

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, K Barker, I Parr, F Smith, D Pugh, D Turner, and L Moss.

Ward Member: N Wright

Parish Clerk: N Morris

Ian Ross of the Press

No concerns were expressed during the public forum

1. Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors R Casson and P O'Halloran. Cllrs B Cooke and D Cooke were noted as absent.

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Parr

(Ward Councillors Byram and Hammond also their apologies.)

It was noted that some councillors had not sent 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.

No declarations were made.

3. Request for Dispensation

The Clerk invited any members who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda 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.

1. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 21 May 2014.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Moss

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

It was noted that traffic had been very heavy and badly organised on the first day of the Cheshire Show. The clerk was asked to write a strong letter.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.

6. Patrick Lomax, land agent for the Black Greyhound site sent his apologies to the meeting.

The clerk was asked to write to the owner about the building and to Streetscene about the footpath and the unsafe nature of the property. There are no signs telling people not to enter.

- 7. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton and the councillors expressed their thanks to PCSO Hambleton for staging another pizza evening.**

Thirty young people from Wincham attended the pizza evening. There have been requests for a regular youth evening.

Resolved that there should be a working party to look into these issues.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Parr

- 8. Consideration was given as to how to make more provision for leisure facilities/events for the young people of Wincham.**

- 9. A report was received from WCC representative.**

10. Sub-Committees

- i. No sub-committees were planned to be held before the next Council Meeting.
- ii. A report was received from the HS2 Working Party.

- 11. Consideration was given to the report of ROSPA of the risk level of the new equipment in Linnards Lane Playing Field.**

- 12. A report was given on progress made in planning the breakfast event to be staged by Wincham Parish Council to bring together businesses within the village.**

Resolved that Witton Albion be asked to do the refreshments

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Parr

- 13. Consideration was given to the problem of very heavy vehicles travelling along Pickmere Lane in the direction from Windmill Pub to Wincham and vice versa as voiced by Pickmere Parish Council at their last meeting. Pickmere Parish Council have requested new signs to be installed at the Wincham and Tabley end of the lane, showing a weight restriction of seven and a half tons.**

The clerk was asked to write to Pickmere PC to ask whether they want to allow access or no access and to write to CW&C Highways to ascertain whether there is currently a weight limit and whether someone from Highways would be prepared to attend a parish council meeting.

- 14. It was noted that Rev Brian Harris:**

- i. has confirmed that he would be delighted to hold a service in Wincham on Remembrance Sunday, starting at 2pm;
- ii. is planning a special service at St John's Church, Lostock Gralam, at 10.30am on Sunday 28th Sept, to commemorate the beginning of WW1 (separately from Remembrance Sunday). Rev Harris has asked whether Wincham Parish Council would like to send representatives or be involved in some other way at the service.

Resolved that Councillor Barker will represent Wincham Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Turner

Seconded: Cllr Pugh

- 15. Final arrangements for the Parish Council stall at the Summer Fayre on 12 July 2014 were discussed. Cllr Parr will organise the rota. The councillors will be prepared to**

talk about HS2 and the memorial garden, the Black Greyhound site and the footpaths around Wincham.

16. The problem of damage to the broadwalk along Pickmere Lake was discussed.

17. Options for a Christmas tree in Wincham were discussed.

Resolved to plant a tree for £25 in November.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Moss

Wincham PC will wait for the advice on the Mersey Forest representative about a maintenance contract.

The ward councillor left the meeting.

18. Consideration was given as to Whether Wincham Parish Council had any comments to make on the proposed Chalc Charter.

Cllr Makepeace said that she would write to comment:

- i. Why was it not written in plain English.
- ii. Why should powers be devolved to parish councils without the financial funds also being allocated.

19. Consideration was given to the response of residents to the plan from Cheshire West and Chester Council to create tarmac drives for properties on Linnards Lane that currently have no access to the road.

It was felt that since there was no consensus between the residents, this was a matter that should be left for CW&C highways and the residents.

20. A report was received from Cllr Smith on the plans of Keuper Gas Storage to expand their operation in Cheshire.

Cllr Smith agreed to prepare a report for the newsletter.

21. A report was received on the installation of the new benches in the Linnards Lane Playing Field.

22. Consideration was given to setting up a Working Party to review the arrangements for grass cutting, equipment inspection and litterpicking in the Linnards Lane Playing Field and the Chapel Street Playing Field. Barker, Pugh and Turner.

Resolved that a new working party for the Playing Fields be created containing Cllrs Barker, Pugh and Turner.

Proposed: Cllr Moss

Seconded: Cllr Parr

23. It was noted that the play equipment in the Linnards Lane Playing Field had been formally unveiled on 14 June.

All those who helped on the day were thanked. Consideration was given as to whether the Picnic in the Park should be repeated in future years. The Playing Fields Working Party will consider this further.

24. A report on the war memorial project was received from the clerk.

25. A report was received on the proposed new noticeboards.

26.

The hours worked by the clerk were discussed.

Resolved that the clerk's hours be increased to 35 hours each month, with discretionary payments for mileage.

Proposed: Cllr Moss
Seconded: Cllr Parr

27. Linnards Lane Playing Field:

- i. The clerk requested, but did not receive completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the following dates for the inspections conducted by councillors:

28/4/2014	Cllr Pugh
5/5/2014	Cllr O'Halloran
12/5/2014	Cllr Parr
19/5/2014	Cllr Barker
26/5/2014	Cllr Casson
2/6/2014	Cllr Turner
9/6/2014	Cllr Parr

- ii. The councillors noted the rota for the next month for the inspections conducted by councillors:

16/6/2014	Cllr O'Halloran
23/6/2014	Cllr Pugh
30/7/2014	Cllr Parr
7/7/2014	Cllr Barker
14/7/2014	Cllr Casson
21/7/2014	Cllr Turner

28. Village Communication:

- i. A report was given on the newsletter.
- ii. There were no changes or additions for the village website.
- iii. There was nothing to report on the Rural Arts Network.

29. Planning:

- i. It was noted that no Permissions have been issued since the last meeting;
- ii. It was noted that no Refusals have been issued since the last meeting;
- iii. It was noted that no applications have been published since the last meeting.

30. Accounts:

Consideration was given to authorising the payments below:

1. Final account for Kel Palmer in respect of plans drawn up for the war memorial and garden £250.00
2. Annual account from Wincham Community Centre for hire of the Clubroom for meetings between May 2014 – April 2015 £97.00
3. Zurich Municipal Insurance additional payment to cover the additional Items of play equipment for the duration of the annual insurance cover for Wincham Parish Council. £154.27
4. Northwich Town Council Invoice number 1022 dated 30.5.14 – £366.60 - Contract work on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-
 - i. 1 x 3 hours inspection £70.50
 - ii. 4 x 1 hours paper picking/empty bins £94.00
 - iii. 1 x 1 hour grass cutting push mower £23.50
 - iv. 4 x 1 hours grass cutting ride on mower £94.00
 - v. 1 x 1 hour strimming £23.50

VAT @ 20% £61.10 £366.60
5. Northwich Town Council Invoice number 1014 dated 30.4.14 – £282.00- Contract work on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-
 - i. 4 x 1 hours paper picking/empty bins £94.00

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| ii. | 1 x 1 hour grass cutting push mower | £23.50 |
| iii. | 2 x 1 hours grass cutting ride on mower | £94.00 |
| iv. | 1 x 1 hour strimming | £23.50 |

VAT @ 20%	£47.00	£282.00
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| 6. | Clerk's salary for June 2014 | £309.00 |
| 7. | Clerk's salary for Spring edition of The Wincham Word | £100.00 |
| 8. | Reimbursement for pizzas bought for the youth pizza night
(money to be taken for the grant awarded to PCSO Hambleton) | £75.00 |

- i. *Resolved to approve the above payments:*
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Parr

- ii. *The following balances were noted:*

Current Net Balances:

Current Account as at 3.6.2014	£200.00
Business Reserve Account as at 3.6.2014	£32,816.68
Bonus Saver Account as at 4.4.2014	£11,937.69

31. Correspondence

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. (Please see Appendix C.)

32. Any Other Business.

- i. **The clerk was asked to put the issue of dogs on the playing fields on the next agenda.**
- ii. **The clerk was asked to put further uses of the play area on the next agenda.**
- iii. **A councillor expressed the wish that there should be a new notice at the play area.**

Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
 11.7. 14

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.