Winsley Parish Council

DRAFT - Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021

8pm, Winsley Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Ed Gilby (Chair), John Barnes, Ian Berry, Graham Bostock, Bridgette Duncombe, Kerry Kemp, Johnny Kidney, Linda Ladner, Richard Mann, Ian Sparrowhawk

Apologies: Jane Baddeley

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: Two

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40. **Declarations of Interest**
None.

41. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved: That councillors would exercise their right to exclude the public and press from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature to be discussed pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 in relation to the Clerk's Remuneration item (Minute 54).

42. **Minutes of Meeting**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2021 as a true record.

43. **Public Participation**
Members of the public wanted to speak about the item on Northfield playing field and it was agreed to take questions or comments during that agenda item.

44. **Planning**

Resolved: To make the following comments on the planning applications listed:

- PL/2021/07885, Land adjacent to Conkwell Farmhouse, 215 Conkwell, BA15 2JG: Upgrade to existing telecommunications equipment.

  No objection. Upgrade to equipment.

- PL/2021/07580 & 08084 Parsonage Farm, Conkwell, BA15 2JQ: Single storey extension and minor alterations to listed farmhouse.

  No objection. Small extension at the rear of the property with no effect on outlook of the area or neighbours. Materials will fit in with existing. As Grade 2 listed it was felt important that it didn't detract from the original and would not be detrimental to the property overall.

- PL/2021/07794 Land to the rear of 55 Tyning Road, BA15 2JN: Proposed 3 bedroom bungalow with garage, parking & associated works.

  No objection. It was thought well designed for this plot. Building materials were in keeping with neighbouring properties and as a bungalow it would maintain variety in the local housing stock. Suitable access from the road.

- PL/2021/07437 Little Murhill House, Murhill, BA2 7FQ: Replacement roof and frames to conservatory.

  No objection. Upgrading existing building with new components.

- PL/2021/06531 Haugh Farm, 198 Haugh, BA15 2JD: Erection of a stable block (3 stables and a tack room) for personal use.

  No objection. Traditional building format for stables. For private, not commercial use with no extra traffic or lighting issues according to the application. In a suitable location within the property and does not impact negatively on neighbours or surrounding area; the stables are likely to be shielded from the lane on the southern boundary. Request that any permitted development rights be removed as a condition of approval.

- PL/2021/07262 Manor Farm House, BA15 2LN: Erection of a stone wall, hardwood pergola and works to an existing stone boundary wall.

  No objection. The wall and pergola look to be well designed and good quality materials have been used. The stone wall and pergola is unlikely to have an impact on garden and views of the listed property and the partial demolition of the northern stone boundary wall, although regrettable, is not considered to have significant impact.

Treeworks

Resolved: to submit 'No objection' to the following applications:

- PL/2021/08262 Turleigh, Turleigh, BA15 2HG: Poplar. Reduce from 50ft to 30ft after recent damage to the trunk.
- PL/2021/07901 Turleigh Barn, 275A Green Lane, BA15 2HH: Judas tree. Reduce in height by 2m. Shape and balance to reduce weight on this large tree which is showing tares & weak forks.

45. **Matters Arising**

Councillors received an update on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting or raised since the last meeting, noting that:

- Cllr Kidney had contacted the Canal and Rivers Trust about the canal boat that had a long-standing mooring at Avoncliff but was told that information could not be provided because of the GDPR. Cllr Kidney would follow this up with Planning Enforcement. Cllr Kidney had contacted Wiltshire Council's Public Rights of Way Officer in support of repairs to the Public Right of Way here.
- Cllr Kidney reported that the entire verge at the end of Fieldins, recently put up for auction, is subject to Public Highways Rights. This information had been passed to the auctioneers.
- A resident had expressed ongoing concerns about the state of the path leading down from Bradford Road through Turleigh. The path had recently been cleared by the Parish Steward and some potholes repaired, and it had been reported to Wiltshire Council for further consideration. It was agreed that the Maintenance and Local Environment Advisory Group would look to see if there was any further action that could be taken. — Maintenance & Local Env Adv Group
- A resident had reported problems with the limited on road parking in St Nicholas Close and asked whether some of the grassed area here could be converted to parking spaces. Councillors felt that it was important to keep green spaces and noted that additional on road parking was available in nearby roads.

46. **Police Report**

No police report had been received.

47. **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Johnny Kidney reported that:

- A survey to confirm the extent of repairs and future roadworks required to the A36 at Limpley Stoke would take place on 9 September.
- The temporary one-way system in Bradford on Avon installed during the pandemic had been removed. A consultation about a future one-way system was being considered.
- Despite liaising with Wiltshire Council about a possible extension, the temporary cycleway between Winsley and Downs View installed during the pandemic had been removed. Works on a permanent scheme had been deferred until summer 2022 because of other nearby roadworks. A proposal to make the temporary 40 mph limit permanent was being consulted on.
- Wiltshire Council had launched its Climate Strategy consultation, running until 17 October, alongside a consultation on a Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy looking at protecting and enhancing Wiltshire's natural assets. A number of online and in-person sessions were being run for residents.
- Wiltshire Council had offered to provide homes to people fleeing from Afghanistan; additional suitable properties were sought.
- The next Community Area Transport Group would take place on 11 October.
- The next Bradford on Avon Area Board would take place on 5 October.

48. **Northfield Playing Field**

48.1 Disposal of the Asset of Community Value

Winsley Parish Council had been informed by Wiltshire Council that the owners of Northfield playing field, registered as an Asset of Community Value, wished to dispose of the asset. Winsley Parish Council had the opportunity to consider whether to request to make a bid during an 'interim moratorium' on the sale which would end on 27 September 2021. Requesting to make a bid would trigger a 'full moratorium' on the sale until 16 February 2022.

Councillors discussed the proposal to request to make a bid, noting that:

- Northfield playing field was of value to many in the local community;
- The Parish Council's Town and Village Green application was in progress and, if successful, would mean that the land would have to be maintained as an open recreation area for use by the community, whoever owned the land;
- Owning the land would give the Parish Council and the local community additional security and control over the future of the land including the opportunity to provide facilities for recreation in the future in line with the aspirations and wishes of the community;
- The Parish Council had tried to buy the land directly from the seller when it was put up for auction earlier in the year;
- Although the Parish Council was not considering the amount of any potential bid at this point, if the Parish Council made a bid it's level would take into account the numerous planning protections on the land, including being located within the Green Belt and outside the settlement boundary, and the Town and Village Green application that was in progress.
- Legal advice on any potential implications of bidding should be sought.

Resolved: to agree in principle to make a request to Wiltshire Council to be considered as a potential bidder for Northfield playing field, subject to seeking legal advice.

48.2 September Update

- Minor amendments to the Town and Village Green application had been undertaken and the Parish Council were waiting for confirmation from Wiltshire Council that the application as 'in order'. The public consultation period could then take place.
- At the request of the owners of Northfield playing field, the goalposts owned by the Parish Council had been removed and stored;
- An FoIA request in relation to Northfield playing field had been responded to; there was no further information held by the Parish Council on the drafting of a possible Neighbourhood Plan in 2014.
- Verges at the end of Fieldins had been put up for auction by Legacy Land. Cllr Kidney had received confirmation from Wiltshire Council that the entirety of this land was subject to Public Highways Rights and this information had been forwarded to the auctioneers.

49. **Highways and Transport Advisory Group**

49.1 D1 Bus Service

In response to the pandemic, in April 2020 the D1 Service through Winsley had been reduced from a half-hour to an hourly service, with an hourly D1X service serving Trowbridge to Bath via Sally in the Woods. Now that restrictions had been removed there appeared to be no reason not to reinstate the D1 service to its original frequency.

Resolved: to write to the Chief Executive of First Bus, copying in the Senior Contracts Manager (Passenger Transport) at Wiltshire Council, to request that the D1 bus service be reinstated to its previous half-hourly service through Winsley. Clerk

49.2 Community Area Transport Group

Councillors received a report from the Highways and Transport Advisory Group, noting that:

- In response to the speed limit consultation, the Parish Council had supported the retention of the 40mph limit between Downs View and the Bradford Road. The consultation included a proposal to retain the 50mph limit on the B3108 from the Bradford Road roundabout to Murhill; the Parish Council had responded with a request that the speed limit be reduced to 40mph, detailing the reasons for this request.
- An additional school warning triangle would be installed on Tyning Road. Wiltshire Council had agreed to repaint the warning lines outside of Winsley Primary School at no cost to the Parish.
- Wiltshire Council had not imposed any conditions on Hartley Farm when approving their recent planning application indicating that, in planning terms, no traffic issues had been identified with the application. Separately, Wiltshire Council Highways Principal Engineer was, at request of Cllr Kidney with support from the Parish Council, looking at the issues with the junction at Dane Rise / Hartley Farm on the B3108 and any potential traffic interventions.

50. **Advisory Group Membership**

Resolved: to approve the membership of the Advisory Groups & representatives on other committees as follows –

- Human Resources – Cllrs Barnes & Gilby
- Governance – Cllrs Berry, Gilby, Ladner & the Clerk
- Finance – Cllrs Kemp, Mann & the Clerk

- Planning – Cllrs Berry, Duncombe & Ladner
- Highways and Transport – Cllrs Barnes & Kidney
- Climate Change – Cllrs Baddeley, Duncombe & Mann
  N.B. Members of the public on this group to be confirmed.
- Maintenance and Local Environment – Cllrs Bostock, Duncombe & Sparrowhawk
  N.B. This group would cover Public Rights of Way.
- Media and Communications – Cllrs Barnes, Kidney & the Clerk
- Northfield Playing Field – Cllrs Baddeley, Gilby & Sparrowhawk, resident John Strike & the Clerk.

Representatives

- Valley Parish Alliance – Cllr Ian Berry
- Village Hall Committee – Cllr Ian Berry
- Bradford on Avon Area Board – Cllr Johnny Kidney
- Bathavon Community Forum, Climate Emergency Group – Cllr Richard Mann
  This was a recently established Forum in B&NES, and the Parish Council had been invited by the Chair to send a representative. The Terms of Reference would be circulated to councillors. Clerk

51. **Climate Strategy and Natural Environment Plan**

Resolved: That the Climate Change Advisory Group would consider and draft a Parish Council response to the consultation and any community engagement required in relation to the Wiltshire Council's current consultation on their Climate Strategy and their Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy. Climate Change Adv Group

It was noted that previous engagements by the Parish Council on similar issues, such as the response to the Local Plan, should be considered.

52. **Finance**

52.1 **Resolved:** to approve the following payments -

- £646 Administration
- £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins
- £570.44 James Lock for grass cutting
- £20.35 John Treble for materials for Murhill Bank Nature Reserve

Cllr Berry was liaising with the manager of Avonpark Retirement Village over recently installed bright lighting in their car park. Notices had been put up around the field owned by Avonpark advising about the use of the field and footpaths. The Chair and Clerk to contact the new manager at Avonpark.

52.2 Noted the following receipt:

- £771.41 Community Infrastructure Levy payment for 19/02747/FUL.

52.3 Noted the bank reconciliation and an update on the Parish Council's budget.

53. **Advisory Group Reports**

Climate Advisory Group: The ecology walk organised by Avon Bioregion Group was attended by parish councillors from Freshford, Limpley Stoke & Winsley.

54. **Clerk's Remuneration**

Resolved: to agree a proposal relating to the Clerk's remuneration.

55. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 5 October 2021.

Meeting ended 9.45pm.