

Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held at the Village Hall, Winsley

On the 1st September 2015 at 8pm

The meeting commenced at 8pm

Parish Councillors present: : Cllr. Bennett (Chair), Cllr. Rowe, Cllr. Ladner, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Poulson, Cllr. Kidney, Cllr. Harrison and Cllr. Barnes

Apologies: Cllrs. Gilby and Kemp

Also present: Magnus MacDonald, Peter Dunford, Messrs Presland and Treble. 5 other members of the public.

37. The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th July 2015, were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr. Magnus Macdonald provided an update on changes at Wiltshire Council since July.

Mr. Peter Dunford introduced himself as our point of contact in Wiltshire Council.

Mr. Treble gave a report on behalf of himself and Mr. Presland. Items of concern are that the steps in the nature reserve will need work and that there is a stile which needs replacement. It was noted that the planting carried out last year did not use all of the budget, as this money was allocated from the jubilee celebrations then there was still scope for further planting. Mr. Treble to contact the Clerk to arrange. It was also reported that the group need more volunteers and that they would welcome the grazing of the site by some sheep.

Clerk

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Poulson declared an interest in all items related to the development of his land. He also declared a related interest in the housing allocation response to Wiltshire Council.

Public Participation:

Several residents of Turleigh asked for a door to be put at the top of the trows. The item was moved from the main meeting and it was agreed that Marcus of Turleigh Manor should obtain quotes for the next meeting. Cllrs. Agreed by majority vote that this work should be done subject to cost and assuming that the Clerk was unable to get the environment agency to pay for it.

Clerk

Mr Goater spoke asking for the bus shelters to be cleaned and when the double yellow lines would be in place.

Cllr. Poulson absented himself from this discussion.

38. Response to Wiltshire Council housing allocation consultation. It was reported by Cllr. Harrison that there were 3

Cllrs.

areas noted in the SHLAA. Wiltshire Council had asked for a response from WPC and comments on their suitability. Due to timing constraints Cllr Harrison had already responded that the areas were all within the green belt and not within the settlement boundary and therefore we had been advised that they could not be developed. It became clear that this may now not be the case and that there could be a change due, Cllr. Kidney was aware of an announcement by George Osborne MP which needed to be investigated. The item was left with Cllrs. Harrison and Kidney to establish the impact on Winsley.

Harrison
and
Kidney

Cllr. Poulsom returned to the meeting.

39. Area at the end of Northfield. It was reported that a member of the public had volunteered to clear some under growth in this area. It was agreed that Cllr. Rowe would liaise with him.

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Rowe

40. Bus shelter benches. It was agreed by unanimous vote that this was a premature discussion and that the route and new bus stops should be allowed to settle in before a decision was made on the best place to position new benches.

Planning:

40. 15/03564/PCNU The Store, Conkwell. It was noted that this application had been put forward for appeal. When the original application came before the WPC it was agreed that there was no comment to make. Since that date it has come to Cllrs. attention that there is a genuine planning concern about highway safety and access on that and nearby sites. It was also noted that the appeal contained further information on the sites current usage. Opinion was divided amongst councillors on whether there should be a further comment in the light of the new information or whether the original comment stood. After much discussion it was finally agreed by majority vote that the original comment did stand. However, a majority were also in favour of the Clerk asking the appeal committee to check very carefully the levels of current usage as it was agreed that this did appear to be a very quiet area with limited access.

Clerk

FINANCE

41. Cheques were drawn:

- a. F Shanahan £935.56
- b. James Lock £568

42. Next Meeting to be in the Village Hall, Winsley at 8pm on Tuesday the 6th October 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.