

Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held at the Church Hall, Winsley

On the 7th March 2017 at 8pm

The meeting commenced at 8pm

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

Also present: Mrs Elstone, Dr Waters, Mr Berry, Mr Mandeville-Shaw, Mr and Mrs Daniel, County Cllr. MacDonald

Apologies: Cllr. Harrison, Cllr. Rowe and Cllr. Gilby.

100. The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2017, were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: None.

County Cllr. Magnus MacDonald gave his verbal report.

Police Report by PCSO A McLachlan. It was also noted that a letter sent to the Clerk had involved police and public action on Lyddieth Court. It was reported that the police would be visiting the person involved in the next few days to reassure them. Cllr. Barnes reported an abandoned car, it was agreed that although he had reported it Wilts. Council would not action anything for some time.

Public Participation:

Mrs Elstone asked that the period for recruitment of a new clerk be extended as in the past it had taken some time to find someone. She also asked Cllrs. to consider employing a locum clerk for the intervening period.

Mr Berry asked when the minutes of the meeting in November would be changed.

Mr Berry asked why members of the public had not been invited to join the litter pick the week before. Cllr. Kidney reported that a risk assessment should be conducted and considering the current council is campaigning for safety improvements to the B3108 it was not deemed safe to ask members of the public to work on the highway. This position was influenced by the Parish Steward who had previously asked the clerk not to recruit volunteers to work on that road. It was noted that cllrs. themselves still went and spent the morning working collecting litter.

Mr Berry asked where the position of Clerk had been advertised. He said the role had not been on the WALC site. The Chair advised that it was first advertised on this site over a year ago

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and no applications had been received. The clerk to make sure that the advert was made live again.

101. Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group: Dr Waters spoke on the subject of work on the Winsley Hill, key points were to reinforce how dangerous the road was and that a lack of safe places to walk make it almost impossible to navigate on foot. The WHTAG are asking for the potential 'safe haven' paint work to be changed to a physical pavement. Mr Daniel spoke on the speed that cars travel down the road and highlighted issues over how many of the accidents that occur are actually noted in council decisions.

Cllr. Kidney gave a short report and reply by updating on action so far including the recent CATG meeting.

The Clerk reported that there had been progress in WC on the metro counter application and said she would send on the contact details of the person that seemed to be in charge of their deployment.

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Planning:

102. 17/01233/FUL 177a Ashley Lane, Winsley. No comment by unanimous vote.

103. 17/00844/FUL 12 Broomground, Winsley No comment by unanimous vote.

104. 17/01032/FUL Winsley Canal Bridge. There was some uncertainty about what the new application involved. A previous application that involved kissing gates was already withdrawn and at initial scrutiny it appeared that the gate aspect had been removed. However this is a very contentious part of the scheme and it was agreed by all that the comment should not be submitted until this is verified. Clerk to circulate comment by email and submit when agreed, by unanimous vote

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105. Maintenance: councillors approved a quote of £4046.

From James Lock for provision of lawn mowing as per previous years. By unanimous vote.

106. Tree in Selwood: this remains a problem which Selwood have ignored for some time. Cllr. MacDonald agreed to deal with it through Selwood as he has a good relationship with them.

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107. Parish Steward: it was noted that the Parish Steward had been working hard in the area and had developed a good working relationship with Cllrs. Gilby and Barnes. Cllrs. expressed their thanks via Cllr. McDonald and hopes that this would continue.

108. Bins: it was reported that there had not been a response to the Clerk's request to the shop to reinstate the bin they removed. Cllrs had already offered to arrange for the bin to be emptied at the parish's cost but hoped that the shop owners would replace the bin they removed or arrange for a new one to be put in position. It was reported that as they were now selling

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take away food this had resulted in a serious litter hazard and rubbish building up behind the shop would in time lead to a health hazard. The clerk agreed to restate the request and cllr. MacDonald agreed to contact council employees that might be able to help.

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109. Cheques were drawn:

F Shanahan £447

110. Anti-bullying and Harassment Policy: it was noted that it had now become necessary to put in place a number of policies aimed at making standards of conduct and treatment of others in the course of council business clear. A previously circulated document was adopted by unanimous vote.

111. Role of the website and noticeboard: it was reported that ownership of the website was questionable and going forward this should be clarified. When the website was first developed it was to be a community facility that was self-funding, the role of the PC being simply to initiate the project. The original domain was registered by an ex- councillor and was almost certainly still registered in their name. Since then in practice the website has become a valuable community resource but it is funded by the Parish Council. Other platforms for community communication have become increasing popular, examples being Winsleybay on facebook. It was agreed that a decision on the future of the website and noticeboards should be taken by the next council.

112. Closure of Bradford Road: it was reported that work on utilities would require the closure of Bradford Road and the resultant rerouting of buses. It was agreed by unanimous vote to the submission of a document, pre-circulated to all making suggestion on ways the impact could be minimised.

113. Recruitment of a new clerk: it was noted that adverts had been placed in local shops and websites and it was hoped suitable candidates will soon be forthcoming.

114 Election: it was reported that the Clerk would soon be sent election notices to be displayed by the 15th March. These would detail how candidates should put themselves forward for election.

115. Next Meeting: to be in the Village Hall, Winsley at 8pm on Tuesday the 4th April 2017. **Please note that this will be the last meeting of the current council.**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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