

WINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Winsford Parish Council Held on Monday 19 October, 2020 at 7.30pm virtually via Zoom

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) - Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Sarah Little (SL) (part of meeting), David Luscott (DL), Mel Mileham (MM), Co Cllr Frances Nicholson (FN), SWaT Cllr Steven Pugsley (SP), Parish Clerk Nic Kemp, and three members of the public.

CW opened the meeting at 7.32pm, and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. CW recorded that Mrs Sue Hayes has been awarded the British Empire Medal. Clerk to write on behalf of Council to congratulate

35.1 Queries submitted by members of the public - A member of the public expressed his concern over noise from gas fired bird scarers, pheasant pens and a new track. CW and SP confirmed that noise concerns are to be raised with SWaT Environmental Health. SP confirmed he was awaiting response from ENPA head of planning on pheasant pens. CW will review details of new track.

The applicant spoke to clarify details on the Old Village Hall application, confirming sewers already installed, space was allocated for bins and the intent was for single groups of up to 6, rather than 6 individuals.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

35.2 Apologies for non-attendance - Patrick Watts-Mabbott. CW noted that John Bray and Sarah Little were not present.

35.3 Declaration of Interests - None

SL joined the meeting at 7.55pm

35.4 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 23 July 2020, and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 September 2020, and any outstanding actions - The minutes were agreed.

35.5 Cover for Clerk during unexpected absence - Clerk will prepare an emergency plan including task list and file locations to allow quick handover if required. Council to consider at future meeting who will hold data and take role in emergency situation.

35.6 Reports from County and District Councillors - FN reported availability of grants for local schemes to reduce carbon footprint, Exmoor area has highest increase in rate of infection of Covid in Somerset, and update on Unitary Authority business cases.

SP reported Penny Webber as new ENPA parish member, SWaT Community Chest grants available (up to £7,500, 75% of total cost) to help Covid business recovery, new planning white paper is out for consultation, ENPA Consultative Forum will meet by Zoom on 12 November at 10am. SP also reported that the Halse Farm mast planning decision had been deferred (not refused), pending alternative sites to be investigated by officers and applicant.

Clerk left the meeting at 8.40pm.

In response to a question from KC, SP outlined the ENPA response to the planning white paper including the removal of PCs as statutory consultees at the application stage. The Clerk will circulate the ENPA document. After some discussion, it was agreed that KC should draft a response on behalf of Winsford PC supporting the ENPA position and in particular objecting to the exclusion of PCs from the application process.

35.7 Highways Matters, including:

35.7.a. Letter from resident with concerns over traffic on Ash Lane - concern from resident over vehicle speed while cutting hedge. FN advised unlikely any further options - speed limit already in place.

35.7.b. Landslip and flooding on Furzehill Lane - FN advised this be raised under flooding, not Highways. MM to include details of damages to individuals and copy FN.

35.7.c. Ash dieback on highways - MM has reported concern over trees on Exford Road, notes no specific tree option on website. FN will follow up.

35.7.d. Other Highway matters - Vicarage Road and Packhorse Bridge, MM recorded thanks to Highways for their works and will write to thank.

FN left the meeting at 8.50pm.

35.8 Planning Matters:

35.8.a 6/40/20/109 - Rose Cottage, Halse Lane, Winsford - Agreed

35.8.b 6/40/20/108 - River House, Winsford - Agreed

35.8.c 6/40/20/107 - Old Village Hall, Winsford - Agreed 3 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstained.

35.8.d Other Planning applications and matters

SP left the meeting at 9.10pm.

35.9 Finance:

35.9.a To consider and agree Clerk's hours for Quarter 2 (July to September) - KC prop, MM sec, unanimously agreed, to pay standard hours.

35.9.b To note and approve NJC Pay Scales for 2020-21 - Updated payscale agreed

35.9.c To receive financial report - Clerk had previously circulated. KC prop, MM sec, unanimously approved.

35.9.d To agree to pay Clerk's Salary and Expenses - KC prop, MM sec, unanimously agreed

Item 35.10 left to end of meeting

35.11 Trees offered by SWaT Council - Agreed to place when ash tree removed from Village green. Clerk to request trees.

35.12 Update on progress with website - DL has sent off information to Netwise and payment was made. Awaiting update from Netwise.

35.13 Memorial for Ann le Bas - Request for ideas for memorial to go in Parish Magazine. Cost to be considered for budget 2021-22.

35.14 Query from resident on shooting and noise from bird scarers - MM prop, KC sec, writing to SWaT requesting clarification on noise requirements with bird scarers. Unanimously agreed

35.15 Remembrance Sunday and wreath - No church service, but wreath will be placed on war memorial. CW prop, DL sec, purchasing a wreath to lay. Unanimously agreed

35.16 Christmas Tree - MM will arrange tree for Green. CW will look at options for lights.

35.17 Possible actions for Mobile Phone Connectivity problems - As SP reported application will be re-submitted by end of year, to be reviewed when details received.

35.18 Correspondence and Emails received - Covered under 35.7.a and 35.14.

35.19 Reports from Councillors - CW reported on Panel meeting from 1 September, which included update on Unitary Authority proposals and police report.

35.10 How to conduct Winsford Charitable Trust business in relation to Winsford Parish Council meeting - CW to discuss options with Clerk and confirm at future meeting.

35.20 Items for next agenda - South West Water and village sewage system. New defibrillator card purchase.

35.21 Date of Next Meeting - Monday 30 November 2020 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, CW closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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