



Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 9th March 2022

Present: S. Love (Chair), K. Fowler, J. Hill, S. Weller, L. Miller, J. Clampett & J. Harding

In attendance: Clerk to the Council R. Richards, District Councillor Sue Osborne and one resident.

4412 To Receive Apologies for Absence and to Approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

Apologies were received from Cllrs Everard & Beentje

4413 To receive any Declarations of Interest – None received

4414 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 2nd February (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 2nd February 2022

Proposed: Cllr Weller **Seconded:** Cllr Harding **Vote:** 6-1-0

4415 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Pooles Lane pot holes – Bob Wilcox has kindly filled the pot holes until the summer when further repairs can be carried out
- b) Small Improvement Scheme (S.I.S.) Highways Safety – Public response has closed still waiting for feedback from highways

4416 Planning Matters

- a) Members to resolve Applications received

- Application Reference: 22/00292/HOU

Applicant: Sundial Developments

Location: 9 Bakersfield Winsham Chard TA20 4JN

Proposal: The erection of a 2-storey side extension and ground floor extension to rear and front

Observations Required by: 22 March 2022

Resolved: Members resolved to support the application **Proposed:** Cllr Hill **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 6-0-0

- b) Applications Decisions received

- 21/03500/OUT Land rear of The Bell – Permitted with conditions
- 21/03690/FUL Whatley Barns – Application Withdrawn

4417 Finance

Proposals:

- a) To note the schedule of cheques **Proposed:** Cllr Weller **Seconded:** Cllr Harding **Vote:** 6-0-0
- b) To approve the bank reconciliations for 2nd February 2022

Resolved: Members approved the Bank Reconciliations **Proposed:** Cllr Clampett **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 6-0-0

- c) Members to finalise and approve the budgets based on the 2022/23 Precept

Resolved: Members resolved to approve the budget for 2022/23 **Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Hill **Vote:** 6-0-0

- d) Members to approve the NALC Pay Scale increase of 1.75% for the clerk, backdated to 1st April 2021

Resolved: Members resolved to approve the pay increase **Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Clampett **Vote:** 6-0-0

4418 Document Review

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Safeguarding Statement – No change
- b) Training Policy – No change

Resolved: Members resolved to adopt the Safeguarding Statement **Proposed:** Cllr Harding **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 6-0-0

Resolved: Members resolved to adopt the Training Policy **Proposed:** Cllr Hill **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 6-0-0

4419 Members to discuss actions required following the transfer of the car park and nature and appoint solicitors to complete the transfer to the Parish Council

Signage for Western Way/Balsom Close was discussed as was lighting from the car park down to Pooles Lane.

Action: Cllr Fowler to get quotes for lighting & Cllr Hill to speak to Highways. Clerk to email John Hammond for site plan of utilities.

Action: Clerk to Double check original plans for lighting all the way around the car park

4420 Update on Flood Resilience following a meeting with Highways

Cllr Love read a report provide by the Chairman explaining which drains are due to be jetted and which are being considered for upgrading.

4421 Members to agree and nominate a representative to support the South West Heritage Trust initiative

Cllr Harding volunteered assisted by Cllr Everard. Items to be nominated were suggested.

4422 Members to consider the grant application from The Magdalen Environmental Trust

Members resolved to provide a letter of support and £50 Donation

Proposed: Cllr Harding **Seconded:** Cllr Miller **Vote:** 6-0-0

4423 Members to consider the request from David Warden

Clerk to respond to David Warden to the effect that the councillors are happy to meet with him but they would like to know the purpose of the meeting now that planning permission has been granted.

4424 Members to discuss the upcoming Parish Council Elections being held on 5th May 2022

Cllr Hill to put something on Facebook, councillors to promote the elections and encourage residents to stand

4425 Members to discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting being held Wednesday 13th April

Advertising to be arranged in the JPM, on Facebook and by posters and wine and nibbles organised for the evening.

4426 Members to discuss the Great British Spring Clean taking place from 25th March to 10th April 2022

Cllr Hill has once again offered to organise the event the date is still to be agreed

4427 Update on the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday: Beacon lighting

Friday Night: The Bell are running a quiz night with wine and cheese

Saturday: WRT are hosting children's traditional races, a BBQ and music in the evening

Sunday: WPC are running a Party in the Park – Bring your own picnic, a dress your table competition and music

The council will be purchasing Jubilee coins of which 45 will be for the Winsham school and pre-school children

Cllr Weller to contact Dan Anderson for costing of a stone plaque for the Jubilee Hall in time for the April meeting

4428 Items for Report

a) Parish Assets:

- ◆ Cemetery and Churchyard – Members discussed the grass/top soil bins
- ◆ Lower Recreation Ground – Photos of the new park in Chard, the hedge and the gate hinges were discussed
- ◆ Bus Shelter – nothing to report
- ◆ War Memorial – A site meeting was held with Dan Anderson who has proposed a number of ideas including hand cleaning the memorial and recutting/outlining the lettering. A quote will also be obtained to repair stone work around the circle and steps.
- ◆ Seating, Signage and Bins – Ebben Lane sign to be cleaned. The double bend sign at Axe Water and the sign by the Lower Rec have both been dislodged/moved. **Action:** Clerk to report to Highways.
- ◆ Telephone Box – Going well
- ◆ Allotments – An update was provided on Allotment 4 and a possible review of the policy discussed
- ◆ Defibrillator – Housing association not willing to help with funding

b) Web Sites

- c) Public Rights of Way
- d) Grass Cutting Report
- e) Gardening Group – A report was given on the progress of the tree planting
- f) Environmental Issues – Nothing to report
- g) Highways and Bus Services – Nothing to report
- h) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
 - ◆ Jubilee Hall – Nothing to report
 - ◆ Winsham Recreational Trust – Cllr Weller reported that the club is being well used with a recent charity quiz for McMillan raising over £500, Cllr Fowler is acting as unpaid caretaker, and plans are being made to renegotiate the lease
 - ◆ Winsham Community Resource Centre – This is still on going
- i) Clerk's report and correspondence – see Agenda Notes
- j) Training – A mix up with SLCC resulted in Cllr Harding not being booked on three courses as requested by the clerk – Clerk booked on the Election training

4429 Confidential Items

Proposal: Under Standing Orders 3d and 10xi the Parish Council resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (legal, personal or commercial), the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

4430 Legal Proceedings - Members to review progress of any legal proceedings and associated matters

Quotes for legal fees to transfer the car park to the Parish Council were considered.

Members resolved to instruct Amicus Law **Proposed:** Cllr Fowler **Seconded:** Cllr Harding **Vote:** 6-0-0

4431 Date of the Next Meeting – 6th April 2022

Date of Annual Parish Meeting – 13th April 2022

Meeting Closed: 9.45pm