



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015  
at 7.30 PM IN WITTON ALBION**

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** A Makepeace, K Barker, D Pugh, D Turner, D May, F Smith and S Henshall.

**Unitary Councillors:** N Wright, D Hammond and L Gibbons

**Parish Clerk:** N Morris

**PCSO Hambleton**

**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**

*Apologies had been received from Cllrs I Parr, R Casson, B Cooke and D Cooke.*

*Resolved to accept the apologies.*

*Proposed: Cllr Barker*

*Seconded: Cllr May*

**2. Declarations of any**

**(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or**

**(b) other disclosable interests**

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

- i. Cllr Barker declared a non-pecuniary, disclosable interest in Planning Application number 15/02264/FUL because of his employment within Weaver Vale Housing Trust and further because of the proximate location of his dwelling.*
- ii. Cllrs Barker and Henshall declared a non-pecuniary, disclosable interest due to their involvement in the Governing Body and PTA of Wincham CP School.*
- iii. No further declarations were made.*

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2015.**

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

**4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

*No matters were reported.*

**5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors:**

- i. Cllr Gibbons introduced herself and said that she would like to hear from the Parish Councillors the 3 key issues affecting Wincham and the 3 good things about Wincham about which the village is most proud.*
- ii. Cllr Gibbons exhorted the Parish Councillors and members of the public to vote on line for a second bridge for Barnton. The current campaign requires 3000 votes to be successful.*

- iii. *The Parish Councillors asked the Unitary Councillors about the s106 Agreement for the Urban Village and for the proposed Roberts' development. No information was currently available.*
- iv. *The Unitary Councillors reported that they had secured that a debate will be held at CW&C over HS2.*
- v. *Cllr Wright had arranged a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and Highways to discuss road safety issues and in particular the installation of interactive road signs.*

**6. A report was received on opposition to an incinerator in the local area.**

*A report was received on the proposed plans of Viridor. Concerns were raised about the traffic implications.*

*So far as TATA is concerned, the view was expressed that CW&C may be dealing with TATA's agent, not TATA direct and, therefore, may not have been transparent in their responses that no contact was taking place between TATA and CW&C.*

*Resolved that the Clerk was asked to write under the Freedom of Information Act for information about correspondence between TATA, its representatives and CW&C.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

**7. Chief Inspector Simon Megan, a representative from the Cheshire Constabulary of Police, was welcomed to discuss the implications of recent changes to the structure of the Constabulary.**

*Chief Inspector Megan outlined the changes implemented and explained that the Constabulary had to find savings of £30,000,000, but despite this the area of Northwich, Winsford and Tarporley would receive 10 additional officers.*

*The Chief Inspector confirmed that PCSO Hambleton would remain in Wincham, but would also help out in the Lostock Gralam Ward.*

*Transport for PCSO Hambleton would not be a problem, but may include use of a bicycle, with appropriate training and equipment supplied.*

*The Parish Councillors thanked the Chief Inspector for coming to the meeting, expressed the view that the lack of communication with the Parish Council prior to the changes being implemented was unfortunate, but that they hoped the Chief Inspector's willingness to attend the Parish Council Meeting was an indication that lines of communication would be better in the future.*

*The Parish Councillors stressed how excellent an officer PCSO Hambleton was and how his local knowledge and involvement in the village had benefitted Wincham and its inhabitants. Should PCSO Hambleton no longer be permitted so significant a role within Wincham, the Parish Council would question its financial commitment to the Constabulary.*

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

- i. *Slates have been removed from the roof of the Black Greyhound public house and the doors are not secure. Cheshire West Council have been informed that the property is unsafe, but the Clerk was asked to repeat this and request action.*
- ii. *No crimes had been reported, but there had been a report of anti social behaviour on the park.*
- iii. *Attendance at the recent pizza night organised by PCSO Hambleton was very good and judged to be about 75 young people.*

**9. Any implications of changes to the Cheshire Constabulary were considered.**

*The Parish Council will keep a watching brief on the changes made.*

**10. A report was received on the current situation and future plans for the Black Greyhound site.**

*Cheshire West Council have been informed that the property is unsafe, but the Clerk was asked to repeat this and request action.*

**11. A report was received from residents on their campaigns to improve the safety and cleanliness of all areas of Wincham.**

**12. The state of the football pitch on the Linnards Lane Playing Field was discussed along with any action that could be taken in the future to improve it.**

*No information was currently available.*

13. **It was noted that the new toddler spring piece of equipment had been successfully installed into the Chapel Street play area and the residents and businesses were thanked for raising the money to pay for this.**

*The Parish Councillors publically thanked the residents and the businesses for all that they had achieved.*

14. **Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections**  
**To note that:**
- i. **inspections for the last month have been conducted by of Cllr Turner (17/6/2015 - 15/7/2015));**
  - ii. **Inspections for the next month will be the responsibility of Cllr Makepeace (15/7/2015 – 19/8/2015) and then the responsibility Cllr Pugh (19/8/2015- 16/9/2015)**
  - iii. **The Clerk was requested to draw up a list of missing weeks.**

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

15. **A report was received on the Business Breakfast.**

*It was felt that a survey of what the Businesses wanted would be helpful and a further Business Breakfast in September.*

16. **A report was received on the Parish Council's presence at the school fayre.**

*The stall had not been in an optimal position and there should have been more Parish Council support from individuals.*

17. **A report was received from those representing the village for the Community Spirit competition.**

18. **Consideration was given to a revival of the Scarecrow Competition that was once held in Wincham.**

*Resolved that the idea of a scarecrow competition or possibly a scarecrow trail (perhaps with quiz questions to answer along the trail) be mooted on Facebook and in the next newsletter.*

*Proposed Cllr Turner*

*Seconded Cllr May*

19. **A report was received on the new village notice board.**

*It was noted that a noticeboard similar to the one in Pickmere would cost approximately £2000.*

*Resolved that a new noticeboard be purchased up to £600 (inclusive of VAT) to be placed on the back of the Linnards Lane Playing Field sign.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Henshall*

20. **Problems with an overhanging tree and with Japanese Knotwood on a piece of land at the end of Chapel Street were noted and considered.**

*It was noted that there was nothing within the power of the Parish Council that could help with this problem.*

*In the September meeting, the question of whether an application for community land would be helpful could be discussed.*

21. **Consideration was given to buying a hard drive as a back-up for the clerk's computer files.**

*Resolved that £200 be authorised for a hard drive to be purchased for the clerk's computer.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr May*

22. **Working Parties**

- i. **A report was received from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.**
- ii. **A report was received from the Best Kept Garden Working Party.**
- iii. **A report was received from the HS2 Working Party**

**23. Sub-Committees**

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

**24. Village Communication:**

- i. **The Wincham Word**  
*There will be an additional edition over the summer.*
- ii. **The Parish Council Website**  
*The Parish Council website should be discussed at the September meeting.*
- iii. **Facebook**  
*There will be a weekly update on the village Facebook page.*
- iv. **An update was received on the arts and performance around the Wincham area, including Wincham Village People.**  
*CRT Membership costs £100. This should be discussed at the September meeting.*

**25. Planning:**

- i. **There were two new applications received since the last meeting.**
  - a) **APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/02264/FUL      DATE: 15 June 2015**

*Cllr Barker left the room.*

**PROPOSAL:** Demolition of existing garages and erection of 4 dwellings.

**LOCATION:** Garages Off John Fryer Avenue Wincham Northwich

**the application details will be available for viewing by entering the application number on the search page on the following link:**

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

*Resolved that the Parish Council did not oppose the application, but wanted the following to be considered when the application was decided:*

- A. *The problem of parking. The current use of the site is as a car park and there are always cars in the car park. These cars will need to be absorbed somewhere. Also, the application has only space for one car for each dwelling. This is insufficient.*
- B. *When the developers came to speak to the Parish Council, it was stated that local people would receive priority in relation to residency in these properties. No mention of this is made in the current application and this is a matter of great concern for the Parish Council.*
- C. *One of the residents of Wincham had applied for a TPO on the oak tree on the site. This had been refused by CW&C, but the Parish Council supported the view that native trees and a hedge of native bushes be incorporated into the scheme for the sake of wildlife and for the leisure of the residents.*

*Proposed Cllr Henshall*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

- ii. **APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/02871/FUL      DATE: 9 July 2015**

**PROPOSAL:** Single storey front extension to lounge with pitched roof. Pitched roof to extend over existing porch and playroom, existing entrance door to be relocated. First floor extension over playroom / utility room and WC (proposals of similar size and description as previous approval ref: 10/01682/FUL)

**LOCATION:** 5 Pear Tree Drive Wincham Northwich Cheshire

**the application number on the search page on the following link:**

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

*No comment was made by the Parish Council.*

- iii. **There were no refusals issued since the last meeting.**
- iv. **There was one approval issued since the last meeting.**

<b>26. Accounts:</b>		
Creative Play for rabbit spring rider	595.00	
VAT	119.00	714.00
Simon Roberts for Wincham Word Summer edition		398.00
Peter O'Halloran as reimbursement for food for the Business Breakfast		60.00
Annie Makepeace as reimbursement for Max design costs for logo		30.00
PCSO Hambleton as reimbursement for pizzas for the youth evening		130.00
Wincham Community Centre for Council meetings in May, June, Sept and Oct		48.60
Clerk's salary for July 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour		£360.50

*Resolved to approve these payments*

*Proposed: Cllr Turner*

*Seconded: Cllr Henshall*

- i. **Current Net Balances were noted:**

<b>Current Account as at 3.7.2015</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 1. as at 3.6.2015</b>	<b>£29,743.52</b>
<b>Business Reserve Account 2. as at 3.7.2015</b>	<b>£11,990.41</b>
  
- ii. **It was noted that the Parish Council was following the process of external audit and would shortly be submitting the Final Account to the external auditor.**

## **27. Correspondence**

*The following correspondence had been received:*

1. Letter from Mrs Snelson, nominating her husband's garden for the gardening competition.
2. Letter from St John's Lostock thanking Wincham Parish Council for the donation of £250.

## **PART 2 OF THE AGENDA**

- 28.** *From a recent training course, the Parish Councillors noted that the following were important to maintain a well-run parish council:*

- A. *Up to date inspection sheets for the play areas;*
- B. *Regularly reviewed standing orders and code of conduct and that in future each councillor should sign a sheet agreeing to these. (The annual review of the standing orders and code of conduct would take place in October 2015.)*
- C. *An induction pack for each new councillor;*
- D. *An anti bullying policy and a grievance policy, following the NALC models;*
- E. *A Data Protection Policy;*
- F. *A regime for Parish Council e mails that did not use personal e mail accounts;*
- G. *A policy covering appropriate public involvement in meetings;*
- H. *A clause in the Standing Orders specifically relating to the public involvement in Parish Council meetings.*

*These matters will be discussed in detail at later Parish Council meetings.*

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

- i. *It was noted with pleasure that Cllr Smith had been awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for the fourth time. The Parish Councillors warmly congratulated Cllr Smith on his achievement.*
- ii. *The Business Directory will be launched in the next newsletter.*
- iii. *The question of public benches in the village will be on the next agenda.*
- iv. *The Parish Councillors publically thanked Witton Albion for the arrangements for the current meeting.*

**The meeting was declared over at 9.44 pm**

*Naomi Morris*

*Pending Issues*

1. *The Roberts' proposed development off Chapel Street.*
2. *The Urban Village.*
3. *Low water pressure in the village.*
4. *The Business Directory.*
5. *Dog fouling signs (awaiting delivery).*
6. *A possible banner against HS2.*
7. *The war memorial.*
8. *The mosaic art work for Linnards Lane Playing Field.*
9. *The interactive road sign or signs.*
10. *How the new Transparency Code will affect Wincham.*
11. *The Wincham Carol Service.*

