



Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2017

8.30pm, St. Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

Parish Councillors Present: Ed Gilby (Chair), John Barnes (Vice Chair), Jane Baddeley, Ian Berry, Robin Davies, David Elstone, Zoe Elstone, Johnny Kidney, Linda Ladner, Philip Poulson, Richard Warren

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: Ten

1. **Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2017 were signed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising**

It was confirmed that comments from the Parish Council regarding planning application 17/02807/FUL 172 Bradford Road had been submitted to the Planning Officer, following a site visit by councillors after the previous meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs David Elstone and Zoe Elstone reported that they lived next door to the property that was the subject of the planning application 17/03103/FUL Sunnyside and would not take part in any vote in relation to this.

4. **Police Report**

There was no police report. Cllr Kidney reported that a number of sheds in Westwood had been broken into. Police had been seen attending an incident at the Bradford on Avon end of the B3108 and it was agreed that the Clerk should look into this.

Clerk

5. **County Councillor Report**

Councillors welcomed Cllr Kidney as the newly elected Councillor for Wiltshire Unitary Authority. Cabinet members for Wiltshire would be appointed next week.

6. **Public Participation**

Two members of the public wanted to speak in relation to planning applications; it was agreed that they would speak when the relevant planning application was being considered.

7. **Planning**

7i) 17/02879/FUL Church Farm, Winsley

This was a retrospective planning application for a seasonal camping site and associated works. Mr Tim Bowles, proposer of the application, spoke. He reported that objections to the initial plans had centred on the single track access to the site. In the revised proposal all camping site traffic would use the existing main road entrance to Church Farm. There would be no parking on the camp site. The gateway that had been used for car access would be blocked up by continuing the stone wall.

Councillors raised concerns regarding the ancillary structures and the visual impact of the site on the landscape. Mr Bowles confirmed that ancillary structures

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would be present all year but that trees had been planted to reduce the impact of the tents and ancillary structures.

Councillors agreed by unanimous vote to support the proposal, but noted that they would like to see additional measures to reduce the visual impact of the site, such as more screening through planting and consideration of changing the colour of the tents.

Clerk

7ii) 17/03975/PNEX St Nicholas Close, Winsley

No comment by unanimous vote.

Clerk

7iii) 17/03141/FUL Sunrise, 156 & 156a Winsley

The application proposed the re-conversion of flats into a single dwelling and the construction of a raised deck and detached garden room. Mr Andrew Mead, whose property adjoins the proposed site, spoke. He supported the conversion of the two flats into a single dwelling, but had concerns with the proposed raised deck and garden room due to the slope of the site. He suggested that this slope had not been fully taken into consideration in the plans and that the garden room was likely to be higher and closer to the boundary of his property than was indicated on the plans.

Councillors who were familiar with the site acknowledged that there was a slope on the site and that this slope had been an issue when a previous planning application for a house on the site had been dismissed.

Councillors agreed by unanimous vote to support the application to re-convert the two flats into a single residence and to construct a raised deck. However, councillors felt that the design of the garden room should be reconsidered to take full account of the slope of the site.

Clerk

7iv) 17/03103/FUL Sunnyside, 122 Winsley

No comment by unanimous vote.

Clerk

7v) 17/03468/FUL 27 Broomground, Winsley

No comment by unanimous vote.

Clerk

7vi) 17/02852/FUL Upper Westwood

The application was for four camping pods on land in Upper Westwood and whilst this did not fall within Winsley Parish the site could be seen from Turleigh.

Westwood Parish Council had submitted an objection to the proposal. A significant number of comments had been submitted by residents from Westwood and Murhill, mainly in relation to access, parking and lighting.

Councillors agreed to submit concerns about the proposed camping site in relation to its impact on the view across the valley, its position on land of ecological value, and the potential impact of lighting of the site.

Clerk

8. Finance

The following cheques were approved:

- £289.00 James Lock
- £345.00 Fleur Shanahan
- £31.20 idVerde
- £785.44 Wiltshire Association of Local Councils annual subscription
- £150.00 Valley Parish Alliances annual subscription
- £78.40 Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration (reference book)

Councillors agreed that further information should be sought on the renewal of AON insurance and brought to the next meeting, unless the deadline for renewal necessitated earlier consideration by email ahead of the next meeting.

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The Clerk reported that she would require membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (approximately £108) and would confirm her hours for this month. Clerk

9. **Highways Improvements to the B3108**

The results of three metro-counters measuring traffic speed on the B3108 had shown that average traffic speed was below the 50mph speed limit. It was noted that the metro-counters had been in place during school holidays so traffic flow may not have been typical. Councillors discussed whether the 50mph speed limit was appropriate. The previous Parish Council had compiled a document for the Community Area Transport Group (CAT-G) meeting taking place on 18 June 2017. It was agreed that the highways and transport advisory group should review the document in light of the traffic speed results.

The Parish Council had received no update on progress with a list of prioritised highways works or with progress on creating a footpath at the top end of Dane Rise. Councillors asked the highways and transport advisory group to see if they could progress these issues.

Cllrs
Barnes
&
Warren

10. **AoB: Park Gate and Tree**

Despite efforts by councillors there had been no progress with addressing damage to the park gate and surrounding area caused by a tree on ground owned by Selwood Housing. A previously consulted tree surgeon had reported that the tree did not constitute a danger if properly maintained. Councillors asked the maintenance advisory group to see if they could progress this issue.

Cllrs D
Elstone
& Z
Elstone

11. **Next meeting**

Tuesday 6 June 2017, 8.00pm, Winsley Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.