

WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Parish Councillors: P O'Halloran, K Barker, D Turner, D Pugh, D Cooke, B Cooke, And F Smith

Parish Clerk: N Morris

In Attendance: PCSO;

Unitary Councillors: N Wright

Members of the public

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

were received from Councillors Makepeace, Parr and Moss and Unitary Councillors Hammond and Byram. Cllr Casson was noted as being absent.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;
Seconded: Cllr Turner.

2. DECLARATION OF A PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillors O'Halloran and Turner recorded that they had a prejudicial interest and Cllr Barker recorded he had a personal interest in the proposed development of Linnards Lane and in Item 12. Cllr Barker recorded he had a prejudicial interest and Cllr O'Halloran had a personal interest in Item 10.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Since only one councillor was present at the meeting who had been present at the last meeting, it was resolved that the Minutes be held over to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;
Seconded: Cllr Turner.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk reported that CW&C have issued a formal notice to the owner of 30 Chapel Lane and that the owner has been seen spraying the weeds on the property.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE UNITARY COUNCILLORS

A Unitary Councillor gave a report on contained the following items:

- i. An appeal is pending on Linnards Lane.
- ii. An interactive sign has been installed on the highway at Budworth Hollow.
- iii. There is concern over the impact of the urban village on Wincham Community Primary School.
- iv. The Unitary Councillor invited WPC to make known any requests for matched funding. It was agreed this might be
The Unitary Cllr left.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PCSO HAMBLETON

PCSO Hambleton gave a report which contained the following items. :

- There had been a car fire and the theft of parts of car engines.
- A car was stopped for having no motor insurance and found to be carrying cannabis.
- There had been a house fire on Chapel Street
- The Spar supermarket had been damaged by fire. One person had been arrested and another detained.
- A male was shot on the Business Park.
- The Witton Albion car park had been used for cars driving over the speed limit.
- The PCSO had received a complaint about cars parking on the pavement on Chapel Street. The PCSO requested that CW&C cut back the vegetation on Chapel Street. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make this request.
- The PCSO confirmed he had received complaints about speeding on Earls Lane. Having conducted a speed check, the PCSO had not caught any speeding motorists.
- During two sessions with a speed trap, the PCSO caught nearly 100 speeding motorists.
- The PCSO had received several calls concerned about the welfare of a female alcoholic.
- Four incidents had been reported around Pickmere Lake in the last 12 months, but the landowner has confirmed that he is content with the use of the land.
- Over the school summer holidays, the PCSO helped host 5 climbing sessions for 46 children, 5 of whom came from Wincham. Three sports sessions were held in Wincham and the PCSO confirmed that more could be planned for next summer. The councillors expressed their thanks to the PCSO.

7. IT WAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING WORDING SUGGESTED BY CHALC:

“Wincham Parish Council resolves to adopt the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council on 26 July 2012 as the Council’s code of conduct, under section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011.”

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Turner.

8. IT WAS RESOLVED TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ZURICH:

Proposed : Cllr Barker;
Seconded: Cllr Turner.

9. SUB-COMMITTEES

- i. The Cllrs were not in a position to agree dates for the sub-committees at this stage, but it was noted that the planning sub-committee might have to meet at short notice when the Linnards Lane appeal was announced.
- ii. It was noted that the terms of reference need to be agreed for each sub-committee.

Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of Cllrs O'Halloran, Barker and Turner be set up to review the remit and composition of the following sub-committees:

Planning (*standing sub-committee*)

Communication (*standing sub-committee*)

The Linnards Lane Playing Field Toddler Group (*ad hoc*)

Personnel (*ad hoc*)

The new Governance Sub-Committee will aim to finish its task by the November WPC Meeting.

Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran;
Seconded: Cllr Barker.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN:-

- i. It was reported that the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be launched on 26 September at 19.30, with a public bar. More volunteers are needed for the Plan because it will be a substantial task drawing up a Plan. All cllrs were invited to the meeting.
- ii. Resolved to approve the funding of a banner purchased to publicise the launch. (Cllr Barker left the room whilst this item was discussed.)

Proposed: Cllr Turner;
Seconded: Cllr Pugh.

11. REPORT FROM WCC REPRESENTATIVE

Resolved to postpone this item to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Pugh;
Seconded: Cllr Barker.

12. CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING HIRE OF ROOM AT WITTON ALBION FOR A PUBLIC MEETING DISCUSSING WINCHAM URBAN VILLAGE

(Cllr O'Halloran left the room whilst this time was discussed and Cllr Barker chaired the meeting.)

Resolved to approve funding the room hire at Witton Albion for a public meeting held during the summer to discuss the current planning position for the Wincham Urban Village and the options available to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Turner;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ChALC CAMPAIGN AGAINST UNNECESSARY RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN CHESHIRE

Resolved to offer a financial contribution to ChALC for their proposed campaign against unnecessary residential construction in Cheshire. At this stage, no specific sums have been proposed.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr B Cooke.

14. REPORT ON THE SITING OF MINK WITHIN THE WINCHAM BOUNDARIES

It was noted that neither Pickmere nor Marston Parish Council was prepared to fund this project. A cllr expressed the view that this should be the responsibility and decision of the individual landowners.

Resolved that WPC should not be further involved and should not undertake financial support for this project.

Proposed: Cllr Barker;

Seconded: Cllr Turner.

15. LINNARDS LANE PLAYING FIELDS s:-

- i. A report was received from the Linnards Lane Playing Field Toddler Group sub-committee investigating the viability of a toddler area. A quotation of £40,000 had been received for the installation of a toddler area for the playing field, incorporating equipment and a picnic area. A cllr pointed that the council had to be mindful that it is a playing field, not a park.

Resolved to postpone this item for further information at the next Meeting.

Proposed: Cllr B Cooke;

Seconded: Cllr Turner.

- ii. The new rota for inspection of the playing fields was distributed.

16. VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

- i. A cllr reported that he will provide Wilfred with the materials and then Wilfred will construct the noticeboard. The noticeboard will then be erected free of charge.

- ii. A cllr confirmed that he had repaired the Linnards Lane noticeboard.
- iii. The Clerk reported that the autumn edition of the newsletter will be printed sometime during October.
 - a. It was discussed whether to allow advertising within the newsletter.
Resolved that the October newsletter should mention the proposal that the back page of future newsletters include business card-sized advertisements (charged at a price of £15).

Proposed Cllr Barker;
Seconded Cllr Turner.
 - b. Resolved that the Clerk be paid for an additional 10 hours for each newsletter.

Proposed Cllr O'Halloran;
Seconded Cllr Pugh.
- iv. No additional changes or additions were received for the village website.
- v. An update on the Rural Arts Network.
The Representative was not present, but, on her behalf, the Clerk reported that *Bane* will be staged on 9th November at 7.30pm, for adults and children over 14 years of age. Contact Cllr Makepeace to buy tickets.
A Craft Fair will be held in the Community Centre on 10th November.
Ice Age 4 was shown for children in the Community Centre on 16th September.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION AND NEED FOR REGENERATION OF THE RIVER AREA OF THE PARISH OF WINCHAM

A cllr reported that work needs to be done on the new path, cutting the grass and planting trees. It was asked whether some of this work could be done by those on probation. The PCSO said this often had inherent problems, but he would investigate and report back to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to supply a map for the councillors.

The councillor generally agreed to investigate potential funding for the maintenance work.

Resolved to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Smith;

Seconded Cllr Turner.

18. CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION TO THE SOCIAL CLUB OF ASHWOOD PARK

A cllr reported that he had met Sheila, the social organiser at Ashwood Park. In the past, the Ashwood residents used to receive £250 from Vale Royal Council. No money was now received from CW&C.

Another cllr pointed out that WPC already provided funds for Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends and the residents of Ashwood Park would be welcome to join the Old Friends. Transport could also be provided.

A third cllr explained that there may be funds available through Northwich Town Council.

Resolved that provision for socialising for older residents of the village was made already through the payment to Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends and that WPC had insufficient funds to make additional donations.

Proposed: Cllr Turner;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

19. CONSIDERATION OF A PLAYScheme OFFERED BY CW&C FOR SUMMER 2013

Resolved that WPC did not have sufficient funds to offer of a Playscheme week for summer 2013 at the cost of approximately £1500.

Proposed: Cllr Turner;

Seconded: Cllr O'Halloran.

20. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ACTION THAT COULD BE TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OLDER RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE

Resolved that advice and information could be provided by councillors or other parties through the newsletter, but that WPC has insufficient funds to make additional provision at this stage, apart from the donations to Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends, but two councillors will consider whether any further action can be taken and they will report back to the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Turner;

Seconded: Cllr Barker.

21. AN UPDATE ON THE REMEMBRANCE FOR Cllr MAINWARING

A cllr reported that the legend on the bench will thank Cllr Mainwaring for his long service.

22. PLANNING:

- a. No new refusals of permission had been made;
- b. The Council's responses to the following applications –
12/01698/FUL: Residential development of 17 affordable dwellings on land adjacent and rear of Meadow Croft, Linnards Lane, Wincham.

It was reported that this application, which had been refused, is now going to appeal.

Resolved that WPC should write to confirm their opposition to this development.

Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran;

Seconded: Cllr Turner.

11/01968/OUT: Residential development of up to 1050 dwellings including 30% affordable housing; plus up to 2500m of associated commercial facilities. Points of access/egress on to New Warrington Road and Chapel Street.

There was nothing further to report on this.

- c. The Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan was noted (copies are can be read at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk). A consultation period will run on this between 31 August and 12 November 2012.

23. ACCOUNTS:

- i. Resolved the following payments were approved:-

Turner & Blake	£55.00
Audit Commission	£342.00
ChALC	£30.00
Zurich	£114.00
Zurich	£1,903.13
Wincham Community Centre	£27.00
Wincham Community Centre	£6.80
Northwich Town Council	£282.00
Clerk (for August)	£305.94
Clerk (for September)	£305.94
Cllr Barker (for banner)	£72.25
Cllr O'Halloran (for hire of room)	£15.00

Proposed: Cllr Pugh;
Seconded: Cllr Smith.

- ii. Resolved to approve the report of the Audit Commission and to note the current position with regard to PAYE and NI.

Proposed: Cllr O'Halloran.
Seconded: Cllr B Cooke.

- iii. To note Current Net Balances
The following Current Net Balances were noted:-

Current Account	£200.00
Reserve Account	£8,486.67
Bonus Saver Account	£19,703.89

24. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

Letter from John Dwyer.

Invitation from CW&C to event discussing CW&C Local Plan.

Confirmation of accounts by the Audit Commission.

Correspondence from CW&C concerning s215 Notice being issued to the owner of 30 Chapel Street.

Letter from Manchester Airport offering tickets for a concert.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A cllr reported that he had attended Manchester Airport on behalf of WPC and learned about the plans for developing the airport.

A cllr reported that there was a problem with a business in Wincham encroaching onto the pavement with their vehicles. This had been a problem in the past and the Clerk was asked to look into it.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a presentation about the Cheshire Foodbank.

The meeting closed at 21.44pm.

Members Note: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 17 **October 2012 at 7.30 pm** in the Community Centre.