



## WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE TOWN HALL

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**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Three

**MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS:** None

**PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Atherton (Town Clerk)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Ellard (Chairman), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), Cook, D Smith, Vagg, Rodgers, McLarnon, Hearne, H Smith, Galitzine, Hinks and Walters.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Colin Winder talked about the success of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum and how The Town Council should comment on the SSDC Local Plan.

Mr John Baxter talked about his research on Alberto Bioletti. He informed Council of his recent book and gave a brief overview.

#### **0242 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Marchi, Fry and Old.

#### **0243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None given.

#### **0244 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 (minutes 0230-0241). On a proposal from Councillor Hearne, seconded by Councillor H Smith, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **0245 PLANNING:**

##### **Application recommended for approval**

18/00286/FUL Painting of shop front in dark blue/teal colour, 4A High Street. On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Vagg, vote: Unanimous.

#### **0246 CHEQUE LIST**

On a proposal from Councillor Ellard seconded by Councillor Hinks, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Ellard will sign the cheques Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

#### **0247 OPEN SPACES REPORT**

The Clerk read out the report. See attached. Councillor Tudgay asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for CCTV for the shelter at Cale Park.

**0248 ANNUAL REVIEW  
ASSET REGISTER  
INSURANCE LEVELS  
FEES**

No Change

No Change

On a proposal from Councillor H Smith, seconded by Councillor Tudgay Cemetery fees will increase by 10% from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Vote 9 for, 3 against.

**STANDING ORDERS  
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS  
EFFECTIVENESS OF  
INTERNAL AUDIT**

No change

No change

Council approved the statement for the year ending March 2018.

On a proposal from Councillor Rodgers seconded by Councillor Tudgay, Council resolved to exclude the public for the next agenda item.

**0249 STAFF APPRAISAL**

After a briefing from the Clerk, Council resolved to increase the grade of the Works and Maintenance Supervisor to SCP 28 from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**0250 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT**

Item	Action
Email from The Troop requesting financial support for a re-enactment display in the Town.	As Council have already agreed grant funding for the next financial year, they were unable to grant further funds.
Letter from Mind, South Somerset requesting the Town Council choose their organisation for the charity of the year.	
Letters of thanks for grant funding from: Wincanton Live at Home Scheme Read Easy South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Wincanton Choral Society	

The Clerk and Chairman met with a potential contractor for the new skate park who will be sending plans and costs shortly.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm

Signed .....

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Works and Maintenance Supervisors report – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

- The shelter in Cale Park is almost complete, just waiting for the final floor covering and benches to be added.
- Spots of rust have started to appear on the fencing around the MUGA. HAGS SMP have now supplied the appropriate spray paint and the work will be carried out, in-house, as soon as the weather conditions are right. The replacement roof panel for the Cale Park play house has finally arrived and will be fitted this week.
- Vandalism - Dog bin in Cale Park burnt out and destroyed, guttering pulled down at the David Sharp Centre, Scout Hut and Cricket Pavilion. Cricket Pavilion pulled door panel kicked in and bench damaged. Three lots of graffiti in the MUGA. There has been an on-going issue with youths hanging around in the Lynch gate building at the entrance to the Cemetery with continued minor damage being caused. The Works and Maintenance Supervisor has been working with the local Police and Community Support Officers and the issue has improved over the last week. Chains and padlocks have been added to the large doors in the Lynch Gate building to prevent the youths from closing the doors in the evening to use as a shelter. Bin burnt out again and Eastfields, it is a District bin and they are aware of it.
- Allotments – no reports of any damage and 10 people on the waiting list.
- Cemetery – 4 burials in November, 3 in December and 2 in January.
- Minor issue with Penn View slide mound. Cracks appearing and some erosion. Work scheduled in for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- Cale Park play area sand is within the required depth and will be turned over before the Easter holidays.
- Final costings for the additional trees in Cale Park are due imminently and a community planting day is being planned.
- Penn View bench on order.