



## Winsham Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 6th April 2022

**Present:** Cllrs J. Everard, S. Love, H. Beentje, K. Fowler, S. Weller, & J. Harding

**In attendance:** Clerk to the Council R. Richards, District Councillor Sue Osborne and four residents

### **4432 To Receive Apologies for Absence and to Approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Miller, Hill and Clampett

### **4433 To receive any Declarations of Interest – None received**

### **4434 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 14th Feb and 9th March (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))**

**Resolved:** Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meetings held 14th February and 9th March

**Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Everard **Vote:** 6-0-0

### **4435 Outstanding Items Update**

- a) Pooles Lane pot holes – To be removed from agenda until June
- b) Small Improvement Scheme (S.I.S.) - Highways Safety – Still waiting for outcome of public consultation

### **4436 Planning Matters**

- a) Members to resolve Applications received

- Application Reference: 22/00485/FUL  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Phillip Rahilly  
Location: Fulwood Ebben Lane Winsham TA20 4EE  
Proposal: The erection of a 24-panel ground mounted solar array  
Observations Required by: 30 March 2022 Extension obtained until 7 April 2022

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

- Application Reference: 22/00531/HOU  
Applicant: Mrs Byrne  
Location: Westlea, Western Way Winsham TA20 4JH  
Proposal: Two storey side extension  
Observations Required by: 28 March 2022 Extension obtained until 7 April 2022

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

- Pre-Planning Application details received from Peter and Mary Pye  
Location: Land to the rear of Corner Stones Winsham  
Proposal: To build a dormer bungalow

Members agreed that the changes to the original planning application were acceptable to the council

- b) Applications Decisions received
  - 21/01786/FUL – Land Adjoining Church Street – Application permitted with conditions

Cllrs and County Councillor Sue Osborne were disappointed that this planning application didn't go to full committee. The objections raised by the council were as follows;

- a) the pavement subsumes not just the verge but part of the highway leading to a reduction in road width. The highway in this section of Church Street (part of the B3162) is already narrow and has a blind junction (Court Street) opposite the development and a blind bend in close proximity. NPPF111
- b) if the highway is maintained at the current width the stated sightlines for the access will be altered.
- c) The highways report indicated that the right turn sightline was missing from the application. This needs to be included but will also be altered.
- d) Is it within the developer's authority to build part of the development on highways property?

#### **4437 Finance**

Proposals:

- a) To note the schedule of cheques totalling £2,187.70
- b) To approve the bank reconciliations for 2nd March 2022
- c) Members to approve Phil Smith as the Internal Auditor for 2021-22

**Resolved:** Members noted the schedule of cheques, approved the bank reconciliations and approved Phil Smith as the Internal Auditor for 2021-22 **Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Harding **Vote:** 6-0-0

#### **4438 Document Review**

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Freedom of Information Policy – ICO phone and fax numbers added
- b) Bee Policy – No change
- c) Model Publication Scheme – No change

All documents were checked for website accessibility

**Resolved:** Members resolved to adopt the Freedom of Information Policy, the Bee Policy and the Model Publication Scheme **Proposed:** Cllr Love **Seconded:** Cllr Fowler **Vote:** 6-0-0

#### **4439 Members to discuss parking on pavement at Western Way**

Members to look into this further when the car park has been legally transferred to the council

#### **4440 Cllr Hill to provide a report on the Chard Flood Resilience Group Meeting held 16th March**

Cllr Hill's report was read to the meeting. A stock of sand bags to be looked into. Flood Resilience to be added to the agenda each month under 'Items for Report'

#### **4441 Members to discuss local support for the Ukrainian refugee resettlement in Somerset**

Cllr Love read a report from the initial meeting of the 'Winsham Welcome' group.

#### **4442 Members to discuss concerns raised in relation to the Balsom Close Nature Area**

Points 1 to 8 of a letter received from Mr Wilcox regarding the nature area and relevant Planning permission 19/00568/S73 to be considered. The Chairman explained that as this is now a Police Investigation it could not be discussed in the public part of the meeting.

#### **4443 Members to set a date for the Clerk's Appraisal which is now 2 years overdue**

Meeting set for Tuesday 19th April 7.00pm.

#### **4444 Update on preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting being held Wednesday 13th April**

**Action:** Clerk to chase organisations that have yet to provide a report.

#### **4445 Update on preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Love reported on arrangements that are now well under way. A meeting will be held prior to the APM next week to discuss the quote for 288 bespoke Winsham Platinum Jubilee celebration mugs

#### **4446 Update on preparations for the Great British Spring Clean**

Members agreed that this will be held on Saturday 23rd April 2022 starting at 10.00am. Cllr Hill has arranged the borrowing of the SSDC spring cleaning kit.

#### **4447 Items for Report**

- a) Parish Assets:
  - ◆ Cemetery and Churchyard – Nothing to report
  - ◆ Lower Recreation Ground – Nothing to report
  - ◆ Bus Shelter – Nothing to report
  - ◆ War Memorial – Quotes to be discussed under confidential items
  - ◆ Seating, Signage and Bins –

Quotes for car park sign posts to be investigated and add to agenda for May

The councillors have accepted an offer from Stuart Binns to clean and repaint the ancient signposts at Ebben Lane.

Bin for Upper Rec has been delivered and will be fitted by Cllr Fowler. Clerk to ensure this is added to the district collection rota.

- ◆ Telephone Box – Still working well
- ◆ Allotments – Update on Allotments 4 and 7.

Cllr Harding to investigate regulations for Allotment Gardens. Rent for 4a and 4b to be added to the May agenda

- ◆ Defibrillator – A second defibrillator was discussed. Cllr Clampett to be asked if she would be happy to follow up on this.

b) Web Sites – The plan in place for this was briefly discussed

Public Rights of Way – Stiles and signage problems will be reported. The hedge along cemetery to Ammerham has been cut hard back to improve access along the path (thank you Paul Boarder).

- c) Grass Cutting Report – Powell's to be advised that Upper Rec grass should be lifted each time they cut
- d) Gardening Group – Nothing to report
- e) Environmental Issues

Bonfires in the village were discussed. Residents should be mindful that they follow the Gov.UK rules about burning waste to avoid causing a nuisance

- f) Highways and Bus Services
- g) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
  - ◆ Jubilee Hall – New members are required for the Jubilee Hall committee
  - ◆ Winsham Recreational Trust

Cllr Love reported that the WRT is operating smoothly and that the trustees are working on the next phase of development. All legal documents are being reviewed. The Community Club is proving very successful with the help of a group of willing volunteers. Unfortunately, the volunteer meeting last week had to be postponed part way through.

- ◆ Winsham Community Resource Centre
- h) Clerk's report and correspondence – see Agenda Notes
- i) Training – Still waiting for training courses to be announced for new councillors.

#### **4448 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.

##### **a) Members to consider the quotes received for restoration work on the War Memorial**

**Resolved:** Members resolved to accept the quote provided by Dan Anderson. With a proviso that work is completed before the end of September. **Proposed:** Cllr Everard **Seconded:** Cllr Love **Vote:** 6-0-0  
Further quotes to be obtained for repairing the base of the Memorial.

##### **b) Members to discuss their response to the Police enquiry regarding planting at the Nature Area**

The council's response to the Police enquiry was discussed in full.

**4449 Legal Proceedings - Members to review progress of any legal proceedings and associated matters - None**

**4450 Date of the Next Meeting** – 13th April 2022 Extraordinary Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting  
11th May 2022 Annual Council Meeting

Meeting Closed 9.45pm