



CONFIRMED Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018

8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

Parish Councillors Present: Ed Gilby (Chair), Jane Baddeley, John Barnes, Robin Davies, Paul Fitzpatrick, Zoe Elstone, Johnny Kidney, Linda Ladner

Apologies: Ian Berry, David Elstone, Johnny Kidney, Richard Warren

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Five

95. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

96. **Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018 were signed as a true record.

97. **Public Participation**

A resident spoke to ask for clarification of the Parish Council's decision (2 October 2018) that it 'would not pursue any further extension of 20mph speed limits in the area and that any residents enquiring about 20mph speed limits should be provided with a copy of the Highways and Transport Advisory Group report'. The resident felt that this went against the results of a 2013 traffic survey which indicated that residents supported speed reduction. Councillors were asked to explain the evidence supporting the points made. The resident was not making specific proposals for 20mph limits at this time but reported that a reduction in the speed limit from 30 to 20mph on a similar road she had lived on outside of Winsley had improved the neighbourliness of the area.

The residents of Burghope Manor spoke in relation to planning applications 18/10048/FUL and 18/10143/LBC Burghope BA15 2LA, the property adjoining theirs. They considered that proposed roof lights could cause light and noise pollution. The development was felt to affect the curtilage of a listed building. Photos and plans were circulated. Councillors were thanked for their communication about this application and Councillor Kidney was thanked for seeking advice from Wiltshire Council Planning Officers. It was reported that a Planning Officer would visit Burghope Manor to consider the impact of planning applications 18/10048/FUL and 18/10143/LBC on this adjoining property. The residents of Burghope Manor wanted all rooflights, pipes and vents associated with the proposed development to be moved to the front elevation of the building, further away from their property.

98. **Planning**

- 18/10048/FUL Burghope, BA15 2LA and 18/10143/LBC Burghope, BA15 2LA:
Conversion & alteration to former stable building to include new dormer window & rooflights to form ancillary accommodation to host dwelling.

Councillors noted that a site visit by a Wiltshire Council Planning Officer to Burghope Manor, the neighbouring property, had been arranged. The Parish Council supported this approach and that a full assessment of the potential impact of the application on the neighbouring property and garden should be undertaken. The Design, Access and Heritage Statement was short and the full impact of the proposals on both of the listed buildings (the property concerned and the neighbouring Burghope Manor) should be considered.

- 18/10734/TCA The Heights, 278B Green Lane, BA15 2HH: Fell Copper Beech tree; 30% reduction to two large Yew trees & one small Yew tree; 30% reduction to Walnut tree.

No comment.

- 18/10936/TCA 32 Winsley, BA15 2LU: Reduce Horse Chestnut tree to monolith.

No comment.

99. **Clerk's Report on Matters Arising**

Councillors noted a report on progress with actions arising from previous meetings. Comments from the Parish Council had been submitted to the Bath Clean Air Zone consultation; these comments had also been submitted to the Bradford on Avon Area Board, who had sent a combined response to the Consultation from Bradford on Avon and the surrounding villages.

The Chair had attended a meeting about the Woodland Trust's campaign to buy Avoncliff Woods. Although the woods were not in Winsley Parish it was felt that this campaign would be of interest to some residents. The Parish Council agreed to promote the Woodland Trust's campaign to buy Avoncliff Woods.

100. **Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group Report**

Councillors noted a written report from Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group.

101. **Police Report**

No police report was available. There had been two recent burglaries in the area; details had been circulated by the local Neighbourhood Watch. Email alerts about local crime were available from Swindon and Wiltshire Community messaging. It was agreed that the Clerk should compile any crime alerts for Winsley for Parish Council meetings.

102. **Unitary Authority Councillor Report**

No report was available.

103. **20mph Speed Limits**

Councillors considered questions raised by a resident following discussion of 20mph limits at the Parish Council meeting on 2 October 2018 and the agreed outcome (noted in minute 97, above). In discussion it was noted that:

- Evidence of slow traffic speed on Tynning Road outside the shop and school at critical times of day came from a survey undertaken previously as part of a proposal to move the school warning signs, and from councillors personal experience of walking or driving along Tynning Road at peak times;
- There was a perception that some drivers exceeded the speed limit on residential roads in the area, but this was not evidence based;
- Wiltshire Highways had advised that speed reduction on some roads, such as Bradford Road, might only be achieved through the introduction of physical features;
- When implementing 20mph speed limits in Turleigh and Dane Rise proposed red road pads were not included in the final scheme in response to residents' views that these would detract from the area; on this basis it was considered likely that there would be some opposition to any proposals for physical features to reduce road speed;
- A report on 20mph limits published recently by the Department of Transport (DoT) concluded that introducing such limits had led to only a small reduction in speed (on average 0.7mph) and did not make any difference to road safety. Conclusions from a report by BANES on 20mph limits were broadly in line with the DoT outcomes;
- It was suggested that extending 20mph speed limits on residential roads in Winsley was not likely to result in a significant reduction in traffic speed, but that engineering solutions (chicanes, narrowing the carriageway, etc) were more likely to achieve a speed reduction;
- The 20mph speed limits in Turleigh and Dane Rise were introduced as these roads were identified as a cut-through from Bradford on Avon to the B3108; problems on other residential roads had not been brought to the attention of councillors since these speed limits were introduced;
- Other road safety issues, including lowering the speed limit along the B3108, improving pedestrian safety alongside the 50mph section of the Winsley Road from Winsley to Downs View and pedestrian safety by the canal bridge on Winsley Hill had been brought to the attention of councillors and were being looked into;

- If residents highlighted problems on residential roads in Winsley then metro-counters would be needed to provide evidence of the issues and to help identify solutions;
- There were significant costs to implementing road traffic schemes and it was likely that the Parish Council would have to fund the total costs of any schemes;
- If a significant number of residents supported the introduction of measures to reduce traffic speed on residential roads in the area then the Parish Council would look into the costs and practicalities of such measures.

Councillors agreed that Cllr Barnes would prepare an article on 20mph speed limits for a future edition of the Winsley Weaver, inviting responses from residents on this issue. The article would also be included on the Winsley Community website.

Cllr Barnes

104. **Precept 2019/20**

Cllr Davies introduced updated spending figures for 2018/19, a budget for 2019/20 and accompanying notes that had been circulated to councillors.

Following discussion councillors agreed that the precept for 2019/20 should be set at £27,000, an increase of 3.87% per household. The Clerk would confirm this with Wiltshire Council.

Clerk

105. **Resilience Plan for Bad Weather (Snow/Ice/Flood)**

Cllr Fitzpatrick and the Clerk reported on actions relating to resilience planning:

- A survey of the location and state of grit bins in the area had been undertaken by Cllr Berry and submitted to Wiltshire Council, who maintain grit supplies for these bins;
- An article about resilience planning had been written for the Winsley Weaver and included a request for snow/ice clearance volunteers;
- A request for snow/ice clearance volunteers had also been put on the main noticeboard and on the Community website;
- Contact was being made with local groups to help identify and support residents who might be more vulnerable in snow or icy weather;
- Centrally located amenities had been contacted regarding possible storage of additional grit and snow clearance tools.

Councillors considered the purchase of a number of snow clearance tools and storage facility. It was agreed that a number of snow shovels and brushes would be useful. The possibility of purchasing a manually operated wheeled grit spreader should be looked into. A councillor had offered to donate a sack truck and the suitability of this should be established. If suitable storage space was not available within the village then councillors agreed that the purchase of a metal storage shed be looked into, with the possibility that this could be located by the village hall. The shed would need to be secure and big enough to store proposed equipment and the additional grit supply. Councillors agreed that up to £1000 could be spent on snow clearance equipment and a storage shed.

Clerk/ Cllrs
Berry &
Fitzpatrick

106. **Finance**

Councillors noted payments made since the last meeting:

- £392.69 Chew Valley for trees
- £85.00 Colborne Trophies for plaque
- £8.39 Clook Internet for renewal of Winsley.org.uk domain name

Councillors approved payment for the following:

- £494.00 James Lock for grass cutting (November) & Murhill strim
- £610.77 Administration (November)
- £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins (November)
- £310.00 Terry Gapper for stone wall repairs
- £1685.00 Dane Rise/Hartley junction road markings
- £66.08 Gardening Club for plants for the roundabout
- £90.00 SLCC for Clerk's attendance at the Regional Training Seminar
- £612.00 Shelley Signs for a replacement noticeboard for Conkwell

Councillors noted receipt of £3144.15 Community Infrastructure Levy payment, arising from the building of a new property in the area. This money should be spent on an item of benefit to the community. The community should be consulted on the proposal. Councillors were asked to bring ideas to the January meeting.

All cllrs

107. **Advisory Group Reports**

Human Resources: The Clerk had attended a Wiltshire Council presentation about its plans for the future and a Regional Training Seminar run by the Society for Local Council Clerks.

Finance: The internal auditor had undertaken a mid-year review and a report would be submitted to the January meeting.

Maintenance: The two oaks had been planted as part of the Armistice Commemoration by the Winsley boulder at the Bradford on Avon end of the village and a plaque would be installed shortly. Volunteers were helping to tidy and make good the stone wall around the Avonpark field. Councillors noted the work undertaken by a significant number of volunteers throughout the year in supporting various Parish Council activities and the volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

Highways and Transport: The bus cage on Limpley Stoke Road had been marked out and should be completed shortly. Following the success of the substantive bid for funds, work on the road by the canal bridge on Winsley Hill would take place in 2019/20. The proposed works included agreement that the hedge would be cut back; this would need to be completed ahead of the bird nesting season, by no later than March 2019. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of WHTAG members who had been involved in this proposal.

Clerk

Governance: The Volunteer Policy would be reviewed at the next meeting; if any councillors had any comments on the policy these should be sent to the Clerk ahead of the meeting.

All cllrs

108. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 8 January 2019, 8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

Meeting ended 9.30pm.