

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2015 at 7.30 PM AT WITTON ALBION

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, K Barker, D Turner and I Parr.

Ward Councillors: N Wright

PCSO Hambleton

Parish Clerk: N Morris

Ian Ross of the Press

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Kenton Barker.

1. Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs B Cooke, D Cooke, R Casson, L Moss, P O'Halloran, D Pugh and F Smith.

Proposed: Cllr Makepeace

Seconded: Cllr Turner

(Cllrs Hammond and 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.

3. Request for Dispensation

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 Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

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

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 November 2014.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 19 November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

No reports were received.

7. Pastor Andy Webb and Mrs Naomi Giffen were welcomed to the meeting and discussed the Carol Service with the Parish Councillors.

Approximately 150 people attended the event, this year, as opposed to 40 last year. There had generally been positive feedback.

Resolved to thank Pastor Webb for all his help and aim to hold another carol service on or around Sunday, 6 December at 4pm to enable the children to come.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

- 8. Andy Tysoe had sent his apologies to the meeting, but the Parish Councillors welcomed Miss Samantha Gillett to the meeting and discussed with her the challenges of dementia and how the Parish Council could assist to combat the problems suffered by residents.**

Miss Gillett volunteered to run two community sessions.

Resolved to thank Samantha Gillett for all her help and for agreeing to run community sessions on the issue of dementia with the publicity and hire of premises to be paid for by Wincham Parish Council

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Turner

- 9. The following reports were received from the Unitary Councillors:**

- i. A Community Forum will be held in February;*
- ii. The Roberts' development has not yet been called into Planning Committee.*

- 10. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton covering the following points:**

- i. There had been a fire at the Black Greyhound on 13 January, but there had been no response from the owner;*
- ii. There was a theft of diesel between Christmas and New Year;*
- iii. There was an attempted burglary on New Year's Day*
- iv. Two speeding sessions had been held on Pickmere Lane and 7 drivers recorded as exceeding the speed limit.*

PCSO Hambleton said he would watch for vehicles obstructing pavements in Wincham.

- 11. A report was received from residents on their campaigns to improve the safety and cleanliness of Wincham and to raise funds for new play equipment for Chapel Street.**

- 12. Consideration was given to the problems affecting the residents of Chapel Street including traffic and the derelict property in Chapel Street.**

- 13. The present position of the former Black Greyhound was considered.**

The Clerk was asked to write to CW&C about the concern that the structure after the fire may not be safe.

- 14. Linnards Lane Inspections**

It was noted that:

- i. inspections for the last month were conducted by Cllr O'Halloran;**
- ii. Inspections for the next month will be the responsibility of Cllr Parr (22 January 2015 until 25 February 2015);**
- iii. Inspections thereafter will be in accordance with Appendix G**

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.

- 15. It was noted that Mrs Laetitia Bridge needs volunteers to help paint the fence around the sandpit and the village signpost on Saturday 21 March.**

It was felt that 21 March was too early in the year for the paint to have a reasonable chance of drying.

The posts around the sandpit, the black and white sign post and the finger posts will all be painted.

Volunteers should bring their own brushes, but the clerk will buy 5 litres of clear sadolin. Cheshire West & Chester Council have already delivered paint for the black and white sign post.

Resolved that the clerk be asked to buy wood preservative and to publicise the event on Sunday, 13 June to attract volunteers.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Parr

- 16. Trees**

- i. **Volunteers who helped with the tree planting in December were thanked by the Parish Councillors.**
- ii. **The effectiveness of the Wincham Christmas Tree was discussed and consideration was given to the possibility of a similar tree for the Chapel Street area.**
- iii. **The provisional offer by CW&C to supply Wincham with a limited number of additional fruit or decorative trees, as recognition of the success of the improvements made to the Linnards Lane Playing Field was noted.**

Resolved that additional trees would be an asset to the Linnards Lane Playing Fields

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Makepeace

- iv. **Consideration was given to 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 and the royal oak in the Linnards Lane Playing Field.**

Residents will be invited via the newsletter to suggest trees for TPOs and then the tree officer at CW&C, Peter Morey will be invited to the village.

- 17. **Consideration was given to the state of the Linnards Lane Playing Fields sandpit and whether a drainage trench was needed.**
- 18. **It was noted that Wincham won the parish council "auction" for the former Comberbach noticeboard. Consideration of an appropriate site for the noticeboard was postponed.**
- 19. **Consideration was given to making a nomination from Wincham Parish Council to ChALC for the 2015 Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.**
Resolved that Annie Makepeace be nominated.
Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Barker
- 20. **Consideration of the issue of low water pressure experienced at properties in Wincham was postponed to the next meeting.**
- 21. **Discussion of plans for a Business Breakfast was postponed to the next meeting.**
- 22. **A report was given by the Working Committee on the grounds maintenance contract.**
- 23. **Sub-Committees**

- i. *Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning and Finance Sub-Committees Meeting held on 7 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.*

Proposed by Cllr Barker

Seconded by Cllr Parr

Consideration was given to the proposal of the Finance Sub-Committee to set the Precept for 2015/2016 at £27,957.50. This figure was chosen after due consideration of the recommendations of ChALC and the notification that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant from CW&C to top up the Precept for next year will be 13% less than last year, together with the projects for village improvement which the Parish Council wish to achieve. (In addition, there will be the reduced Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant of £1386, making a total budget for Wincham of £29,343.50)

- ii. *Resolved that the Precept for Wincham Parish Council for 2015/16 be set at £27,957.50 (plus the reduced Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant of £1,486, making a total budget for the Parish Council of £29,343.50)*

Proposed by Cllr Turner

Seconded by Cllr Parr

- iii. **No sub-committee meetings were planned to be held before the next Council Meeting.**

- iv. **A report was received from the HS2 Working Party.**

- 24. **Consideration was given to the date of the February 2015 meeting. The usual date for the meeting would be 18 February 2015, but the clerk will be away.**

Resolved that the Parish Council meeting be held on 25 February 2015.

Proposed by Cllr Makepeace

Seconded by Cllr Turner

25. A report was received on projects designed to raise morale and community spirit within the village such as holding a Best Kept Garden or Village Photography Competition.
26. Paul Mathias was welcomed to the meeting and he discussed his petition with the Councillors. The clerk was asked to forward the petition to other local clerks.
Resolved that Wincham Parish Council endorsed the petition and would publicise it
Proposed by Cllr Turner
Seconded by Cllr Parr
27. It was noted that there was an opportunity for residents to consult their parish councillors before each council meeting.
28. It was noted that Wincham Parish Council has now been issued with a formal notice of the decision of the Community Governance Review.
29. It was noted that Wincham has been sent a New Homes Bonus of £2054 on the basis that CW&C have asked that this be spent on a capital project within the village. There was a discussion of an appropriate capital project.
Resolved that the New Homes Bonus of £2054 be put with funds raised by the residents and the Unitary Members to purchase additional items of play equipment for the Chapel Street Playing Field.
Proposed by Cllr Turner
Seconded by Cllr Parr

30. Village Communication:

i. The Wincham Word

A report was received on the newsletter, including:

- a) Expressing thanks to the team for the latest newsletter;
- b) Receiving a report from the editorial team on any issues arising, including any problems arising from contact with would-be contributors ;

ii. The Parish Council Website

- a) No changes or additions for the village website were reported.
- b) The current arrangement whereby the Parish Council website is managed by Global River at an annual cost of £100 was reviewed, in the light of a generous offer from residents to manage the website at no cost to the Parish Council.

Resolved that the Working Party working on the newsletter will consider this matter and report back at a later meeting

Proposed by Cllr Makepeace

Seconded by Cllr Parr

iii. An update was received on Wincham Village People.

Currently there are board game afternoons being held at the Community Centre, together with regular quiz nights and a weekly art class.

31. Planning:

i. The applications received since the meeting of the Planning Sub Committee on 7 January 2015 were noted.

- a. **APPLICATION NUMBER:** 14/05311/HAZ **DATE:** 6 January 2015

PROPOSAL: Storage of hazardous substances

LOCATION: Thor Specialities UK Limited Wincham Avenue Wincham Northwich

<http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Resolved that no objection be made.

Proposed by Cllr Turner

Seconded by Cllr Makepeace

APPLICATION NUMBER: 14/05348/FUL

DATE: 12 January 2015

PROPOSAL: Two storey extension to the rear

LOCATION: 28 Chapel Street Wincham Northwich Cheshire

<http://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Resolved that this application fell within the residential category not commented upon by the parish council.

- ii. **It was noted that no approvals, refusals or withdrawals had been issued since the last full Parish Council meeting.**

32. Accounts:

- i. **The following payments were considered:**
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| a. Simon Roberts printing of December Newsletter | | £362.00 |
| b. Reimbursement of Cllr Barker for website payment to 123.reg.co.uk | £35.88 | |
| | VAT £7.18 | £43.06 |
| c. Wincham Community Centre hire of the main hall for the Carol Service | | £26.20 |
| d. 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 |
| e. Reimbursement of Mrs Brenda Yates for biscuits etc for the tree planting morning | | £11.12 |
| f. Clerk's salary for December 2014 35 hours @ £10.30/hour | | £360.50 |
| g. Clerk's salary for January 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour | | £360.50 |
| h. Clerk's reimbursement for Comberbach noticeboard | | £350.00 |

Resolved that the above payments be accepted and authorised.

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

- ii. **To note Current Net Balances:**
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| Current Account as at 2.1.2015 | £200.00 |
| Business Reserve Account 1. as at 2.1.2015 | £13,981.90 |
| Business Reserve Account 2. as at 2.1.2015 | £11,988.02 |

- iii. **Quarterly Statement of Account. (Please see Appendix J.)**

Resolved that the Quarterly Statement of Account be accepted and approved

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Makepeace

33. Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted:

- Letter from Mrs Barton, concerning: traffic along Chapel Street; cars parking on the pavement of Chapel Street and the congestion caused by the traffic lights.
- Letter from Mrs Dockney concerning the derelict property on Chapel Street.
- Letter from Christian Community Ministries, thanking Wincham Parish Council for the money donated at the Carol Service.

34. Any Other Business.

- It was noted with sadness that Cllr Moss was very ill. The councillors sent their best wishes to her.**
- Resolved that the clerk be asked to send a letter similar to one sent by Miss Sue Stratton on the subject of the incinerator**
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Makepeace
- Cllr Turner requested that the items on future agendas be kept to a minimum to allow proper time for discussion.**

Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
2.2..2015

The meeting was declared over at 9.30pm.