

WINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Winsford Parish Council held on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.30pm in Winsford Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors David Godsall (Chairman), Katherine Lindop (Vice Chairman), Kevin Connell, Beverley Flanagan, Steve Hunt and Clerk Verity Vigers. Later joined by SCC Frances Nicholson and WSDC Bruce Heywood.

15:06 Apologies for non Attendance - WSDC Keith Ross..

15:07 Declarations of Interest - None.

15:08 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24th November 2014 and the Extraordinary PC meeting on 12th January 2015 (as circulated) be approved and signed as correct.

15:09 Actions from the Previous Minutes

a. Parish Archive

The Chairman reported that he had received emails from firstly, Mel Mileham, detailing the possible options for the Parish Archive and secondly, Jan Faulkner outlining her role as the Archivist. It was **RESOLVED** that a separate meeting should be arranged for representatives of the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and volunteers to get an idea of the quantity of material and the best ways, not only of storing and securing it but also, when appropriate, of displaying it in the Village Hall and on the website. It was noted that copies should be used in the display to protect the original material. John Bray pointed out that the Parish Council own the metal storage containers.

b. Car Park Repairs

The Chairman reported that 15 tonnes of old tarmac had arrived in the car park, which now needed spreading. It was **RESOLVED** that John Bray would provide a costing for him to use his machines to do it. It was noted that as it was very weather dependent the regular users would need notifying at short notice that the car park would be temporarily unavailable, and then the area would need roping off. Frances Nicholson would see if Highways would make any kind of contribution seeing as they actually own the car park.

c. Speed Limit

The Chairman reported that he now had 92 signatures, which in effect, was one per household. Frances Nicholson took away the petition and would pursue further, including pushing for re-doing the speed tests particularly now there is no longer parked cars outside the shop in the middle slowing traffic down.

d. Highways

Signposts - it was noted that Exford is doing the one in the middle of their village at their own expense and SH offered to find out the company they were using. FN suggested to keep waiting while funding from other sources is still being investigated, including the National Lottery and the Hinkley fund.

Stephen Hunt raised the issue of buses driving on the verge opposite the bus shelter and making a mess. It was **RESOLVED** to send them a letter asking them not to. SH would find out which bus company it is.

e. Broadband

Stephen Hunt reported that the superfast boxes are being connected to Taunton and then the main network. Everything seems to be on track for being up and running during 2015, no later than October. John Bray reported that he'd attended a site meeting at Haddon Hill for mobile telephones where the question of mobile broadband had been asked. It could be a option if the pylon owner was in agreement, although there is not a line of site from Winsford.

f. Village repairs and maintenance

The Chairman reported that Mike Hillier had done all the Village Green repairs detailed in the inspection. He had also asked him to investigate the bus shelter roof. Mike recommended felt as the most appropriate solution and quoted £50 plus the price of the felt. **RESOLVED** to ask him to complete the work.

g. Village Shop

Stephen Hunt asked about progress on the grant for disability access. Frances Nicholson reported that the available funding had now been allocated elsewhere, but she would see if she could make a special dispensation to re-allocate some. Retrospective grants are not normal, but it was noted that the shop would not have been able to open if the work had not been carried out first.

15:10 Financial Report

The financial report was received, highlighting that the various bank account forms had been completed and submitted, and that the dates of the new Clerk Training Courses had been set for March.

RESOLVED to issue cheque for £8.38 for Barry West to transfer the ownership of the website domain name.

RESOLVED to action the £25 cheque for Freddie Hayes as previously agreed at the meeting held on 2nd June.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should attend the SALC Training Sessions in March at a cost of £55 minus the credit of £18 from a previous missed session.

15:11 Village Website

Beverley Flanagan reported that progress was moving, but slow. She had wanted to include as many contributors as possible but that was causing a delay. All businesses in the Parish will have an entry with a link to their own website, if they have one. There is also a specific section for Parish Council and it will be updated regularly. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would need to get together to have a detailed look at it before it goes live, hopefully at the end of February with a formal launch at the Annual Assembly. It was highlighted that this needed to be at a venue with broadband access. It was **RESOLVED** to suggest to the Village Hall Committee that they looked in to getting a connection to offer to hirers. Stephen Hunt agreed to take to the next meeting.

15:12 Annual Assembly

To be held on Wednesday 25th March 2015, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall. It was **AGREED** that the new website would be demonstrated. In line with that, it was **AGREED** that Stephen Hunt would look into a Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband speaker. It was also **AGREED** that there would be an update on the Village Archive. It was noted that there needed to be an advert in the Parish Magazine. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would prepare something for inclusion and circulate ready for the 12th February deadline. It was noted that later in February a separate insert could be prepared and placed in the magazine just for Winsford residents.

15:13 Correspondence and Emails

a. Transparency code

It was noted that in future Parish Councils with an annual turnover of £25K would no longer need to be externally audited, provided certain information was displayed online. There would still need to be an internal audit but then all necessary information could be on the new website.

b. CPR and defibrillation course

It was noted that this had been arranged by Mel Mileham for Saturday 14th February at 9.30am at The Royal Oak Inn, Winsford.

c. Elections

It was noted that the Clerk had been in contact with the District Council regarding necessary actions and all instructions would be sent to the Parish Council by email in due course.

d. Others

It was noted that the Somerset Stages Rally would cross parts of the ENP on Saturday 18th April. The Clerk agreed to forward the email to Stephen Hunt in case it is of interest to the Village Hall Committee.

It was noted that Kevin Connell and John Bray planned to attend the SALC meeting regarding the process for election of parish members to ENPA on Wednesday 28th January at 7pm in Exford. No one was available to attend the SALC West Area meeting in Watchet on Thursday 29th January at 6pm.

15:14 Report from Committees and Highways

a. Exmoor Area Panel Meeting - 20th January

A brief report was given but the main topic of discussion had been the Dunster road closure and the resulting traffic through Wootton Courtenay. The Chairman thanked those members for organising the refreshments and washing up.

b. Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum Meeting - 22nd January

Kevin Connell reported that the main topics of discussion had been broadband/mobile, ponies, fewer Natural England grants and subsidies and affordable housing.

15:15 Planning Applications and Decisions.

a.	The Old School	6/40/13/110	Not yet decided
b.	Brookwood	6/40/14/108	Approved
c.	Pit Pony Cottage, Hoe Farm Wheddon Cross	6/10/14/109	Approved
d.	Withycombe Cottage	6/40/14/110 & 111LB	Approved
e.	The Tufters	6/40/14/112	Approved
f.	Howtown Farm	6/40/14/113	Approved

The Chairman reported that Karlake House has withdrawn the application for a return to a private house. It was noted that the ENP cannot hint at the likely decision without an application in place so they were advised to formally re-submit the application.

15:16 Other Business Directed to the Chairman

Katherine Lindop reported that below the Dowry there was still a water leak despite the water board having been to fix it.

Beverley Flanagan highlighted the Farming Hero in the recent Rural Services Network newsletter wondering if Winsford had a nominee.

Beverley Flanagan asked about the village clean up, mainly for the website. **RESOLVED** that Katherine Lindop would suggest a suitable date via email.

Bruce Heywood reported that Somerset Waste Partnership had asked him to disseminate that there was too much food waste being disposed of in the black plastic bags and not in the compost bin meaning it went to landfill and not to the food digester where it generated electricity. It was **RESOLVED** to mention it on the new website and remind people that they can use newspaper instead of having to purchase the green bags. It was also noted that the rubbish bin at the Cricket Ground had now been emptied.

15:17 Date of next Meeting

Monday 23rd March at 2015. The Annual Assembly is to be held on Wednesday 25th March.

The meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

Date.....

Signed.....

