



Winsley Parish Council

CONFIRMED Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2020

8.15pm, St Nicholas Church Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Ed Gilby (Chair), Jane Baddeley, John Barnes, Ian Berry, David Elstone, Paul Fitzpatrick, Zoe Elstone, Linda Ladner, Richard Warren

Apologies: Robin Davies

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Two

141. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

142. **Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2020 were signed as a true record.

143. **Public Participation**

A resident spoke to raise concerns about vehicles parked on Winsley Hill just above the canal bridge (towards Winsley) and some vehicles parked on the bridge itself. The resident also raised issues with the speed of traffic travelling down the hill. The resident felt that these issues constituted a serious public safety issue. The Parish Council was asked if it could investigate ways of slowing traffic.

A second resident spoke to support the comments made about parking issues on Winsley Hill. Whilst praising the new footpath and parking layby at the bottom of Winsley Hill, the resident reported that parking on the Winsley side of the canal bridge had increased recently. Such parking forced pedestrians into the road. As Chair of Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group she reported on the group's ongoing concerns regarding traffic speed and pedestrian safety at this point on the B3108. The Parish Council was asked if it would consider setting up a Road Safety Committee to look at road safety along the length of the B3108 from the roundabout with Bradford Road to the bottom of Winsley Hill. The Parish Council were also asked if they could offer any additional support with Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group's project to install a pedestrian bridge alongside the canal bridge.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council had reported these parking issues to Wiltshire Council and the situation would be considered at the Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) meeting on 10 February 2020.

The Parish Council continued to pursue a reduction in the speed limit along the B3108 with Wiltshire Council. The Parish Council's Highways and Transport Advisory Group had liaised previously with Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineering Manager about possible road safety measures at the bottom of Winsley Hill, but no suitable alternative measures had been identified because of the road's topography. Cllr Kidney had previously met with Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste to demonstrate road safety concerns along the length of the B3108. Cllr Kidney had recently met with the Leader of Wiltshire Council and had explained the Parish Council's ongoing concerns regarding road safety along the B3108.

144. **Planning**

consider the following planning applications:

- 19/11547/FUL, The Old Chapel House, Little Ashley, BA15 2PN: Erection of annex containing car port, office, gym and associated works.
No comment.
- 19/11895/FUL, Cumberwell Park, BA15 2PQ: Construction of temporary access from the A363 to import materials for repairs to paths & haulingways within the golf course.
No comment.

- 20/00265/TCA, 270 Turleigh, BA15 2HF: Removal of Rowan and Goat Willow thinning out copse to give more space to Yew and Oak.
No comment.
- 20/00197/FUL, 42 Dane Rise, BA15 2ND: Demolition of existing garage & conservatory and erection of replacement extension.
No comment.

145. **Clerk's Report**

Councillors noted a report from the Clerk on progress with actions arising from previous meetings and residents' enquiries.

146. **Police Report**

An additional Police Officer had been recruited to work alongside PCSO MacLachlan. PCSO MacLachlan had observed the recent parking issues on the B3108 just above the canal bridge and agreed it was bad. He noted that parking had blocked the pavement and forced cars over the middle of the road and into the path of cars travelling down the hill. He would investigate any actions that he could take in relation to this.

147. **Unitary Authority Councillor Report**

Cllr Kidney provided a verbal report, and it was noted that:

- the CATG meeting on 10 February 2020 would consider putting yellow lines on the B3108 above the canal bridge in an effort to deter parking at this point. It was noted that the Parish Council had already submitted a request for yellow lines at this point when plans for the footpath and parking layby below the bridge were being agreed.
- Cllr Kidney would check with Wiltshire Council's Traffic Engineering Manager as to whether there was merit in looking again at other options, aside from a new pedestrian bridge, to improve road & pedestrian safety on Winsley Hill. Cllr
Kidney
- Following a recent meeting with Cllr Kidney, the Leader of Wiltshire Council had agreed to talk to officers at Wiltshire Council about the speed limit on the B3108.
- Cllr Kidney would seek further information on any modelling of the possible impact of the introduction of BANES Clean Air Zone on traffic levels on the B3108 and circulate any available information to councillors. Cllr
Kidney

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

Councillors noted a report from Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group.

149. **Parking Issues by the Canal Bridge Area**

This item had been covered under public participation (see minute 143).

150. **Climate Change Action Plan**

Councillors agreed to create a Climate Change Advisory Group to promote climate change mitigation actions in the Parish and that the Group report on activities at Parish Council meetings on a regular basis. At least one member of the Advisory Group would be a councillor; other members of the Advisory Group may or may not be councillors. The group would align itself where practicable with initiatives already in place in other local organisations and parish councils.

151. **'Winsley Forest' Tree Planting Project**

210 small trees from the Woodland Trust would arrive in early March with planting proposed to take place on Sunday 15 March 2020. A resident had offered to lead a group of Turleigh residents to plant trees in this area.

Councillors agreed to the planting of 50 trees in Turleigh.

Councillors agreed to the planting of 160 trees in an area between the football pitch at the end of Northfield and the B3108, subject to confirmation of who owned this piece of land. It was noted that planting trees here should be beneficial in reducing noise from the B3108.

The longer term aim of the project was to plant a total of 1000 trees across Winsley.

Cllr Berry suggested considering flora and fauna more widely and working with other local groups where appropriate. He recommended Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Records Centre as a valuable resource.

152. **Footpaths Map**
Councillors received a final proof of a walking map of Winsley. Cllr Barnes had secured sponsorship from local businesses, covering over half the costs of production and printing. The total cost of the map would be about £500, depending on the number of copies printed. Councillors agreed to the printing of the walking map of Winsley.
153. **Winsley Community Website Review**
Councillors noted a report on options being investigated by the Communications Advisory Group to redevelop the Winsley Community Website.
154. **Highways – Speed Indicator Device**
Councillors considered a proposal from Limpley Stoke Parish Council to share the use and cost of a portable Speed Indicator Device (SID). Freshford Parish Council would be approached and a request for some funding would be put to CATG.
An investigation by a Limpley Stoke councillor indicated that a portable SID would cost in the region of £4000. The councillor had outlined some practical aspects of sharing such a device, but further details were awaited. A volunteer would be required to lead the setting up and use of a portable SID, although this need not be a councillor.
Councillors discussed where a portable SID might be used, noting that it was not possible to use a such a device on a 50mph road.
Councillors noted the proposal and that further details would be brought to a future meeting.
155. **Wiltshire’s Best Kept Village Competition 2020**
Councillors noted information from the Council for the Protection of Rural England about entering Wiltshire’s Best Kept Village Competition 2020. The closing date for entries was 20 April 2020. If the village were to enter the competition this year then councillors felt that volunteers would be needed from outside the Parish Council to help prepare the entry and to organise activities in preparation.
It was agreed that an advert asking for volunteers to organise Winsley’s entry for the Best Kept Village should be put in the Weaver and publicised across the parish. Clerk
156. **Treeworks**
156.1 Trees at the end of Fieldins
Some revised quotes had been received for works to maintain and tidy trees at the end of Fieldins, indicating that works would cost in the region of £500. This area was the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, although their policy was to undertake works to trees when causing an obstruction or danger. Confirmation was being sought from Wiltshire Council that the Parish Council were allowed to undertake the proposed works in this area.
Councillors agreed to pay for works to maintain and tidy trees at the end of Fieldins, subject to confirmation from Wiltshire Council.
156.2 Trees in the Village Garden
Cllr Z Elstone reported on proposed works to maintain and tidy trees in the Village Garden. Works were considered relatively minor.
Councillors agreed that such works be undertaken and that James Lock be approached in the first instance to see if he would be willing to carry out the required work. Clerk
157. **Volunteer Policy**
Councillors approved the renewal of the current Volunteer Policy without amendment.
It was agreed that the Maintenance Advisory Group would provide an annual summary of the work undertaken by volunteers. This could be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting, to acknowledge the valuable work of volunteers in the parish and to thank those involved.
158. **Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 22 April 2020**
The Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 7.30pm on 22 April 2020 in the Village Hall. Councillors were asked to forward any ideas for a theme for the evening to the Clerk. All Cllrs
159. **Finance**
159.1 Councillors noted payment since the last meeting of the following:
- £120 Clook internet annual payment for web domain

159.2 Councillors approved payment of the following:

- £630 Administration
- £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins
- £54.91 Cllr Fitzpatrick for the IT support required to create a backup of the web site

160. **Advisory Group Reports**

160.1 Finance: The Clerk would submit the Parish Council's annual VAT reclaim in February.

160.2 Maintenance: Vegetation on the path up from Elbow Cottage and alongside the canal had been cut back by an unknown person or group.

Cut vegetation had been left in the shrubs alongside Crossways path (from Bradford Road to Saxon Way). The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council about this and the need for the shrubs etc. along this narrow path to be cut back. Streetscene had confirmed they would clear the area. The Clerk would contact Streetscene again to confirm the works needed. Clerk

All Parish Stewards were repairing potholes across the county and scheduled visits to villages were cancelled whilst this work took priority.

160.3 Highways and Transport: Councillors noted the improved road surface following resurfacing of part of the B3108 between the Hartley Farm junction and the Bradford Road roundabout.

160.4 Village Hall Committee: A bench had been stolen from outside the Village Hall.

The Village pantomime would take place in March and a concert to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day was being planned.

161. **Tribute**

Councillors noted with sadness the death of Ms Betty Parr, a resident who had served on the Parish Council and had been involved in many village projects and groups.

162. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 3 March 2020, 8.00pm, St Nicholas Church Hall.

Meeting ended 9.50pm.