

# WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Parish Councillors: P O'Halloran, K Barker, R Casson, D Turner,

D Pugh, A Makepeace, I Parr and F Smith.

**Parish Clerk:** N Morris.

**In Attendance:** PCSO Hambleton.

During the public forum no issues were raised by members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

*Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors Moss, D Cooke, B Cooke and Unitary Councillors N Wright, D Hammond and M Byram*

*Proposed: Cllr Turner  
Seconded: Cllr Barker.*

### **2. Declaration of a personal or prejudicial interest**

Councillors O'Halloran declared an interest in the proposed development of the field off Linnards Lane (12/01698/FUL).

### **3. Minutes of previous meetings**

*Resolved that:*

*(i) The Minutes for the meeting held on July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record:*

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace  
Seconded Cllr Barker.*

*(ii) The Minutes for the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record:*

*Proposed Cllr Turner  
Seconded Cllr Barker.*

### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Clerk received back the Register of Members' Interests and thanked the Councillors for their co-operation in completing the forms so promptly. It was noted that CW&C were under the impression that the situation surrounding 30 Chapel Street was improving because the owner had claimed

he was spraying weed-killer on the garden. In reality the site was still unacceptable and a Councillor asked that the Clerk report this to CW&C and mention that the railing around the garden appeared dangerous.

#### **5. A report from the Unitary Councillors**

None of the Unitary Councillors were present.

#### **6. A report from PCSO Hambleton**

PCSO Hambleton gave a report which contained the following items:

- (i) There has been damage caused and a fire at the Spar shop. Police forensic experts are involved and a suspect may be charged.
- (ii) There has been a theft of a cement mixer.
- (iii) A report has been received of two people selling door to door.
- (iv) Two complaints were received about a very noisy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party.
- (v) Cars parking on grass outside school have become a problem.
- (vi) Twenty motorists have been apprehended speeding in Chapel Street.
- (vii) The PCSO has conducted two sessions with a speed gun on Earles Lane, but no motorists had been detected speeding.

In addition, the PCSO reported that he is planning to run angler sessions for local children, in addition to four sessions (totalling thirty hours) of sport for young people, next summer. The Councillors expressed their appreciation of his work.

The PCSO asked that the Council consider giving £110 for a pizza night for children in the Wincham Community Centre. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Certain Councillors also agreed privately to donate money for this event.

#### **7. Sub-Committees**

*Resolved that:*

- (i) The Governance Sub-Committee of Wincham Parish Council will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in Wincham Community Centre to consider the composition and remit of the various sub-committees operating on behalf of Wincham Parish Council.*
- (ii) The Governance Sub-Committee will consist of Cllrs O'Halloran, Barker and Turner. The meeting will also be attended by the Clerk and will be open for all other Councillors and members of the public to attend.*

*Proposed Cllr Pugh*

*Seconded Cllr Barker.*

#### **8. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

A Councillor reported that the launch had taken place. It had been attended by two professionals from the staff of CW&C and Mr David Hewitt of Thor. The event had been successful, but there was concern that the number of

villagers attending was not high. Without sufficient local support, the project will fail.

#### **9. To receive a report from WCC representative.**

A Councillor reported that:

- (i) Work was planned to improve the Community Centre:
  - a) New windows are due to be installed before the next WPC Meeting.
  - b) The property is also to be redecorated.
- (ii) Fees for the Community Centre are to increase.
- (iii) A noise limit is to be imposed from midnight throughout the week.
- (iv) There is a vacant place on the Community Centre Committee.  
Cllr Turner agreed to take this.

#### **10. Linnards Lane Playing Fields:**

- (i) A report from the Linnards Lane Playing Field Sub-Committee investigating the viability of a toddler area  
A Councillor reported that one company had quoted thirty eight thousand pounds to create a toddler play area with grass matting and a picnic area. Other companies would be approached for quotations. Funding would also be investigated. The Councillors asked the Clerk if she would send on any information she had.
- (ii) Receipt of the completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the last month for the inspections conducted by councillors.  
The Clerk gave out some blank inspection sheets and asked that Councillors very kindly perform the inspections on the rota and return the forms to her at the next meeting. It was noted by the Council that it is a requirement of the Council's insurance that this is done.
- (iii) Consideration whether WPC agrees that individual councillors should instruct Northwich Council to conduct additional litter picks at a cost of £23.50

*Resolved that all requests for litter picks be directed through Cllr O'Halloran.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Casson.*

- (iv) Consideration whether to follow the example proposed by Chester West and Chester Council to make the playing fields at Linnards Lane and at Chapel Street a voluntary smoke-free area

*Resolved to make the playing fields at Linnards Lane and at Chapel Street a voluntary smoke-free area, if the necessary signage is provided free by CW&C. If this is not the case, WPC will reconsider the matter.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Casson.*

*(This resolution was carried by a majority of 4 in favour and 2 against the proposal.)*

#### **11. Village Communication**

- (i) An update on the for the new village notice board  
A Councillor reported that the cost of the materials was £204. This sum had already voted upon and so if the invoice was forwarded to the Clerk, it could be signed by three signatories and then sent off before the next meeting.
- (ii) An update on the newsletter  
The newsletter was at the printers. Concern was expressed that the existing printers had been planning to charge £950 for this edition of 1000 copies. This has been negotiated down to £579. The Clerk was asked to investigate alternative printers and to bring quotations from these to the next meeting.
- (iii) Any changes or additions for the village website.  
None were reported.
- (iv) An update on the Rural Arts Network.  
A Councillor reported that the production of Bane was scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November. It promised to be an enjoyable evening.

Cllrs Makepeace and Parr left.

#### **12. Consideration of the situation and need for regeneration of the river area of the Parish of Wincham.**

The Barons Quay development is going ahead. The developers of this might provide funds for this area of Wincham to be improved. A Councillor volunteered to bring the details of the landowner to the next meeting.

*Resolved to postpone consideration to the next meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

#### **13. Consideration of renewal of the current contract for the PCSO for a further year. The contract ends March 2013 and the renewal cost will again be £11,800, split between Wincham and Lostock Gramam. Currently, the contract may only be renewed on a year by year basis, pending the election of the new police commissioner.**

The Councillors expressed their thanks for the job done by PCSO Hambleton.

*Resolved to renew the current contract for the PCSO for a further year.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh.*

#### **14. Consideration of what WPC can do for older members of the village, beyond donating to Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club.**

*Resolved to postpone consideration to the next meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr Turner*

*Seconded Cllr Barker.*

## 15. An update on a token of respect for Cllr Mainwaring.

Two Councillors agreed they would take action on this and report back to the next Meeting.

## 16. Planning:

- a. To note Permissions;  
No new permissions had been made.
- b. To note Refusals;  
No new refusals had been made.
- c. Consideration of the Council's responses to the following applications:

- (i) **12/03246/FUL** – Erection of 2 Storage Warehouses, one with associated Amenity Block. Extension to existing Access Road and additional hard standing. Re-routing of existing Public Right of Way (PRoW) around the site inside the existing boundary and the erection of a Security Fence between the new route of the PRoW and the Site.

Location: Northwich Victoria Football Club, Victoria Stadium, Wincham Avenue, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6GB.

Comments have been invited before 15 October 2012, but WPC has been given an extension until 22 October.

*Resolved that the Clerk should write on behalf of WPC stating no objection was being offered on the basis that there would be no increase in traffic and the usual condition be imposed restricting access to normal working hours and working days.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Turner.*

- (ii) **12/01698/FUL** - Residential development of 17 affordable dwellings on land adjacent and rear of Meadow Croft, Linnards Lane, Wincham.

There were no further developments to report.

- (iii) **11/01968/OUT** - Residential development of up to 1050 dwellings, including 30% affordable housing; plus up to 2500m<sup>2</sup> of associated commercial facilities. Points of access/egress on to New Warrington Road and Chapel Street.

There were no further developments to report.

## 17. Accounts

- (i) *Resolved the following payments were approved:-*

Wincham Community Centre	£36.75
Wincham Community Centre hire for Launch meeting of Neighbourhood plan	£33.60

Northwich Town Council invoice dated 1.8.2012	£366.60
Northwich Town Council invoice dated 1.9.12	£423.00
Reimbursement of Clerk's expenses	£39.99
Clerk's salary	£305.94
<i>Proposed Cllr Pugh</i>	
<i>Seconded Cllr Casson.</i>	

*(ii) Resolved to accept and approve the interim accounts as set out in Appendix E to the Agenda.*

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh.*

*(iii) Resolved to note the following Current Net Balances:*

Current Account	£200.00
Reserve Account	£7,083.62
Bonus Saver Account	£19,751.04

*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

## **18. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

Training programme for Clerks and Councillors 2013 ChALC

Notice of election of a Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **19. Any Other Business**

- (i) A Councillor asked the Clerk to invite Emery to the next meeting.
- (ii) A Councillor reported that the campaign against the incinerator is seeking funds for legal advice.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

**Members Note:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **21 November 2012 at 7.30 pm** in the Community Centre.

Naomi Morris  
12 November 2012