



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, K Barker, I Parr, S Henshall, F Smith, D Turner, D Pugh, R Casson and D May

Unitary Councillors: N Wright, and L Gibbons

Parish Clerk: N Morris

Mr Ian Ross of the Press

A general discussion was held about the site of the former Black Greyhound.

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

1. Apologies for absence

1. *Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Cooke and D Cooke.*

Councillors N Wright and D Hammond and PCSO Hambleton also sent their apologies.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Casson

1. Request for Dispensation

i. The Clerk invited any members who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda (*other than the Precept*) 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

ii. Resolved to pass the following motion that:

“The Council grant a general dispensation under s33 the Local Government Finance Act 1992.to speak and vote to all Members serving on Wincham Parish Council who

a. have a Disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the parish council where that business relates to the functions of the parish council in respect of setting a budget and a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and who

b. have applied for such a dispensation in writing

The period of the dispensation to be for Members' remaining period of office.”

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Parr

iii. The Clerk received applications for dispensation for discussing and voting on the Precept from all the Councillors present.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 November 2015.

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

*Proposed Cllr Henshall
Seconded Cllr Barker*

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

*The issue of the future of the site of the former Black Greyhound was raised.
Resolved to hold a public meeting to discuss this with the developers.
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Parr*

No further matters were raised.

2. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor present.

- i. The Let's Talk consultation has ended.*
- ii. Discussion is taking place over the future of the New Homes Bonus*
- iii. There is the possibility of s106 funds to provide access to the canal from Chapel Street.*
- iv. The fate of Unitary Members' Budgets was uncertain.*

3. The clerk read out a report prepared by PCSO Hambleton.

Crime

A Burglary had been reported at a Property on Pickmere Lane.

Anti-Social behaviour

A report had been made of persons cold calling on Beechwood Drive; items for sale had been seized and persons removed from the village.

Youths who had gathered in Xmas Tree Wood were visited at home and spoken with and have not returned. Two males have been seen in the woods building a tree house and were removed.

A number of reports of suspicious activity at the Black Greyhound have been received.

3 Speed Enforcement sessions have been carried out: 11 motorists reported.

4. Consideration was given to the nomination of a councillor to be put forward for the ChALC ballot for tickets to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to be held on Thursday 19 May.

Resolved that Cllr Smith be nominated for the ballot.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

5. Sub-Committees

i. Minutes to the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2016.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 13 January be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Casson

ii. The Precept for 2016/17 was considered.

Resolved that the Precept for 2016/17 be £28,377.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Casson

6. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

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.

7. The Ward Walk was discussed.

8. Dates for training sessions for the year were noted

9. Consideration was given to appropriate recipients for 4 donated tickets for a concert at the Bridgewater Hall on 22 January at 7.30pm.

10. A report was received on arrangements for PC Hambleton to have a base in the Community Centre.

- i. Resolved that the Parish Council pay for the monthly subscription for Broadband at the Community Centre*

*Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Barker*

- ii. *Resolved that Cllr Turner be nominated as the Parish Council's representative on the Community Centre Committee.*

*Proposed Cllr Casson
Seconded Cllr Barker*

11. A report was received on Village Communication.

12. Planning:

- i. **It was noted that no applications have been received since the last meeting.**
ii. **The approvals received since the last meeting were noted**

a) Application

Number:

14/04654/OUT

Proposal: Residential development of up to 105 units (Outline)

Location: Land To The Rear Of, Cedars, Chapel Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire,

Approval

b) Application Number:

15/04960/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension (demolition of existing conservatory)

Location: 28 Green Lane, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EF

Approval

- iii. **It was noted that no refusals have been issued since the last Parish Council meeting.**

13. Accounts:

i. The following payments were noted:

- a) Northwich Town Council for maintaining the Linnards Lane and Chapel Street playing fields
Invoice number 1647 dated 1.01.16 £171.50
VAT £34.30 £205.80
- b) Reimbursement of Cllr D May relating to the Gardening Competition:
Engraving the cup £8.99
Purchasing garden vouchers £20.00 £28.99
- c) Reimbursement of Mrs B Yates relating to the Christmas trees:
Additional lights for Linnards Lane £13.50
Batteries £13.99 £27.49
- d) Reimbursement of the Clerk relating to the Christmas Carol Service £20.00
- e) Clerk salary for December 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour £360.50
f) Clerk salary for January 2016 35 hours @ £10.30/hour £360.50 £721.00

Resolved that the above accounts be approved and paid in full.

*Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Casson*

ii. To note Current Net Balances

Current Account as at 4.1.2016	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 4.1.2015	£19,016.03
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 4.1.2015	£11,994.02

14. Correspondence

Four tickets for a concert at the Bridgewater Hall received as a donation from Manchester Airport.

15. Any Other Business.

- i. *The question of road safety (in particular the white lines around the village and the overgrowing hedges) was raised.*
- ii. *The clerk was asked to put in an objection to the changes being proposed to the Wincham Post Office.*

The meeting was declared closed at 8.53pm.

AGENDA PART 2

The remainder of the agenda was taken in closed session not open to the public or press and will relate to updating personnel matters.

Pending Issues

1. *The Roberts' proposed development off Chapel Street.*
2. *The Urban Village.*
3. *Low water pressure in the village.*
4. *A possible banner against HS2.*
5. *The war memorial.*
6. *The defibrillator.*
7. *Interactive speed signs*
8. *Cutting back of hedges to improve road safety*
9. *Tree Preservation Orders*
10. *Problems concerning local buses*