



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: A Makepeace, I Parr, D Pugh, D Turner, F Smith, B Cooke and D Cooke. Cllr S Henshall arrived during the meeting, as is indicated in the minutes.

Unitary Councillors: N Wright, and L Gibbons
Parish Clerk: N Morris
PCSO Hambleton

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 K Barker, R Casson, D May and D Hammond.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

Proposed: Cllr D Cooke

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.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 July 2015.

Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Makepeace

Seconded Cllr Smith

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

No matters were reported.

5. A report was received from the Unitary Councillors:

- i. A site meeting with Highways has been arranged in Wincham for 30 September. A Parish contribution of up to £5000 has been agreed.*
- ii. Marston want the speed limit on Ollershaw Lane to be reduced to 40mph. They also want traffic calming measures on the bridge at Marston.*

6. A report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

Crime

- i. There has been a theft of a caravan*
- ii. A gate on Wincham Avenue has been damaged*
- iii. A saw has been stolen*
- iv. There has been some damage to a van*
- v. A bicycle has been stolen*
- vi. Seventeen vehicles were recorded as exceeding the speed limit during 3 sessions at the road side.*

Anti social behaviour/General items

- i. A child in the village has been bitten by a dog
- ii. There has been a fire in local woods
- iii. Between 200-300 young people attended a party in a barn in August
- iv. Two stray dogs were reported on Linnards Lane
- v. Another report has been received of off road motorcycles on land near Witton Albion
- vi. Nine calls have been received about the state of the Black Greyhound

Social involvement

- i. Sixty people were involved in sessions of games/toys in the park over the summer
- ii. Twenty from Wincham came on a climbing session

7. A report was received on the current situation and future plans for the Black Greyhound site.
8. A report from residents on their campaigns to improve the safety and cleanliness of all areas of Wincham was postponed to the next meeting.

9. Linnards Lane and Chapel Street Inspections

It was noted that inspections sheets are required for each individual week. Inspection sheets may be scanned and sent to the clerk at winchampc@talktalk.net or sent by post to 22 Churchfields Bowdon WA14 3PJ.

10. Consideration was given to the issue of community energy as raised by ChALK.
The clerk was asked to pass the information to the Community Centre.

11. The impact of a party/music event held within the parish on 12/13 August was discussed.

Cllr Henshall joined the meeting.

12. A report was received on the proposed next Business Breakfast on 24 September.
Resolved that the next Breakfast should be held on 24 September.

Proposed Cllr Henshall

Seconded Cllr Parr

13. A report was received on the Picnic in the Park, including unveiling the new public art mosaic.

14. An update on the new village notice board was postponed to the next meeting.

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

16. Consideration was given to the village website.

The clerk was asked to check that the website was up to date with Parish Council business and generally to give it a re-edit.

17. The procedure for a community land application was noted.

18. Consideration was given to the public benches in Wincham.

19. Working Parties

- i. A report was from the Grounds Maintenance Working Party was postponed until the next meeting.
- ii. A report was received from the Road Safety Working Party, including reference to the meeting with CW&C Highways.
- iii. A report was received from the Working Party planning the Best Kept Garden Competition.
- iv. A report was received from the Working Party planning the Village Photography Competition.

20. No sub-committees were scheduled to be held before the next Council Meeting.

21. Consideration was given to re-appointing:

- i. **The current Internal auditor, JDH Services Ltd;**
Resolved to reappoint JDH Services Ltd

Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Parr

- ii. **The current external auditor, BDO.**
Resolved to reappoint BDO

Proposed Cllr Turner
Seconded Cllr Parr

22. Insurance:

To consider the re-appointment of Zurich Municipal as the insurer for the Parish Council at an annual premium of £2,592.95. (The policy documents etc will be available for inspection at the meeting.)

Resolved to reappoint Zurich

Proposed Cllr Pugh
Seconded Cllr Parr

23. Village Communication:

- i. **The Wincham Word**
Very encouraging feedback had been received.
- ii. **Facebook**
This is progressing well.

- i. **The Parish Council Website**
This will be reviewed by the clerk.

- ii. **An update was received on the arts and performance around the Wincham area, including Wincham Village People.**
Resolved to pay CRT fee

Proposed Cllr Smith
Seconded Cllr D Cooke

24. Planning:

- i. **APPLICATIONS were considered**
 - a) **15/03108/FUL** **DATE:** 24 August 2015

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DWELLING

LOCATION: Cranmore Earles Lane Wincham Northwich

No Comment by the Parish Council

- ii. **APPROVALS were noted**
 - a) **15/02956/FUL**

Proposal: Two Storey Side Extension

Location: Merecroft, Earles Lane, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EA

Approval

- b) **15/02871/FUL**

Proposal: Single storey front extension with pitched roof and first floor side extension

Location: 5 Pear Tree Drive, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EZ

Approval

- c) **15/03075/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed pitched tiled roof over existing garage / kitchen and front porch.
Single storey side extension sited to rear of existing garage.

Location: 2 Meadow Gate, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6EW

Approval

d) 15/02264/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and erection of 4 dwellings.

Location: Garages Off, John Fryer Avenue, Wincham, Northwich,

Approval

e) 11/01968/OUT

Proposal: Residential development of up to 950 dwellings including 30% affordable housing; plus up to 2500 square metres of associated commercial facilities

Location: Land South Of Chapel Street And East Of, New Warrington Road, Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire,

Approval

III There had been no refusals or withdrawals since the last meeting

25. Accounts:

i. Accounts to be settled*

1. Simon Roberts for summer special newsletter (1000 x 28 pages)			£369.00
2. Northwich Town Council for maintaining the Linnards Lane and Chapel Street playing fields			
i. Invoice number 1471 dated 25.8.15	£344.00		
VAT	£68.80	£412.80	
ii. Invoice number 1492	£318.50		
VAT	£63.70	£382.20	£795.00
3. Wincham Community Centre			
i. (adhoc hire for Dementia session etc)	£17.30		
ii. Pizza evening		£52.40	£69.70
4. Cheshire West and Chester Uncontested Election recharge			£197.00
5. Zurich Annual insurance premium			£2, 592.95
6. Clerk			
i. salary for August 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour	£360.50		
ii. salary for September 2015 35 hours @ £10.30/hour	£360.50		£721.00

Resolved to approve these payments

Proposed: Cllr Henshall

Secoded: Cllr Pugh

Cllrs D and B Cooke departed from the meeting.

ii. Current Net Balances were noted:

1. To note Current Net Balances

Current Account as at 3.8.2015	£200.00
Business Reserve Account 1. as at 3.7.2015	£29,743.52
Business Reserve Account 2. as at 3.7.2015	£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.

26. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

1. Letter from Zurich concerning the renewal of the policy insuring Wincham Parish Council.

27. Any Other Business.

- i. It was noted that a number of the road signs are overgrown.
- ii. The location for the interactive signs was discussed: near Kingfisher Drive and near Pear Tree Drive.
- iii. It was noted that there had been significant litter on the park recently

This part of the meeting was declared over at 8.55 pm

PART 2 OF THE AGENDA

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. *How the new Transparency Code will affect Wincham.*
9. *The Wincham Carol Service.*

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
30.9.2015*

