



Winsley Parish Council

CONFIRMED Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020

8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

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

Apologies: Jane Baddeley

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: None

126. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

127. **Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 were signed as a true record.

128. **Public Participation**

None.

129. **Planning**

- 19/11295/VAR, 219, 219a-d, 220, 221 and Conkwell Grange Road from 216 Blackberry Lane South to junction at Winsley Hill, BA2 7FD: Demolition of residential units (219 & 219a-d) and three replacement housing units, garage, courtyard, driveway & landscaping. Includes variation to partially implemented consent (W87/0360/FUL) & full retention of 220 & 221.

No objection.

- 19/12161/TCA, 4 Millbourn Close, BA15 2NN: Sycamore trees - 60% crown reduction.

No objection.

Cllr Kidney drew councillors attention to planning application 19/12121/FUL, 129 Upper Westwood involving the remodeling of an existing dwelling and garage, noting that it was likely that it would be visible across the valley in Murhill.

130. **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on progress with actions arising from the last meeting and enquiries from residents, noting that:

- A resident had notified the Community Engagement Manager about the B3108 road safety online petition. Cllr Kidney was arranging to meet with the leader of Wiltshire Council to discuss concerns about safety on the B3108. The Parish Council had already agreed that if there was no indication of progress with this matter by March 2020 then the Parish Council would consider paying for an independent review of the speed limit.
- The January Weaver contained a short article asking residents to cut back any vegetation from their property that was overhanging footpaths. It was reported that there were a number of incidences where vegetation from private properties was causing an obstruction and it was noted that these could be reported to Wiltshire Council Highways department via the MyWilts app.

131. **Police Report**

A police report had not been received. Councillors reported some incidents of garage break-ins and the theft of a bike from a garage. PCSO MacLachlan was holding a security awareness session with residents of Dane Close.

132. **Unitary Authority Councillor Report**
Cllr Kidney provided a report to councillors.
133. **Climate Change Action Plan**
Cllrs Fitzpatrick & Warren had met with Bradford on Avon councillor Alex Kay who was involved with Bradford on Avon's Climate Emergency Steering Group. Cllrs Fitzpatrick and Warren had been in contact with residents who had expressed an interest in the Parish Council's Climate Action Plan and would be starting a group to discuss ideas, with the intention of writing bi-monthly articles for the Weaver. A number of possible environmental actions were suggested for consideration.
134. **'Winsley Forest' Tree Planting Project**
Five more trees had been bought and planted. A number of residents had offered to help with the project and some had offered to supply trees or donate money for trees to be purchased. Some smaller saplings had been planted to the east of the village although concerns were raised about whether small saplings would survive when planted in verges. It was suggested that audit tools should be used to monitor the impact of the project.
135. **Communications**
135.1 The Communications Advisory Group provided an update, noting that:
- The web developer who set up the Winsley Community Website had added an accessibility icon to the website. He'd offered to put forward suggestions for updating the website, with initial scoping work costing £80 and a quote of between £600-£800 for updating the entire site. Councillors agreed that initial scoping work should be carried out;
 - Work was progressing with the footpaths map. A number of local businesses had agreed to sponsor the map. A meeting between the Communications Advisory Group and the map designer had been scheduled for the end of January to finalise the design;
 - The Parish Council Facebook page was being used and it was the intention to ensure that regular posts were put on the page.
- 135.2 Cllrs considered and approved proposed revisions to the Communications Policy.
136. **75th Anniversary of VE Day, 8 May 2020**
Councillors agreed to a request from the Winturwell WI for members to set out some displays of knitted poppies to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.
137. **Budget Update**
Councillors received an update on the 2019/2020 budget.
138. **Finance**
138.1 Councillors noted payment since the last meeting:
- £180.07 Jane Baddeley for five trees
- 138.2 Councillors approved payment by internet banking for the following:
- £630 Administration
 - £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins
139. **Advisory Group Reports**
Highways and Transport: It was reported that ongoing problems with the new D1 bus timetable meant that changes to the timetable would be introduced in February, although no official announcement had yet been made.

Cllr Fitzpatrick gave an update on footpaths, reporting repairs to some stiles and the installation of a rail by steps in Murhill.

Governance: A date for the Annual Parish Meeting in April would be looked into.
140. **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 4 February 2020, 8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall.

Meeting ended 9.05pm.