



Winsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Jubilee Hall on Wed 5th February 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Davie, J. Everard, S. Love, J. Clampett, K. Fowler, J. Hill and H. Beentje

In attendance: Mrs Rose Richards, Clerk to the Council; County Councillor Linda Vijeh, District Councillor Sue Osborne, and 5 residents.

4024 To Receive Apologies for Absence and Approve the Reasons Given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr Weller and the reason given approved.

4025 Declarations of Interest - Council to receive any declarations of interest. None received.

4026 To Approve The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting Held 8th January 2020 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 8th January 2020 were approved as a correct and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Fowler Seconded: Cllr S. Love 7-0-0

4027 Council Vacancy

To discuss any applications received and elect a new councillor if appropriate.

To date one application has been received. The applicant Mrs Miller will be invited to the March meeting.

4028 Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 13th May 2020

Responsibilities were discussed. It was agreed the clerk would invite local organisations to give a short presentation. Cllrs Love and Clampett would organise refreshments, details would be published in the Parish Magazine, County Cllr Linda Vijeh kindly offered to donate wine and a number of Councillors offered to help on the night.

4029 Finance

Proposals:

- a) To note the schedule of cheques
- b) To approve the latest bank reconciliations

Resolved:

- a) The Members noted the schedule of cheques numbered 322514 to 322517, totalling £994.08
This month the signatories were Cllrs Davie, Hill and Everard
- b) The Members approved the bank reconciliations as at 2nd January 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Davie Seconded: Cllr Love 7-0-0

4030 Planning Matters

Proposals: Members to resolve:

- a) Applications received – None
- b) Planning determinations received from SSDC
Application Reference: 19/03258/FUL Applicant: Mr Piers Millar, Midnell Farm, Crewkerne Hill, Winsham
Proposal: Change of use and conversion of a former agricultural building for use as two units of holiday accommodation or ancillary accommodation (dual use), with recladding and provision of bat roost within modern agricultural building – Status Application permitted with conditions
- c) Plans and determinations received after the posting of the agenda - None

4031 Document Review

Proposal: Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Standing Orders
- b) Model Financial Regulations

Resolved: The Members reviewed and adopted the following policies:

- a) Standing Orders (no change)
- b) Model Financial Regulations

Agreed en bloc. Proposed: Cllr Hill Seconded: Cllr Everard 7-0-0

4032 Defibrillators

Update on the handover of the defibrillator at the Bell Public House and providing a second defibrillator at the Davies Close community rooms deferred from January meeting.

Resolved: The members resolved that they would take over the responsibility of the current Defibrillator. Cllr Clampett will arrange for funds held by the Parish Magazine to be transferred to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Love Seconded: Cllr Davie 7-0-0

4033 Lower Rec Repairs

Update on the replacement of the Cargo Netting and ladder and fitting of the gate closers.

It was reported that the replacement of the Cargo Netting and the gate closers has now been done. There was some concern regarding difficulty opening the gates but this should get easier with use. The situation will be monitored and the gate closers adjusted if necessary

4034 Parish Survey

Interim results of the recent Parish Survey were reported by Cllr Everard. Councillors were pleased to hear that 127 surveys had been returned which represents 39% of the village. A further meeting would be held by the working group to go through the responses including the numerous comments and they would report back to future meetings.

4035 Councillors Responsibilities

Following the resignation of D. Checkley councillors to decide who should replace him for the following responsibilities: Parish Plan Review, Highway and Public Rights of Way, WPF Working Group, Personnel.

Resolved: The members resolved to defer this to the March meeting. Proposed: Cllr Davie Seconded: Cllr Love 7-0-0

4036 Items for Report

- a) Parish Assets:
Cemetery, Upper Rec/Lower Rec, Bus Shelter, War Memorial, Seating, Signage and Bins.
The members thanked Cllr Hill for the great job she, and her husband, had done replacing the cemetery fence.
- b) Web Sites, Welcome Pack
- c) Public Rights of Way – Cllr Hill reported that most of the paths have been walked and checked
- d) Grass Cutting Report
- e) Highways and Bus Services – Cllr Davie reported that the pot hole in Western Way had been repaired
- f) Reports from member representatives on outside bodies:
Jubilee Hall, Winsham Playing Fields/Sports and Social Club, Winsham Community Resource Centre
- g) Clerk's report and correspondence – see Agenda Notes
- h) Training

4037 Allotment Charges

Annual review Allotment charges which currently stand at £25 for a large plot and £13.00 for a small plot. For the sake of parity it was suggested that the plots be measured.

Resolved: The members resolved to defer this to the March meeting. Proposed: Cllr Love Seconded: Cllr Fowler 7-0-0

4038 Playing Field CIO Update

Cllr Everard reported that a meeting had been held with the current trustees of WPF. He also reported that our solicitor had requested answers to queries from the Charity Commission which were answered last week.

4039 County Lines

The lack of awareness regarding the meaning of county lines was deferred from the January meeting.

Resolved: The members resolved to defer this to the March meeting. Proposed: Cllr Davie Seconded: Cllr Fowler 7-0-0

4040 VE Day 75th Anniversary 8th to 10th May 2020

Members to agree the celebrations for VE Day and restoring the lettering on the war memorial.

Clerk to contact Stones of Martock for a quote to restore the lettering on the war memorial.

Cllr Davie reported that he had approached Margaret Long and Peter Saunders as it seems appropriate for the Church and the Royal British Legion to decide on the format of the celebrations.

4041 Environmental Strategy

Proposal: To elect Winsham Parish Councils Environmental Champion.

Resolved: Members elected Cllr Beentje as their environmental champion. Proposed: Cllr Davie Seconded: Cllr Hill 7-0-0

4042 The Great British Spring Clean

Date to be confirmed and members to discuss arrangements for taking part. The date was agreed as Saturday 21st March, meeting place the Lower Recreation Ground. Clerk to check what resources are available.

4043 Hire of the Jubilee Hall, Office, Committee Room and Main Hall

Proposal: Members to consider the proposed new annual rate of £500 for the hire of the office for storage purposes etc. This figure also includes the use of the Jubilee Hall Committee room and the main hall for meetings.

Resolved: Members resolved the new annual rate was acceptable. Proposed: Cllr Davie Seconded: Cllr Clampett 7-0-0

4044 Neighbourhood Watch

Deferred from the January meeting. Cllr Clampett will arrange for an article to be placed in the Joint Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.

4045 Australian Bushfire Emergency

Following on from the January meeting members discussed ways to help victims of the bushfires. Cllr Clampett relayed that her relatives in Australia had reported the biggest problem with donations was that you could not be sure where the money would end up. In light of this, and the fact that the WPC could not help with every natural disaster, it was decided not to follow this up.

4046 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. Members of the public had already left the meeting at this point.

4047 Legal Proceedings

Members to review progress of proceedings and associated matters

4048 Date of the Next Meeting – 4th March 2020

The meeting closed at 9.40pm