



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2017 at 7.30 PM AT WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:

**Parish Councillors: S Henshall, I Parr, A Makepeace, K Barker
Parish Clerk N Morris**

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr D May, D Pugh, D Turner and R Casson,

Resolved to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Parr

Seconded: Cllr Makepeace

2. Declarations of any

(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or

(b) other disclosable interests

As are required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

3. Planning:

- i. Consideration was given to the only application received between the date of the last meeting and the date of this meeting.**

17/03110/FUL, Canal Bridge House, Wincham

RESOLVED THAT Wincham Parish Council request that a condition be attached to the proposed redevelopment of the Canal Bridge House site. The condition is that proper and safe public access to the canal towpath be included within the plans. This is asked for the sake of public amenity and because the site historically did provide public access. This was lost when the site was boarded up due to dilapidation. It was assumed that safe public access would be reinstated when the site was redeveloped.

Since public access has been denied on this site, members of the public have been forced to access the towpath on the opposite side of the road, down a very steep bank with no path. This route is dangerous and could easily end in injury or immersion in the canal.

No other appropriate access point to the canal towpath exists within the parish of Wincham and this has been a village concern for many years. Safe access was a request made by residents in the Parish Plan. The Parish logo includes a drawing of the canal towpath.

Looking at the proposed plans, there is a slither of land which could easily be used to provide safe public access to the canal towpath, without inconveniencing the residents of the two new houses and without incurring additional cost. Without this public access, the residents of these two houses will be the only people in Wincham with access to the canal.

**Proposed Cllr Parr
Seconded Cllr Makepeace**

- ii. It was noted that no approvals had been received since the last meeting.
 - iii. It was noted that no refusals or withdrawals had been received since the last meeting.
4. There was no other business.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm

*Naomi Morris
Parish Clerk
4. 8..2017*