

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL AT 7.45 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Parish Councillors: K Barker (Chairman), R Casson, A Makepeace, P O'Halloran, D Pugh, F Smith and D Turner.
Parish Clerk: A Dunabin

In Attendance: Unitary Councillor Byram
PCSO Hambleton
Beth Allcock, Northwich Guardian
Members of the public.

During the public forum, members of the public raised the following issues:-

- i. With regard to the proposed development of Keats Field:-
 - Has the status of Green Belt been changed and with what authority?
 - This area has been enjoyed and used as if it had a public right of way for many years. The land is important to the village and its occupants.
 - The field is home to a diversity of wildlife.
 - The development is for affordable housing but would this be for villagers?
- ii. There was concern that cars were still speeding through the village.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Mainwaring and Moss and Parr and were accepted by the Parish Council. Cllr Wright also sent his apologies.
2. **DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** Cllrs O'Halloran and Turner declared prejudicial interests in Item 16 due to their positions on the Allotment Society Committee. Cllrs Barker & Pugh declared personal interests in Item 16 due to their interest in having an allotment in the future. Cllr Casson declared a personal interest in item 13 as she is employed at the school.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** were confirmed as a correct record; proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr O'Halloran.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The appointment of Mrs Naomi Morris as Clerk to the Council from 1 May 2012 was announced. Mrs Morris will need to take steps to become an authorised signatory prior to next meeting. Terms and conditions and contract have yet to be agreed.
5. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Byram gave a report which contained the following items:
 - The traffic lights at Hall Lane should be installed this year. Contracts have already been signed.
 - The bridge on Hall Lane should be finished by the end of June.
 - The one-way system in Northwich may be further modified.
 - Cllr Byram confirmed that he would speak against the application for Wincham Urban Village at the SPC.

- Cllr Byram urged members of the public to send individual letters of objection over Keats Field and to copy these to him. Cllr Byram confirmed that he would call the application to SPC, if the Parish Council requested him to do so.

Cllr Byram left the meeting.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PCSO HAMBLETON

PCSO Hambleton gave his report which included the following items:-

- There had been an incident at *The Spar* shop. The investigation was on-going.
- A vehicle had been broken into on Shores Green Drive.
- Seven thefts had taken place on the industrial park.
- There had been a report of anti-social behaviour over the use of a quad bike.
- Thirty abandoned vehicles had been left at the Northwich Vics ground.
- HGV drivers supplying *The Spar* shop were using Church Street.
- In answer to the point raised during the public forum, speed checks had been carried out twice in Church Street, detecting 25 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.
- It was planned to hold further Drivers' Days to promote road safety.

7. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

A letter of support had been received by Wincham Community Centre in support of windows with energy-saving and environmental aspects. The implications and any further action on this should be an item on next month's agenda.

Cllr Pugh is now a test officer for WCC.

8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON HIS MEETING WITH DAVID HEWTT, MD OF THOR

The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr Hewitt regarding the future of the Northwich Vics ground. Thor are planning to install a distribution centre on the ground, but they are currently in negotiation with CWaC to gift the assets of the ground. No planning application will be submitted until this has been resolved.

Mr Hewitt would like to come to a meeting of Wincham Parish Council to discuss their plans.

Resolved: that an invitation be sent to Mr Hewitt. Proposed Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllr Smith.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following a meeting with Jeremy Owens of Spatial Planning, WPC has written formally to CWaC advising them of its decision to go ahead with the plan. A further meeting, including volunteers from the community will be held on 2 May and the launch is planned for 23 or 30 May, depending on the amount of work which needs to be done prior to this. It is hoped to recruit more volunteers at the launch meeting.

10. LAND REGISTRY

The Clerk reported that there was a discrepancy between what the PC treated as being owned by the village and the records held at the Land Registry. Some small portions of the land, along the boundaries, appear to have been erroneously registered by another party.

In order to secure the whole of the field, the PC needs to apply for an alteration to title CH160334. This depends upon the Land Registry granting an extension of the time limit for an application.

Resolved: that an application be submitted, subject to the response received by the Land Registry. Proposed: Cllr Makepeace; seconded Cllr O'Halloran.

11. CLERK'S OFFICE

The possibility of having an office within the village for WPC business was discussed. This could be an office for the Parish Council, generally, rather than specifically for the Clerk.

Resolved: that the feasibility be investigated, including the storage of confidential items and the need for Broadband access. Proposed: Cllr Casson; seconded Cllr Pugh.

12. SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

The PTA has asked the PC to help fund the printing costs of the Summer Fayre programme, as has been done in the last two years. The sum of £200 has been donated in the past and, in recognition of this, the School had placed an advertisement of the work of WPC within its Summer Fayre Programme. Resolved: that a donation of £200 be made to the PTA for printing costs for the Summer Fayre Programme. Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllr Makepeace.

13. HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The PTA has had to go ahead with decisions on this due to the timescale involved.

Resolved: WPC will donate £200 for Diamond Jubilee mugs for the school children, so long as this includes the £100 from CWaC Cllrs. Proposed: Cllr Turner; seconded Cllr Pugh.

14. LCAS SEMINAR

The clerk will attend.

15. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

On 23 April, Cllr Parr sent the Clerk a quotation of £165 for the making and installation of a new village notice board, but this quotation did not include details of its dimensions or material.

This item was deferred to next meeting, giving time for a proper quotation to be received.

A cllr advised that the notice board needs to be durable since, in his experience as a judge for the Community Pride Competition, notice boards which are not of good quality can quickly look tatty.

16. PLANNING:

- a. Decisions:**12/00719/FUL** – permitted with conditions
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- b. Refusals: None to report.

- c. Applications:

11/01968/OUT – Residential development of up to 1050 dwellings including 30% affordable housing; plus up to 2500m² of associated commercial facilities. Points of access/egress on to New Warrington Road and Chapel Street. Land south of Chapel Street and East of New Warrington Road, Wincham. The planning sub-committee met on 3 April and a further letter of objection has been sent to Paul Friston, the case officer. Paul is hoping that the application will be discussed at an SPC meeting on 31 May. If so, the agenda will be published on 23 May and the form will need to be filled in by those persons wishing to speak. Ward members are able to speak .

12/01698/FUL – Residential development of 17 affordable dwellings on land adjacent to and rear of Meadow Croft Linnards Lane, Wincham. Letter from MCI following residents' concerns expressed at the last meeting.

The Planning Sub-Committee, including Cllr Barker, Makepeace, Pugh and Smith, will meet on 1 May to discuss this application.

17. ACCOUNTS

- a. Simon Roberts – newsletter - £395.00 (Paid in March)
Cheshire West and Chester Council – Kewop theatre production - £441.00 (Paid in March)

Northwich Town Council Contract work for March - £192.60
Annual subscription to ChALC - £514.50
Annual subscription to Cheshire Community Action - £50
Annual subscription to Cheshire County Playing Fields Association - £18.00
Clerk's salary - £305.94
Clerk's expenses - £78.90

All agreed.

- b. Net Balances: Current Account £200.00
Reserve Account £4786.73 (of which PP grant £1917.62)
Bonus Saver Account £4694.06
- c. Quarterly Accounts – noted. Proposed Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllt Turner.
- d. Annual Audit. The Clerk reported that the bank reconciliation is complete and the accounts will be audited by the internal auditor on 27 April.

18. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Items of general correspondence were received and noted:

- a. Letter from Cllr Roy Mainwaring resigning from the Parish Council. Resignation accepted.
Resolved: that WPC should mark Cllr Mainwaring's retirement from the Council and that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran; seconded Cllr Makepeace.
- b. Cllr Smith will attend the Ineos Enterprises Liaison meetings which take place twice a year.
- c. Application from Brian Cooke for the Parish Council vacancy. The Clerk will thank him for his letter and explain that this will be considered in the future.
- d. Application from Dee Cooke (Mr Cooke's wife) for the Parish Council vacancy. The Clerk will thank her for her letter and explain that this will be considered in the future.
- e. Change of contact details for the Cheshire Police accounts centre.
- f. Cheshire County Playing Fields Association Annual Report.
- g. Plantscape Jubilee edition Brochure

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A cllr reported that the Wincham website is out of date. The Clerk will contact the relevant party.

A cllr advised that CRTA performance was to take place at the Memorial Hall in May.

The meeting closed at 21.40 pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **16 May 2012**
at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.