



WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE JUBILEE HALL, WINSHAM TUESDAY 25th MAY 2021 at 7.00pm

In the Chair: Cllr J Everard (Chairman of Winsham Parish Council)

In attendance: Cllrs S. Love, H. Beentje, L. Miller, J. Hill, K. Fowler, S. Weller
Parish Clerk Mrs R Richards and 17 residents

1. **Welcome and Introduction**

Introduction from Cllr J Everard

2. **Attendance and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Clampett and County Councillor Linda Piggott-Vijeh

3. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (April 2019)**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 16th April 2019 were approved.

4. **Matters arising from those minutes**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Chairman's Report Winsham Parish Council**

Cllr Everard presented the Chairman's report for 2020/21 updating the Parish on the challenges and achievements of the council over the past year. The Chairman's Report will be available to download from the council's website.

6. **Financial Statement Winsham Parish Council**

The Clerk presented the Financial Statement for the council which was available to view on the Power Point Presentation. These will be available to download from the council's website.

7. **Presentation from the Parish Website**

Cllr Miller read a short report on the changes being made to the Parish Website and Web Museum. There is still a lot of development to do but new features include functionality that has been designed specifically for the Winsham Web Museum to allow searches for keywords within Parish Council minutes dating back to 1894 and an image carousel that allow multiple images to be viewed easily.

8. **Presentation from the Jubilee Hall**

John Sullivan gave a Power Point presentation explaining the financial challenges faced by the Jubilee Hall Management Committee during the 13 months it had remained closed due to Covid restrictions.

9. Presentation from Winsham Recreational Trust

Trustee Steve Weller read a report on behalf of the Winsham Recreational Trust explaining the transfer of the assets to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the work that had been done to bring the pavilion up to the required standard.

10. Presentation from St Stephens Church

Church Warden, Peter Saunders, reported on how the church had been locked due to covid, how they held Carols in the churchyard at Christmas, the charities they support, the possible reduction in services and plans for a WC to be installed in the vestry.

11. Presentation from Winsham United Charities

Brian Turner gave a brief history of the WUC and explained how they provide grants for young people living in the parish who need assistance. Income from interest totalled £1,984 over the past two years and grants totalling £1,500 were allocated during the same period.

12. Presentation from United Reform Church

Margaret Tett read a short report from the Church giving details of when the congregation meet and the services held. She went on to say that anyone wishing to attend would be made very welcome.

13. Presentation from Winsham & Cricket St Thomas Royal British Legion Women's Section

Cllr Everard read a short report provided by Margaret Long explaining the donations they had made and received during the year and different sort of remembrance service that was held at the war memorial due to covid restrictions

14. Presentation from Winsham Shop

Paula Bramley-Ball gave a Power Point presentation on behalf of the village shop. It covered their attempts to find new premises, the major renovations required to the shop so that they could remain in situ, the generosity of the residents who helped to fund the renovations through the share scheme and the future of the shop over the coming years.

15. Presentation from Winsham C of E School and Pre-School

Cllr Love read a report written by Sarah Dobson, Senior Lead Teacher of the School. It outlined their experience of teaching during the covid pandemic and praised the children, teachers and parents who all played their part in making this a success. Also covered was the thriving pre-school, their delight at regaining its church school status, the return to learning in school and their broad and balanced curriculum.

16. Presentation from Winsham Street Fair

John Llewelyn reported on how the covid pandemic had left them with no choice but to cancel both the 2020 and 2021 Street Fairs. He reported on the Family Fun Day held in June 2019 and the lighting up of the 2020 Christmas tree. He hoped the upcoming scarecrow competition, craft display and open gardens being held in June 2021 will be well supported.

17. Presentation from the Art Club – No report was received from the art club

18. Presentation from Winsham Horticultural Society

A Power Point presentation was given by Simon Hill

19. Presentation from the Joint Parish Magazine

Mary Pye thanked everyone for their support of the JPM during the pandemic. She added that they were the only local monthly magazine to produce a hard copy over this period and that they have now gone online for the first time. They print between 425 and 450 copies each month and have 89 advertisers.

20. Presentation from Winsham Music Group

Brian Turner explained how the group had been listening to music on their own. Unfortunately, they couldn't meet in a garden, or The Bell, nor could they listen to music on Zoom. They did however try to share a piece of music online each month and hope to recommence their group listening at the end of June.

21. Presentation from Winsham Players

Peter Saunders reported that very little had happened over the last 15 months. Their last production was for Christmas Revue in 2019 but they hope to put together a production towards the end of the year.

22. Winsham Poetry Reading Group

Brian Turner explain how over the various lockdowns the group have tried to meet to share poems. Initially in gardens, then, for several months, by having Zoom meetings. He then entertained everyone with a short poem entitled 'A Pioneering Zoom'.

23. Presentation from the Winsham Walkers

Peter Pye gave a brief report on walks that took place in July, August and September including a walk to Dinnington Docks and another from Stoke Abbot to Lewesdon Hill.

24. Presentation from The Bell Inn

Cllr Hill read a report from the Bell Inn. They explained how devastating it had been for them to have to shut down and put their staff on furlough. They have been working to keep local takeaway meals going especially for several elderly and vulnerable people in the village. The governments 'eat out to help out' scheme helped briefly during last summer. They have faced many challenges and are looking forward to opening up indoors with the Quiz Nights will soon return to the pub.

25. Presentation from Winsham United Football Club – No report was received from WUFC

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Full reports for each organisation listed above can be obtained by emailing winshampc@hotmail.co.uk

Signed.....Chairman 13th April 2022