



Winsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2022

8pm, St Nicholas Church Hall, Winsley

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

Apologies: Jane Baddeley, Linda Ladner

In attendance: Selina Jobson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: None

106. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

107. **Minutes of Meeting**

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 as a true record.

108. **Public Participation**

No members of the public present.

109. **Planning**

No applications to consider.

110. **Matters Arising**

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

- Cllrs Barnes and Kidney were meeting Wiltshire Council's Principal Engineer Highways to discuss possible parking restrictions in the lanes outside St Nicholas' Church.
- The Climate Advisory Group would meet the week after next week.
- Three thousand whips and saplings had been planted as part of the Winsley Forest project. There were plans to request more trees from both the Queen's Green Canopy project and the Woodland Trust. As the Parish Council owned little land in the village it was noted that locations for planting new trees should be identified before more trees were ordered. A small number of trees had been planted recently on verges; issues with potential strimmer damage and the need to check that roots would not adversely impact underground utilities were noted.
- Cllr Mann would bring a report on possible tree planters to the next meeting, taking into account costs, maintenance and possible locations. Cllr Mann
- Cllr Gilby provided an update on staffing at the Central Convenience Stores.
- Katie Fielding, the County Officer at the Wiltshire Association for Local Councils, was leaving after 19 years in the role. Her support to the council by providing clear and sensible advice was noted and it was agreed that the Chair would write to her to thank her for her help over the years. Chair
- The annual playground inspection report had been received and outlined some remedial work required. This would be considered by the Maintenance and Local Environment Advisory Group and reported on at the next meeting. Maintenance & Local Env Adv Group

- Cllr Berry intended to renovate the dug outs on the football field by Avonpark Retirement Village by the end of the month.

111. **Police Report**

The PCSO had reported that there had been some road traffic accidents in the area in the last few months. Details of these would be requested. Winsley Primary School had reported that youths had climbed over the school fence in an attempt to get onto the roof, damaging a water tray. Some scooters belonging to the Pre-School had also been taken. The PCSO had conducted some additional patrols in the area in response.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider activities available for young people in Winsley. Whilst the Bradford on Avon youth scheme was open to young people from surrounding villages, details of activities were not always widely advertised.

112. **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Johnny Kidney reported that:

- Wiltshire Council were undertaking a Pharmaceutical Needs survey until 18 January 2022; details were available on the wiltshire.gov.uk website.
- The deadline to apply for primary school place was 15 January 2022.
- There were some changes to cabinet members at Wiltshire Council as the Finance Cabinet Officer had stepped down.
- A group in Limpley Stoke was raising funds to buy and re-open the Hop Pole pub. Winsley residents were encouraged to respond to a consultation about the potential purchase.

113. **Northfield Playing Field update**

113.1 Town and Village Green Application

The consultation deadline for the Parish Council's Town and Green Village application had been extended until 15 February 2022 at the request of the owners. Statements about the Parish Council's case could be submitted until this date.

113.2 Asset of Community Value

The Parish Council's grant application to the Bradford on Avon Area Board was under consideration; the outcome should be known by the end of January. The solicitor for the owners of Northfield had been advised that the Parish Council would submit a bid for Northfield before the end of the moratorium period on 16 February 2022.

114. **D1 Bus Service**

In response to an article in the Bath Chronicle suggesting that the D1 bus service might be cut, Cllr Kidney confirmed that there would be no changes to the local D1 bus service for the time being. The D1X service, which had been introduced during Covid and ran directly from Bradford on Avon to Bath, would cease operating from 31 January 2022.

Wiltshire Council's bus strategy included the ambition that the D1 bus would operate as a half-hourly service, but there were current difficulties in achieving this, including reduced bus usage as a consequence of Covid, financing of the service and a lack of drivers. A new timetable would be introduced in April 2022, and although it was unlikely that the frequency of the D1 service would be increased at that point, it was hoped that the service would be maintained. Cllr Kidney would continue to monitor the situation.

Other Highways and Transport Matters

Wiltshire Council had made no progress with painting double yellow lines on Winsley Hill. Issues with dangerous parking here appeared to be getting worse and causing safety risks to both pedestrians and vehicles using the road. This would be reported to the PCSO for monitoring.

Clerk

Wiltshire Council had made no progress with ordering signs for the lane between St Nicholas Church and Milbourn Close. A new road sign indicating the School had not yet been installed and there was no update on the re-painting of the faded zigzag lines outside the School. This matters would be taken up at the meeting with Wiltshire Council's Principal Engineer for Highways.

Highways
Adv Group

115. **Precept for 2022/23**

Councillors considered the proposed budget figures for 2022/23. The figures included the current funds held by the Parish Council and the predicted position at the end of March 2023.

Based on the predicted budget figures for 2022/23, councillors considered that there was no justification to increase the total amount of the precept for 2022/23.

Resolved: to approve keeping the total amount of the precept unchanged at £28,000 for 2022/23.

116. **Finance**

Resolved: to approve the following payments:-

- £688.20 Administration
- £31.20 idverde for emptying dog waste bins

117. **Advisory Group Reports**

117.1 Highways and Transport Advisory Group: Matters had already been addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

117.2 Communications: The website had been finalised and training was being provided in the next few days, with the new website going live next week. This would be advertised via the Weaver and the Parish Council's Facebook page. It was proposed that standard councillor email addresses would be set up for use from 1 February 2022.

117.3 Maintenance and Local Environment Advisory Group: A fallen lilac tree in the village garden needed to be removed and it was agreed to consider if this work could be undertaken by a group of volunteers.

Cllr
Sparrowhawk

The Parish Steward would be working in Winsley on 18 & 19 January. The footway alongside the B3108 between Limpley Stoke Road and Avonpark Retirement Village needed attention and any other jobs should be reported to the Clerk.

118. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 1 February 2022, St Nicholas Church Hall.

Meeting ended 9.00pm.