

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2015 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, K Barker, D Pugh, I Parr, B Cooke, D Cooke, R Casson, D May and S Henshall.

Unitary Councillors: N Wright

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 Turner and Smith and also from Cllrs D Hammond and L Gibbons.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Parr

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.

- i. Cllr Barker declared a non-pecuniary, disclosable interest in Item 19 because of his membership of SID.
Cllrs Barker and Henshall declared a non-pecuniary, disclosable interest in Item 13 due to their involvement in the Governing Body and PTA of Wincham CP School.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 May 2015.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Pugh

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

The clerk reported that the outdoor table tennis table had been installed and that a story telling session in the Linnards Lane Playing Field was planned.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor:

Support was given for an interactive traffic sign, but this would require match-funding from the Parish Council and recognition that this would be a major commitment by the unitary members and would be the only commitment for 2 years.

Resolved to investigate speed investigation devices and to match fund the proposed contribution from the unitary members

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Pugh

6. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

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

8. Consideration was given to three options for a new piece of play equipment for the Chapel Street play area.

*Resolved that a rabbit springer would be purchased from Creative Play.
Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Barker*

9. Linnards Lane Inspections

It was noted that:

- i. inspections for the last month were conducted by Cllr Pugh. The clerk requested but was not given inspection sheets.**
- ii. Inspections for the next month will be the responsibility of Cllr Turner**
- iii. The clerk was requested to alter the rota to take into account holidays.**

10. A report was given on the forthcoming Business Breakfast.

11. A report was given on the proposed new notice board.

It was suggested that Wincham could have a similar board to Pickmere.

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

The clerk was asked to write again to Cheshire West.

13. Consideration was given to having a village fete in a marquee in 2016. This could be combined with the Picnic in the Park.

14. The annual ROSPA reports were considered and approved.

The level of risk for each piece of equipment, together with any recommendations or guidance in the report was considered.

Resolved that the level of risk observed in the report did not necessitate immediate action.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Pugh

15. The draft organisational diagrams drawn up by the clerk were considered but a councillor volunteered to improve these for the Parish Council.

Resolved that thanks be given to Cllr May for her work on the diagrams and on the new village logo which it was agreed would be adopted by the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Parr

16. The date for the September meeting was discussed.

Resolved that the meeting be held on 9 September.

Proposed Cllr Parr

Seconded Cllr Barker

17. Issues of communication for the Parish Council were discussed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be responsible for the village Facebook page and that this should include the new village logo.

18. Working Parties

- i. A report was received from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party.**
Issues surrounding the sandpit were discussed and the wet pour around the swings. The goals needed to be moved and nets would improve their usefulness.
- ii. A report was received from the Best Kept Garden Working Party.**
Resolved that the proprietor of the Hollies Garden Centre be approached to be a judge.
Proposed Cllr Barker
Seconded Cllr Parr
- iii. A report was received from the HS2 Working Party**

19. Sub-Committees

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

20. Village Communication:

- i. **The Wincham Word**
The deadline for the next edition is 1 September 2015.
- ii. **The Parish Council Website**
The clerk was asked to send the new logo to the website operator with next month's submissions.
- iii. **An update was received on the arts and performance around the Wincham area, including Wincham Village People.**

21. Planning:

- i. **There were no new applications received since the last meeting.**
- ii. **There were no refusals issued since the last meeting.**
- iii. **There was one approval issued since the last meeting:**

APPLICATION NUMBER: 15/00362/FUL

Proposal: Erection of Gate Lodge and training room on site. New security gate to be erected in new location to improve the vehicular logistics of the site.

Location: Thor Specialities UK Limited, Wincham Avenue, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6G

22. Accounts:

i. The following payments were considered:

1. JDH Business Services Ltd for the internal audit for year ended 31.3.15	£12.00	
VAT @ 20%	£22.40	£134.40
2. Zurich Management Services Ltd (to replace a mis-placed cheque that has now expired)		£114.00
3. Clerk's salary for June 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour		£360.50
4. Mrs Angela Sidwell for a grant for the purchase of plants for the Linnards Lane flowerbeds		£50.00

Resolved to approve these payments

Proposed: Cllr Barker

Seconded: Cllr Parr

ii. Current Net Balances were noted:

Current Account as at 3.6.2015	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 3.6.2015	£29,743.52
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 31.3.2015	£11,990.41

- iii. **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.**

23. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

- 1. Letter from the Northwich branch of Samaritans, appealing for funds.
- 2. Letter from Cheshire County Playing Fields Association inviting an entry into the Les George OBE Memorial Award.

24. Any Other Business.

- i. **The Chairman and Cllr Parr had sanded and underpainted the old black and white signpost.**
- ii. **A request had been made that efforts were made to close the gate at the Chapel Street play area.**
- iii. **The hedge on Linnards Lane is endangering road safety.**
- iv. **It was noted that the school fayre would be held before the next Parish Council meeting.**

The meeting was declared over at 9.29 pm

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
30.6.2015*