



Winsley Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019

8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Ed Gilby (Chair), John Barnes, David Elstone, Zoe Elstone, Paul Fitzpatrick, Johnny Kidney, Linda Ladner, Richard Warren

Apologies: Jane Baddeley, Robin Davies

Absent: Ian Berry

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: None

144. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

145. **Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2019 were signed as a true record.

146. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

147. **Planning**

- 19/01179/FUL Bradford Rugby Football Club, BA15 2HR: Installation of six 15m high steel columns with floodlighting to serve Pitch 2.
No comment on the proposed changes to the original application, although councillors noted with regret that the changes were leading to a loss of football pitches.
- 19/01599/TCA 120 Winsley, BA15 2LE: Fell Weeping Silver Birch tree.
No comment.
- 19/01723/TCA Uplands Cottage, 279B Green Lane, Turleigh, BA15 2HH: Ash, recent large branch loss. Pollard the tree at approximately 12ft above the first main fork.
No comment.
- 19/01894/TCA Spring Cottage, 136 Winsley, BA15 2LB: Cherry tree reduction of 25%.
No comment.

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

The Clerk reported on progress with actions arising from previous meetings, noting that:

- Hiscocks intended to undertake works to repair the park gates by the end of March;
- Councillors had met at the Village Garden to consider possible action to prevent damage to the area, although no solution had been agreed. The Maintenance Advisory Group had obtained a quote for a wire fence along the wall between the Garden and the Seven Stars to prevent children from climbing into the garden. It was suggested that other types of fences should be considered and quotes obtained.
- A resident had raised an issue with accessing particular footpaths and sought clarification of a footpath's designation. Cllr Fitzpatrick had checked on the points raised and the Clerk had responded.
- A resident had made a request under the Freedom of Information Act to see completed Residential Road Safety surveys and this would be reported under that agenda item (minute 153).

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149. **Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group (WHTAG) Report**

Councillors noted that it was a year since the Parish Council had agreed funding for some of the initial costs of the WHTAG Bridge@175 project. Whilst councillors had appreciated receiving monthly reports it was agreed that a costed project plan with timeline would now be more useful. WHTAG would be asked to prepare such a plan instead of monthly reports.

Clerk

The revisions to the road area by the canal bridge, which had been proposed by the Parish Council and agreed by Wiltshire Highways, were scheduled to take place in September.

150. **Police Report**

No police report was available. Councillors noted a report from the crime messaging system that money had been taken from the till at Winsley Central Stores.

151. **Unitary Authority Councillor Report**

Cllr Kidney reported that:

- Full Council had agreed a steady growth in Wiltshire Council's budget of around £10m per year rising from £332m to £371m over the next five years. It was noted that the demand for services, especially in social care, would grow at a higher rate than the current budget. A Council Tax increase of 2.99% for 2019/20 had been approved.
- Wiltshire Council had supported a motion to declare a climate emergency and would work towards the Council being carbon neutral by 2030.
- Following a public consultation, proposals for the Clean Air Zone in Bath had been revised so that the scheme would not apply to cars.
- Secondary school places had been confirmed, with 93% of children in Wiltshire being allocated their first choice of school.
- Free swimming for under 16 year olds continued to be available during all school holidays.
- The next Bradford on Avon Area Board would take place on 13 March 2019 in St Margaret's Hall.
- The Health Centre had continuing difficulties with recruiting GPs. Bradford on Avon Town Council were working with the Health Centre to see if they could help support Health Centre services. Ways of providing more healthcare support in the community were being looked at. Some problems with the current phone system were acknowledged.

152. **CPRE Wiltshire's Best Kept Village Competition 2019**

Councillors D Elstone and Z Elstone were currently preparing Winsley's entry for Wiltshire's Best Kept Village Competition 2019. The closing date for entries was 22 April 2019. Help was required with providing a clear map of Winsley and its amenities.

153. **Residential Road Safety Survey**

The summary of numerical and 'yes/no' answers had been published in the Winsley Weaver and on the Community website. A spreadsheet detailing these answers was also available on the website.

Councillors considered a summary of comments; 58 surveys included additional comments. In response to question 1, 'Do you consider there to be a problem with the speed of vehicles on residential roads in Winsley?', comments included:

- drivers ignoring the current 20mph limit in Dane Rise/Turleigh (14 people);
- problems with traffic speed on the B3108 'Winsley bypass' (11),
- problems with traffic speed outside the Tynning Road amenities (7);
- poor parking, mainly by the Tynning Road amenities (6).

Six people responded to question 1 stating that they did not consider there to be a significant problem with speed on residential roads in Winsley.

Other comments made in the survey included:

- Suggestion of establishing a Community Speed Watch in Winsley;
- Consideration of cycle routes, particularly to St Laurence School;
- Problems with traffic speed on Bradford Road;
- Problems with traffic speed and driving behaviour in the 'lanes';
- Problems with the Dane Rise/Hartley Farm junction onto the B3108;
- The need for current speed limits to be enforced;
- Disagreement with the Department of Transport's report into the effectiveness of 20mph limits, with other reports cited;
- Reasons why respondents did not support the extension of 20mph limits in Winsley.

Having reviewed both the statistical results and the comments made, councillors considered that no single residential road safety issue in Winsley had been conclusively identified. The road safety issue identified by the largest number of respondents was lowering the speed limit on the bypass. Councillors acknowledged residents' concerns that drivers were not adhering to the 20mph limit in Turleigh and Dane Rise. Whilst councillors did not consider the survey results to show a clear mandate to fund road traffic actions, councillors remained open to the identification of issues that created unsafe roads in the area.

A resident had submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act to be provided with copies of all completed Residential Road Safety surveys (with names and addresses redacted). Advice on this request had been sought from the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The survey included a statement that '*General outcomes of the survey will be published, individual responses will not be shared with others*' and, in light of advice received, it was considered 'unfair' to disclose individual responses as the expectations of respondents were that individual responses would only be made available to parish councillors. The respondent had been emailed with this explanation, information about the publication of survey results and an offer to meet with a councillor to discuss any issues relating to residential road safety. The resident had responded stating that they did not regard this as a satisfactory reason to refuse the request. The resident had spoken to the ICO and on the basis of their advice was now formally requesting that Winsley Parish Council review their decision. The resident had asked for these requests and the Council's actions to be reported in the minutes. The Clerk had sought written guidance from the ICO and once this had been received a formal review of the original decision would be undertaken by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk and a draft response circulated to all councillors.

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154. **Annual Parish Meeting, 24 April 2019**

Ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed and the Clerk would investigate these further in conjunction with councillors.

Clerk

155. **Asset Register**

Councillors approved the updated asset register, noting that figures included a re-evaluation of equipment in the play park.

156. **Finance**

Councillors approve payment for the following:

- £610.77 Administration (February)
- £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins (February)
- £35.00 James Lock for fitting Conkwell noticeboard
- £78.00 WALC Finance course
- £65.00 Village Hall hire

157. **Advisory Group Reports**

157.1 Human Resources: The Clerk had attended a WALC finance course. The Clerk's appraisal would take place on 12 March 2019.

157.2 Highways and Transport:

- Some cars were being parked by the canal bridge in a way that blocked pedestrian footpaths. Councillors agreed that a request should be made to Wiltshire Highways for the works to improve road safety by the canal bridge to include double yellow lines from the canal bridge extending 200m up the hill towards Winsley.
- Wiltshire Highways had quoted approximately £3300 for works to install a section of kerbing in Ashley Lane. The Highways and Transport Advisory Group did not consider this to be a value-for-money project. Cllr Barnes had spoken to the resident concerned and it had been agreed that other maintenance works would be undertaken, overseen by the Maintenance Advisory Group.

Clerk

157.3 Media and Communications: An upgrade to the Community Website would be undertaken shortly.

157.4 Maintenance: A report had been circulated and it was noted that:

- Quotes were being sought for a small area of paving in front of the gates to the Village Garden;
- Maintenance of the shrubbery and trees opposite the shop would be undertaken, with consideration of the most cost effective way of doing this;
- Volunteers were making good progress with repairs to the dry stone wall by the Dorothy House end of the parish and were thanked for their work;
- Logs or stones would be sought to protect verge edges on Limpley Stoke Road;
- The Parish Steward would be asked to look at work required to cut back vegetation by Crossways path (the path from Saxon Way to Bradford Road).

158. **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 2 April 2019, 8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

Meeting ended 9.30pm.