 5 Church Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EP

*There was no objection or comment.*

- i. **To note that no approvals have been issued since the last meeting.**
- ii. **To consider whether Wincham Parish Council wishes to submit any comments, objections or observations on the proposed Keuper Gas Expansion Project.**

*There was no objection or comment.*

- iii. **To consider whether Wincham Parish Council wishes to submit any comments or observations to Cheshire West and Chester Council over the Local Plan (part two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies – Sites and Services Survey**

*There was no objection or comment.*

**27. Accounts:**

- i. **To authorise the following payments;**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire contribution for PCSO post		£5,900.00
2. Brenda Yates reimbursement for Christmas tree lights		£20.00
3. BDO External Auditor's fees for 2013/14	£200.00	
	VAT	£40.00
		£240.00
4. Zurich Local Council Advisory Service Renewal	£95.00	
	VAT	£19.00
		£114.00
5. Clerk's salary for October 2014 35 hours @ £10.30/hour		£360.50
6. Reimbursement of clerk for 40 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps		£21.20

*Resolved that the above payments be accepted and authorised.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

- ii. **To note Current Net Balances:**

<b>Current Account as at 3.10.2014</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 1. as at 3.10.2014</b>	<b>£33,471.92</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 2. as at 4.7.2014</b>	<b>£11,988.02</b>

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

- iii. **It was noted and approved that the External Auditor has now been concluded and the accounts have been approved, with one issue noted because the clerk included the full total funds received from CW&C as the precept, whereas the element of “top-up” grant issued by CW&C included within this sum should have been filtered out and included with all other receipts and not with the precept. If such a top-up grant is given out next year, the clerk will separate it out from the balance of the precept funds.**

*Resolved that the report of the External Auditor and the issues raised be noted and the suggestion plan of action be adopted for the future.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

- iv. **To note and approve the quarterly account.**

*Resolved that the quarterly account was accepted and approved.*

*Proposed Cllr Turner*

*Seconded Cllr Casson*

## **28. Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

1. Letter from Cheshire West and Chester Council concerning the Local Plan (part two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies – Sites and Services Survey.
2. Letter from INEOS Enterprises concerning the proposed Keuper Gas Storage Project.
3. Invitation to the AGM from the Cheshire Playing Fields Association. The AGM is to be held at 10am on Thursday 23 October at The Pavilion, Queens Park, Victoria Avenue, Crewe.
4. Completed Grant Application Form from Carol Davies, applying for £30 for the Wincham Indoor Bowls club.
5. E mails from Mr C Cenac concerning:
  - i. The issue of dogs on the Linnards Lane Playing Field;
  - ii. The speed of broadband in Wincham.
6. E mail from Ms Beryl Clive concerning a possible planning application for the site of the Weaver Vale Garden Centre.
7. E mail from Ms Sarah Henshall concerning a hedge overgrowing the pavement beside Wayside Cottage, Linnards Lane and other road safety issues around Wincham.

## **29. Any Other Business.**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

*Naomi Morris  
Parish Clerk  
31.10.2014*