

Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held at the Village Hall, Winsley

On the 7th February 2017 at 8pm

The meeting commenced at 8pm

Parish Councillors present: Cllr. Gilby (**Chair**), Cllr. Ladner, Cllr. Barnes, Cllr. Kemp, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Kidney, Cllr. Rowe, Cllr. Davies and Cllr. Warren.

Also present: Mrs Elstone, Mrs Bennett, Dr Waters, Mr Berry and two other members of the public.

County Cllr. MacDonald

Apologies: Cllr. Harrison and Cllr. Poulson.

87. The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2017, were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: None.

County Cllr. Magnus MacDonald gave his verbal report.

Public Participation:

Trisha Waters, Chair of the Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group, spoke on the subject of highway changes on Winsley Hill. She presented a petition and asked for an update which will be available during the meeting.

It was noted that the promised metro counters had not materialised. Cllr. MacDonald said that they had to be authorised at a CATG meeting and because there hadn't been one for 5 months it was delayed. The next one is due to be on the 27th Feb and they would be discussed then.

Dr. Waters asked who her point of contact would be, the answer was the clerk.

Dr. Waters noted that a line to provide a safe haven would not be sufficient, they needed a curb.

Mrs. Elstone wanted to know about the Selwood tree, who will pay for it. She also commented on lighting at the 7 stars, she thinks the lights are intrusive and intense.

Ian berry, asked for consideration of the accuracy of the November items record and the additional members that attended. He felt that discussion of the item by Dorothy house had not been added. He asked for a report from the valley parishes alliance meetings. He also asked Winsley PC to consider whether Winsley saw it as good value for money. The chair responded that the minutes were not intended to be a full record of the meeting but a record of decisions made with some background therefore they would not be changed. The renewal for the Valley Parishes Alliance is in the new financial year and it

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would be discussed then.

88. Matters arising. It was noted that the police report did not include two recent burglaries to out buildings, both of which had appeared on the neighbourhood watch report.

Planning:

89. 17/00519/FUL Little Potticks, 194 Haugh, Winsley – re positioning of existing solar panels, cllrs. Felt they do spoil the lawn but had no objection to the proposal in principle however they do question the prominence of their position and ask that the conservationist look at this.

90.17/00112/FUL 16 The Mead, objection on the grounds of the materials used but not the size, scale scope or position.
unanimous

91.16/12331/FUL 5 The Meads no comment by unanimous vote

92.16/12445/FUL Hackless House, 75a Murhill, no comment by unanimous vote.

It was reported that there was a pending application for works by Wessex Water, it was agreed that cllrs Kidney and Warren would look into this.

FINANCE

93. Cheques were drawn:

F Shanahan £447

Wiltshire Council for highways contribution £1326

94. Highways improvements: it was agreed by all that Cllr. Barnes should publish the pre-circulated statement updating all on the planned works and progress, it was agreed that there should be a minor amendment removing the section on the priorities at the Limpley Stoke area until further investigation by Highways engineers has taken place.

Cllrs ask Cllr MacDonald why we had been unable to get final pricing and progress works. He said that all needed to go through the CATG. There was some discussion on the urgency and frustration by WPC that they were unable to get a clear decision from Highways and that they feel their requests for action fall on deaf ears.

It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and try to order the work to be done on the footpath at Dane Rise at a cost of £6k, by unanimous vote.

95. Tree surgery by the play area: it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the tree officer and ask them to inspect the tree belonging to Selwood that hangs over the footpath and the tree that hangs over the play area from 44 Dane Rise. The clerk commented that in her opinion whatever the tree specialist said the Selwood tree could not be safe as parts of it regularly fall off. It is Selwood's responsibility to make sure this tree is safe but

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<p>frequent requests for them to do so have not resulted in any action.</p> <p>96. It was agreed by unanimous vote to accept the quote for repair work to the play area from Gareth Palmer at Playforce. The Clerk to instruct them to start work asap.</p> <p>97. New policies: it was agreed by unanimous vote that a Planning Policy was not necessary at this time, a policy concerning Vexatious Complaints was adopted and a further policy aimed at tackling bullying was being considered by Walc, this should be available to Cllrs. at the next meeting.</p> <p>98. Dog Waste Bins: the residents group of Turleigh have formally turned down the offer of a bin so Cllr Kidney is looking for another site where the facility would be welcome.</p> <p>99. Next Meeting: to be in the Church Hall, Winsley at 8pm on Tuesday the 7th March 2017.</p> <p>The meeting moved to a closed session at 9.30pm</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Kidney</p>
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