



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017 at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: S Henshall, I Parr, K Barker, D May, D Pugh and D Turner

Ward Cllr N Wright

Parish Clerk N Morris

PCSO Hambleton

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs A Makepeace and R Casson, and Unitary Cllrs D Hammond and L 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 May

Seconded: Cllr Parr

2. Declarations of any

(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or

(b) other disclosable interests

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

The following interest was noted:

Cllr Barker is a Governor of Wincham CP School

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings on Wednesday 19 July 2017 and 20 September 2017

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings of 19 July 2017 and 20 September 2017 be accepted as true and complete records.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Barker

4. No matters were discussed as arising from the Previous Meeting.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors

a) No decision has yet been reached on the proposed development of the site of the former Black Greyhound. If the officers are mindful of approving the application, Cllr Wright has asked that the application be called into be considered at Planning Committee.

b) The Unitary Councillors have pledged a total of £3000 to the Wincham Community Centre for renovation works. It will be match funded.

c) Cllr Barker noted that the 40th anniversary of the creation of the current Wincham School was coming soon, but the school is still without a kitchen or dining hall. It was suggested that the clerk send a letter on this point to the Unitary Councillors. The school intends to invite officials at CWAC to a meeting, but this invitation will come from the school direct.

d) The first new tenants for Barons Quay are expected in 2018.

6. The concern of residents over the position at Baron's Quay was noted and the Unitary Councillor was invited to comment.

The Unitary Councillor confirmed that no tenants were expected to take possession before 2018. The Unitary Councillor was asked why the ATM at ASDA has not been stocked with cash since the opening of ASDA.

The clerk was asked to write to Catherine Fox at CWAC.

7. It was noted that any requests for the Unitary Councillor for funds should be made in March.

The clerk was asked to put the matter on the January 2018 agenda.

8. PLANNING

No planning matters had been sent for consideration since the September meeting.

9. A discussion over the situation regarding CHAIN and on the proposed developments by TATA was postponed.

10. It was noted that the Northwich Transport Strategy Consultation is open until 31 December 2017 with a drop-in session on 7 November 4-7pm at Lostock Gram Community Centre.

11. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

Since July, the following incidents have occurred in the parish of Wincham:

- *2 burglaries*
- *Damage to a van*
- *Theft of a battery from a truck*
- *Reports of dogs causing a nuisance*
- *Complaints about the noise of youths playing football on the Linnards Lane Playing Field*
- *29 recorded speeding motorists*
- *2 parking tickets issued*
- *A serious road traffic accident on Pickmere Lane.*
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12. A. The position of Cllrs B and D Cooke and F Smith on the Parish Council was considered

Resolved that Cllrs B and D Cooke and F Smith be formally removed from Wincham Parish Council due to their prolonged ill health and absence from meetings but that the Clerk be asked to write thanking each of the Councillors for their very valuable and appreciated contribution to the village of Wincham and to the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Turner

B. Consideration was given formally to advertising for new councillors.

Resolved that advertisements be posted for new Councillors

Proposed: Cllr Turner

Seconded: Cllr Barker

13. A report on notice boards within the parish was received.

A final quotation was awaited, but then the noticeboard can be purchased and installed. Examples of the material and colour proposed were shown to the meeting.

It was noted that the Linnards Lane noticeboard is now locked due to vandalism. Items for posting are to be sent to Cllr May. It was noted that the representatives of the Pickmere News have been given a key to access the noticeboard.

Cllr May was thanked for her work on researching the new noticeboard.

14. Progress on the neighbourhood plan was discussed.

It was noted that the questionnaires have been returned. These will be combined with the questionnaires from Marston to produce a "vision statement" of what residents want from a Neighbourhood Plan. Around 70 questionnaires were completed and submitted by residents from Wincham.

- 15. It was noted that the Wincham Parish Council Carol event will take place at 5pm (with doors opening at 4.30pm) on 16 December, under the direction of Mr James Patron Bell of Pickmere Methodist Church and with the participation of the Wincham CP School Choir.**

It was noted that Cllrs Barker, Makepeace and Parr will be away on 16 December. Cllr May volunteered to take control of organization.

No news had yet been received about the Rotary Club Santa float.

- b. It was noted that the Christmas tree lights will be lit on Friday, 1 December.**

Children from the school will be invited to light the Christmas tree lights at Linnards Lane and on Chapel Street.

- 16. It was noted that a request to sign an anti HS2 petition at the following link had been made by the local pressure group opposing HS2:**

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200793>

The Clerk was asked to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

If the petition reaches 100,000 signatures, it will be considered for debate in Parliament. It is currently at 18,700 signatures.

- 17. A suggestion made by a resident, Janet Boyd, to commemorate the testing around Wincham of the first jet engine (designed by Frank Whittle) was postponed.**

18. Sub-Committees and Working Parties

- i. No dates were known for any sub-committees to be held before the next Council Meeting.**
- ii. No updates were received from Working Parties, although the Grounds Maintenance Working Party confirmed that they would meet before the next Parish Council Meeting.**

19. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

- i. The responsibility for inspections was noted:**

18/10/2017

Cllr Makepeace

15/11/2017

Cllr Henshall

20/12/2017

Cllr Casson

Inspections sheets are required for each individual week. Inspection sheets may be scanned and sent to the clerk at winchampc@talktalk.net or sent by post to 22 Churchfields Bowdon WA14 3PJ.

20. The Memorial Garden and the new War Memorial were discussed.

A Planning Application is currently at CWAC.

Three more names of servicemen have been discovered and are currently being researched for the memorial.

The Friends Group is asking residents what they would want written on the reverse of the memorial.

It is expected that the total project will cost around £15,000.

- 21. a. It was discussed whether to purchase a flagpole for the Linnards Lane Playing Fields or whether to buy a plaque to show that the park achieved Green Flag status.**

The clerk was asked to enquire of Green Flag whether they sold plaques or whether Wincham Parish Council would have permission to use the Green Flag logo if a suitable plaque was made.

b. Entering the Linnards Lane Playing Fields into the Green Flag scheme for 2017 was discussed.

Resolved that the Grounds Maintenance Working Party will consider the points raised by the Green Flag inspectors previously, ensure that these matters have been suitably resolved and then to apply for Green Flag status for 2018

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr May

22. The issue was raised as to whether the Wincham School Council be asked to consider a portfolio of possible options for new equipment in the Linnards Lane Playing Fields to replace the sandpit to the School Council of Wincham CP School for their views.

This will be considered by the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.

23. The issue was raised as to possible additional improvements for the Linnards Lane Playing Field including:

- a) Possible Wifi**
- b) Additional teenage “pod”**
- c) Adult gym equipment**
- d) Additional picnic benches**

This will be considered by the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.

24. The following issues were raised: repairs or replacements for 3 benches in the Linnards Lane Playing Fields; to treat the wooden picnic benches with wood preservative and to move the metal picnic bench.

This will be considered by the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.

25. It was considered whether to advertise a post to “take care of” the playing fields and to wash and renovate the equipment.

This will be considered by the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.

26. Consideration was given to requesting to meet Mr David Hewitt of Thor to discuss the future of the Chapel Street Play Area.

It was felt that this would be appropriate after the Grounds Maintenance Working Party had considered appropriate improvements to the site.

27. Approval was given to the replacement of the current Christmas tree with a new specimen before Christmas.

The largest recommended height for a new Christmas tree is 7 feet. It is planned to have a protective frame built around the new Christmas tree and a plaque explaining that it is a Wincham Christmas tree. A similar plaque will be purchased for the Chapel Street tree.

It was agreed to obtain a price from Alan James for digging out the existing tree, replacing it and building a frame around it.

Resolved that approval was given for expenditure up to the value of £300 for the collection of the new Christmas tree, its purchase and planting, with a protective frame and for the disposal of the existing Christmas tree.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Turner

28. Training sessions for the defibrillator were discussed.

Resolved that one of the Councillors will ask Miss Amanda Holden if she wishes to run additional training sessions in Wincham

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr May

29. It was noted that a senior schoolgirl in the village had written enquiring whether the Parish Council would consider giving her a donation towards her planned school trip to Africa.

Resolved that the Parish Council only gives donations for matters that benefit the village as a whole and therefore would not be able to give a donation for an individual, but that the clerk should write supporting what the applicant is doing and to invite her to use the Parish Council's Facebook page and noticeboard to publicise her fundraising efforts

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

30. Discussion of the issue of water pressure within the village was postponed.

31. Holding an Unsung Heroes event in January or February 2018 was discussed, briefly, but will be examined in more depth at the November meeting.

32. Whether to invite the Pickmere Councillors to a Parish Council meeting to foster good relations between the villages was discussed.

Resolved that the clerk be asked to invite the Councillors from Pickmere and also Marston and also Mr David Hewitt to the Wincham Carol Concert.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

33. Dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2018 were discussed

Resolved that the dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2018 be as follows and that all meetings be held in Wincham Community Centre:

17 JANUARY

21 FEBRUARY

28 MARCH (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY)

25 APRIL (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY)

16 MAY

20 JUNE

18 JULY

19 SEPTEMBER

17 OCTOBER

21 NOVEMBER

Proposed Cllr Henshall

Seconded Cllr Barker

34. Reports were received on Village Communication.

- i. A report on the newsletter was received and it was noted that Cllr Henshall will no longer be in a position to work on future newsletters. Cllrs May and Makepeace will take her place. Cllr Henshall was thanked for her contributions to previous newsletters.**
- ii. An advertisement of the carol concert will be posted on the village website.**
- iii. A CRTA meeting planning productions for the spring was planned in the near future.**

35. Accounts:

- i. The following payments were authorised:**

Resolved to settle the following accounts

1. Northwich Town Council Invoice 2459 dated 19.09.17

465.92

VAT	93.18	
		£559.10
Invoice 2377 31.07.17	318.50	
VAT	63.70	
		£382.20
Less outstanding credit		£22.50
		£918.80
2. Clerk salary for October 2017 35 hours @ £10.30/hour		£360.50

Proposed: Cllr May
Seconded: Cllr Barker

ii. The following bank balances were noted:

<i>Current Account as at 5.10.2017</i>	<i>£200.00</i>
<i>Business Reserve Account 1. as at 5.10.2017</i>	<i>£44,439.15</i>
<i>Business Reserve Account 2. as at 5.10.2017</i>	<i>£11,999.93</i>

36. Correspondence

The following had been received:

1. Letter from a resident registering displeasure at the situation at Baron's Quay.
2. Letter from a school child enquiring whether the Parish Council would support her fundraising efforts for a school trip.

37. Any Other Business.

- a) **It was noted that the reserves for the Wincham Community Centre are large and the Parish Council has no relationship with the Community Centre except as a customer. It was also noted that the disabled access to the Community Centre had not been made compliant with current regulations.**
- b) **Cllr Barker volunteered to represent Wincham Parish Council at the Remembrance Sunday Service at Lostock Gramam.**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.29 pm.

Naomi Morris
 25.10.2017