

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: K Barker, L Moss, D Turner, D Pugh,
Ward Councillor: N Wright
Parish Clerk: N Morris

Ms Sam Gillett of Wincham spoke movingly about her mother and the difficulties she was experiencing in accessing her property from the highway. The Councillors and Ward Councillor expressed their sympathy and promised to write a letter of support.

No other concerns were expressed during the public forum.

1. Apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors P O'Halloran, A Makepeace, I Parr, D Cooke, B Cooke, R Casson and F Smith.

(Ward Councillors Byram and Hammond and PCSO P Hambleton also sent their apologies and Emma Rigby of the Press had sent her apologies and farewells since she is moving her area of responsibility to the Wirral.)

Proposed: Cllr Pugh

Seconded: Cllr Moss

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.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16 October 2013

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on 16 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record:

Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded Cllr Turner

5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Christmas Lights Competition judging was scheduled.

6. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors.

The new Waitrose store in Northwich will opening its doors to the public the following day.

The Unitary Member left.

7. Cathy Boyd was welcomed to the meeting and discussed with the councillors the possibilities of Wincham operating a Snow Angels programme to support vulnerable residents.

Wincham could have a Wincham scheme or tap into the Northwich scheme. A local one helps social cohesion.

The question was asked: How do you find the people who need help? Mosaic can map the demographic of an area or road and then leaflets can be delivered. Another way is to ask the GP surgery or the refuse collection list because there will be details of residents who need assistance with their bin.

Support through the scheme is for older people "over 55", but greatest risk is over 75 year olds. There were over 200 avoidable deaths in Cheshire due to the winter last year. This figure is much higher than the adjusted figures for Liverpool and Manchester.

How much does the scheme cost? The scheme is free to the village, but there will be the need to buy grit bins or grit. Snow Angels will pay for the high visibility jackets and training etc. Mini grit bins cost about £100.

When people need help, they would ring Weavervale Trust to request help and then Weavervale would ask a volunteer in Wincham to perform the task eg picking up prescription etc.

(Cllr Barker declared an interest because he worked for Weavervale Housing Trust.)

The scheme operates when it is very cold, not just during snow.

The councillors expressed their thanks to Cathy Boyd.

Resolved: that the scheme should go ahead in Wincham and the Parish Council will pay for hire of the Community Centre for a meeting. A date of 18 December was agreed for the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Pugh

Seconded Cllr Moss

8. A report had been sent in by PCSO Hambleton.

The clerk read the report to the meeting:

- Black Greyhound has been broken into on a number of occasions, copper pipes and metal removed.
- On Green Lane a vehicle was damaged when an unknown person threw a concrete slab through the window.
- At Select Hire there was a cable theft during the day when the security officers let the offenders in and then the offenders rammed the gates to leave, damaging the gates.
- There have been reports of males going door to door selling garden furniture. A vehicle was stopped and checks were carried out, showing that the vehicle was not insured. The vehicle was then seized.
- No reports of anti-social behaviour have been received in the area.
- Speed checks have been carried out on Pickmere Lane. Only 1 vehicle exceeded the limit in an hour, during the school run.

9. A report was received from a WCC representative.

The AGM was held on 9 December.

10. Discussion of the Neighbourhood Plan was postponed to the next meeting.

11. Linnards Lane Playing Field:

- i. The Clerk requested completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the last month for the inspections conducted by councillors.
- ii. It was noted that a new rota for the inspections conducted by councillors had been distributed on line.
- iii. Consideration was given as to whether to choose the stainless steel benches without backs for £800 each (plus VAT) for the benches plus the cost of removal of old and installation which would be £94 per bench or whether to choose stainless steel benches with backs at a cost of £1100.00 each bench (plus vat), again with £94 per bench for installation.

Cllr Turner declared an interest over the possible work on installing the benches.

This issue was postponed until the next meeting.

- iv. It was decided that an additional cut of the grass on the Linnards Lane Playing Field and Chapel Street playing fields was not necessary.

12. Sub-Committees

- i. The Finance Sub-Committee will meet on 9 January at 7.30pm to agree recommendations for the Precept for 2014/15 to be brought back to the full Council in the January meeting. (The members of the Finance Committee are Cllrs O'Halloran, Barker, Casson, Pugh and Turner.)
- ii. No dates for any other sub-committees were expected to be held before the next Council Meeting.
- iii. The HS2 Working Party is monitoring what is happening. Cllr Moss will provide an article for the newsletter.

13. **Consideration was given of the local bus provision around Wincham and consideration of the Public Consultation by CW&C of the Children and Young People's Transport Review (the public consultation runs until 24 January 2014 and further details about the consultation and an eform (electronic response form) can be found on www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeopletransportreview)**

Full consideration of this issue was postponed to the next meeting, but the Councillors wished to register their opposition to the changes to school transport provision.

*Resolved strongly to oppose any reduction in funding for transportation to senior schools.
Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Pugh*

14. **A report was received from Cllr Barker on representing Wincham Parish Council at St John's Church in Lostock Gralam on Remembrance Sunday.**

The councillors thanked Cllr Barker for attending.

*Resolved that Cllr Barker be reimbursed for the wreath purchased on behalf of Wincham Parish Council
Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

15. **Consideration was given to the possibility of moving the lists of war casualties for Wincham from within the grounds of Wincham CP School into Linnards Lane Playing Fields, to enable more residents to view these. It was considered whether this should be timed to coincide with the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of World War I.**

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

16. **The consultation from October 2013-January 2014 by Cheshire West and Chester Council on the Gambling Act 2005 was noted.**

17. **The Grant Application made by Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club was considered.**

*Resolved that a grant of £300 be given to the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends
Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

18. **Consideration was given to the Highway Issues highlighted in Appendix E**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council supports the stance proposed by Cheshire West and Chester Council.
Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Pugh*

19. **Consideration of the alteration of speed limits on the A559 from Stretton to Lostock Gralam and other changes as shown on Appendix F.**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council supports the proposed changes to speed limits.
Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Pugh*

20. **Consideration was given to re-appointing the current internal auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd for the financial year 2014-2015.**

*Resolved that JDH Business Services Ltd be appointed internal auditor for the financial year 2014-2015, so long as there is no significant increase in fees.
Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

21. **Consideration was given to re-appointing the current external auditor, BDO for the financial year 2014-2015.**

*Resolved that BDO be appointed external auditor for the financial year 2014-2015, so long as there is no significant increase in fees
Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

22. **Consideration was given to re-appointing Cheshire Community Development Trust to operate a payroll system for Wincham Parish Council for the financial year 2014-2015.**

Resolved that Cheshire Community Development Trust be appointed to operate a payroll system for Wincham Parish Council for the financial year 2014-2015.

*Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Pugh*

- 23. Consideration was given to updating the Register of Members' Interests with any changes.**
No changes were required.

24. Village Communication:

- i. An update was received on the for the new village notice board.
- ii. An update was received on the newsletter.
- iii. There were no changes or additions for the village website.
- iv. An update on the Rural Arts Network was postponed to the next meeting.

- 25. The Councillors expressed their support for the Village People's New Year's Party for Wincham, supported by the Parish Council.**

- 26. Arrangements were discussed for the Wincham Christmas carol event in Wincham Community Centre 7.30pm on Friday 20 December**

Resolved that a donation of £30 be made in January for Pastor Webb's charity work in Romania to mark his contribution to the parish

*Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

27. Planning:

- i. *The following Permissions were noted:*

APPLICATION NUMBER: 13/02991/LDC

PROPOSAL: Use of barn as a single residential dwelling

LOCATION: Outbuilding at Rose Farm, Church Street, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire,

- ii. *No Applications had been refused since the last Parish Council Meeting.*

- iii. *The following Application was considered:*

APPLICATION NUMBER: 13/04401/COU

PROPOSAL: Continuation of use of land for storage and vehicle parking ancillary to the reclamation and recycling business (temporary planning permission (now expired) 07-3230-FUM)

LOCATION: Land to the rear of The Cedars

Resolved that there was no objection.

*Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Turner*

28. Accounts:

- i. *Resolved to approve the following payments:*

Proposed Cllr Turner

Seconded Cllr Pugh

a) Printer's fees for printing Autumn Wincham Word newsletter	£428.00
b) Donation from Wincham Parish Council to The Village People towards a New Year's Eve for the village of Wincham	£250.00
c) Northwich Town Council Invoice number 052 dated 30.9.13 – £310.20 - Contract work on Chapel Lane & Linnards Lane Playing Field:-	
i. 2 x 2 hours ride on mowers grass cutting	£94.00
ii. 3 x 1 hours inspection	£70.50
iii. 4x 1 paper picking/empty bins	£94.00
	VAT @ 20% £51.70
	£310.20
d) Global River annual fees for hosting the Wincham Parish Council	

website, including 12 updates.	£100.00	
VAT	£20.00	£120.00
e) Allan James for pruning a creeper intruding into a neighbouring property from Linnards Lane Playing Field		£110.00
f) Reimbursement for Cllr Barker for a Remembrance Sunday wreath laid at St John's Lostock Gralam on behalf of Wincham PC		£25.00
g) Contributing Third Party's contribution to SITA UK Ltd to access the grant for £25,000. The contribution is calculated as 11% of the £25,000. The contribution is funded by the £3,000 kindly donated by Thor.		£2,750.00
h) Clerk's salary for November 2013 (including 1% annual increase)		£309.00
i) Clerk's back salary to cover 1% increase back-dated to 1.4.2013		
7 x £3.06		£21.42
j) A donation to the Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club		£300.00

iv. *The following balances were noted*

Current Net Balances:

Current Account as at 1.11.2013

£200.00

Business Reserve Account as at 1.11.2013

£8,459.57,

Bonus Saver Account as at 4.10.2013

£21,857.96,

Total held at bank

£30,517.53

29. **Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence had been received:

- a) Self Care Day flier: Ellesmere Port Civic Centre, Tuesday 19th November, 10am – 2pm.
- b) Letter dated October 2013 from the War Memorials Trust, inviting to give advice on taking care of a war memorial, including a link to the War Memorials Trust for advice and grants.
- c) Cheshire West & Chester Home to school transport consultation 2013.

30. **AOB**

1. A Councillor asked whether there could be coffee or tea flasks for Parish Council meetings. This will be on the next agenda

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
8.12.2013*