

## Winsley Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting held at the Church Hall, Winsley

On the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8pm

#### The meeting commenced at 8pm

**Parish Councillors present:** Cllr. Rowe, Cllr. Ladner, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Poulson, Cllr. Kemp, Cllr. Harrison, Cllr. Gilby, Cllr. Kidney and Cllr. Barnes

**Apologies:** Cllr. Gough.

**Also present:** Magnus MacDonald and six members of the public.

At the start of the meeting the Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair, Cllr. Gilby was nominated and approved by unanimous vote.

Cllr. Gilby took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr. Gilby asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Cllr. Harrison was nominated and approved by unanimous vote.

**74. The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2015**, were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**75 Police Report:** No report available.

#### **Declarations of Interest: None**

#### **Public Participation:**

Mr. Micklam spoke on the subject of the Bradford On Avon walkers wheel, a network of footpaths that are well maintained an enticing for walkers.

Mrs. Elstone asked that the council adopt a policy concerning posters and fliers attached to telegraph poles etc..... Cllrs. agreed that the main users should be contacted and asked to use the designated noticeboards and/or remember to remove the notice after the event has taken place.

Mr Symonds spoke on the continued issues at the corner by Bleak House in the old village, his concern is that this congestion will mean the buses eventually cease to operate. There were a couple of promising suggestions raised which the Clerk is to investigate.

**76. Maintenance:** It was agreed by unanimous vote that the Clerk should be the person responsible for reporting issues back to the Council. This should be supported by Cllrs. However it is stressed that ANY member of the public can report issues direct to Wiltshire Council via the app. and they should get a very swift response according to Magnus Macdonald.

**77. Defibrillator:** It was agreed in Cllr. Goughs absence that Cllrs. would be delighted to accept the offer of another

Clerk

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and Cllr.  
Barnes

defibrillator.

**78. Removal of bus shelter by the top of Cottles Lane:** after some discussion it was agreed that before the shelter was demolished a quote should be sought to restore it, this is because it has been a welcome resting place for some people walking between the shops and that end of the village.

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**79. Kissing gate in the Murhill Bank Reserve:** the sum of £250 was approved for the purchase of this gate.

**80. Closure of the A3108:** after much discussion it was agreed that Cllrs. Kidney and Gilby should negotiate with BaNES in an attempt to gain some time for residents to put alternative plans in place. It was agreed by all that this was a very unsatisfactory position and that the period of notice was simply not enough. It was felt that as this had been on the radar of BaNES for some months it was not acceptable to only give a couple of weeks over the Christmas period notice of a major road closure. Opinion was divided over the priority and amount of pressure that should be applied, some felt that this was important work and the timing was to reduce the cost to BaNES, this outweighing the inconvenience. Others felt very strongly that this was not the case. All agreed that apathy in the face of what appeared a fait accompli was not desirable.

**81. Road safety improvements on the by-pass especially at the roundabout end used by the pupils of St Laurence.** This was discussed at some length, possibilities including using the underpass, putting railings, crossings, bridges and reducing the speedlimit for some distance before the roundabout were all discussed. As funding is so limited it seems likely that this will not be pushed forward by Wiltshire Council Highways. The Clerk was asked to contact leading road safety charities and ask for some ideas as a starting point.

**82. Noticeboard in Tynning Road.** It was reported that getting quotes to refurbish or replace this was not proving as easy as it could have been and the process was ongoing.

**Planning:**  
**None**

## **FINANCE**

**83. Cheques were drawn:**

- a. F Shanahan £447.56
- b. James Lock £140.00
- c. L Gough for the collecting boxes £20.88

**Precept:** it was proposed that the Precept for the coming year be set at £25,000. Cllrs. regretted the increase but felt that in view of

the reduction in service in some very key and important areas by Wiltshire Council, there was no alternative but to secure the funds to do work where needed locally.

**84. Next Meeting** to be in the Church Hall, Winsley at 8pm on Tuesday the 2nd February 2016.