



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020 VIA ZOOM AND STREAMED LIVE ON YOUTUBE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton, Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chairman), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), Old, Smith, Greening, Eadington, Galitzine, Vagg, Ralph, Walter, Thomas and Power

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: County Councillor Groskop

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: District Councillor Winder

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

0020 APOLOGIES

Councillors Rodgers, Hinks and Hearne.

0021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

0022 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 8th June 2020 (minutes 0007-0019). On a proposal from Councillor Galitzine, seconded by Councillor Power it was agreed to amend the minutes as follows:

Remove the word (part) from the heading.

Remove the second sentence from minute 0010 as it is a false statement. Vote: 10 for, 2 against.

0023 PLANNING:

Application recommended for approval

20/01276/FUL

Change of use of land for the stationing of a log cabin to provide holiday accommodation. Land adjacent to The Willows, Rodgrove, Moor Lane BA9 9QU – Amended Plans – A revised site plan no 501 has been submitted which shows the proposed log cabin being moved away from the nearby agricultural building which lies adjacent to the site by a distance of 4 metres and to omit any proposed hedging between the cabin and that building. Proposed by Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Power, vote: Unanimous.

Application previously recommended for refusal additional information

19/03410/S73 &

19/03411/S73

Additional information received regarding bus stops at the location, Land South of Bayford Hill, Wincanton. On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Vagg, Council resolved to request the inbound bus stop on Bayford Hill, be moved closer to the new development and to give the planning department details of the Salisbury Red Group who also use the bus stop. Vote: Unanimous. District Councillor Winder agreed to talk to the planning officer regarding this request.

0024 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK**County Councillor Groskop**

Councillor Groskop receives a report every Friday from the Public Health. There have been 193 deaths in Somerset with 1 positive case last week in a care home. The County currently stands at 0.8 which is very positive. Councillor Groskop also talked about the schools, teenagers in care, drug dealing and County lines and fostering teenagers. Councillor Groskop asked Councillors to make comments on the Unitary Authority for Somerset website.

District Councillor Winder

District Councillor Winder stated how important the unitary authority for Somerset is and talked about two critical planning applications which were refused. The Local Plan is in preparation with revisions and states Wincanton is scheduled for over 600 houses. District Councillor Winder is not sure where they will be located and is concerned as to where they will work. Planning revisions are being discussed at Government level; District Councillor Winder will keep Council informed of any changes.

Chairman of the Council

The Chairman talked about recommencing full council meetings and starting committee meetings. Applications for the good stuff fund have been received and the Chairman is proud the community groups, charity and local groups have engaged. The message from the Mayor has been well received and is in its 6 week. The Chairman thanked Councillor Smith on promoting the messages via Wincanton Window. The Chairman also talked about the good stuff fund and the need to keep the momentum going moving forward.

Council representatives to outside bodies

Councillor Walters talked about the new manager at the Live at Home Scheme. She has arrived at a very difficult time but is working extremely hard and the group have provided tremendous support and services during the pandemic and continue to do so. Councillor Shelbourn Barrow asked if the group have an exit plan regarding Covid 19. Councillor Walters is not aware. The group have had positive feedback from the general public.

0025 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay and seconded by Councillor Thomas, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Walters will sign the cheques Tuesday 23rd June 2020.

0026 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE/COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Council agreed to discuss the two agenda items together. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors needed more time to study the documents received, the Grievance Policy and Procedures, the Disciplinary Policy and the Terms of Reference for the Personnel Committee. On a proposal from Councillor Vagg, seconded by Councillor Ralph, Council resolved to defer agenda items 7 and 8 to the next Full Council meeting. Vote: Unanimous.

0027 COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chairman read out the committees as taken from the Council website. Council noted the Personnel Committee was not on the website. The Clerk will ensure it is published on the website. On a proposal from Councillor Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Galitzine, Council resolved to dissolve the Grievance & Disciplinary Committee and the Personnel Committee until the appropriate policies are in place (Wincanton Standing Orders page 9, 4d 12). Vote: 10 for 2 against. The Chairman then read out the outside bodies representatives who will remain until the next annual meeting of the council. Councillors requested a list of the current representatives and the current committee members. The Chairman invited Councillors to look at which committee they would like to join, asking for a least five on each committee, however, there is no limit to the members of each committee. The Chairman advised Councillors the Wincanton For the Future and the WEEP committees will commence their meetings soon and invited all Councillors to attend.

0028 HR ADVICE

Council talked about the advantages of joining other professional bodies to receive advice and information. Councillor Shelbourn Barrow suggested joining South West Councils at a cost of £445 per annum. Council agreed it would be a benefit to work with other Councils. On a proposal from Councillor Galitzine, seconded by Councillor Ralph, Council resolved to join South West Councils. Vote 11 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

0029 SKATEPARK

After discussion and confirmation all the recommend signage from Skateboarding England is in place and additional social distancing signage is available, it was agreed to open the Skatepark Tuesday 23rd June 2020. Proposed by Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Power. Vote: Unanimous. The Chairman talked about the need to trust residents to use the area responsibly and to adhere to the guidance. The Clerk will look at providing hand sanitisers at the skatepark. The Chairman asked when the Multi Use Games Area would be opened. This area is classed as a play area and will open when play parks are allowed to open. The Chairman stated residents should know the opening of the skatepark is independant of the Multi Use Games Area and all play areas in the Town until the Government has issued further guidance.

0030 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Councillor David Fothergill regarding an update on progress towards a single unitary authority for Somerset.
Action: The Clerk to arrange a zoom meeting inviting Councillor Fothergill and members of the public to attend to discuss further.
2. Letter from South Somerset Community Accessible Transport thanking Council for the recent grant award.
3. Quote received for the Bayford Hill benches,
Action: Agenda item for the next meeting.
4. Update on the applications for funding from the good stuff fund. 4 received so far.

0031 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Power asked on behalf of the Silver Band if the Remembrance Parade will go ahead this year. No guidance as been issued yet.

- Planning Applications Review
- MUGA Opening
- Exit from Lockdown
- Agree Duties of Representatives from Outside Bodies
- Party in the Park

The meeting ended at 8:22pm

Signed

Dated: 13th July 2020

These minutes are in draft format until signed at the Full Council meeting 13th July 2020.