



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2020 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Five

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton and Muriel Cairns.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chairman), Eadington, Vagg, Hearne, Smith, Old, Rodgers, Tudgay, Thomas, Greening, Hinks, Walters and Galitzine.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: County Councillor Groskop.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from Wincanton Recreational Trust attended the meeting and spoke about the new management structure at the Sports Ground. Two new trustees have been appointed to the Management Company. A representative from The Memorial Hall attended the meeting and queried the vote discussed at the previous meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020 for the Memorial Hall grant application. The Chairman explained that there had been three individual votes and stated the majority vote minuted at that meeting would stand.

0785 APOLOGIES

None

0786 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hinks declared an interest in the Memorial Hall and Museum grant application.

0787 CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

Two candidates stood for the vacancy on the Town Council. On a proposal from Councillor Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Galitzine, Council voted to elect Tom Power to Council. Vote: 8 for. Both Tom and the Town Clerk signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Councillor Power joined the meeting. Councillor Shelbourn Barrow thanked the other candidate and informed him of a new vacancy that has occurred.

0788 POLICE REPORT

Council noted the Police report. Council discussed how they can support vulnerable people in the Town. Councillor Shelbourn Barrow asked if Council can channel their concerns about events mentioned in the report to the Police and if future meetings with the Police can be arranged. The Clerk will investigate.

0789 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 13th January 2020 (minutes 0751-0761). On a proposal from Cllr Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Thomas, Council voted 8 for, 2 against and one abstention to the requested amendments to the minutes by Councillor Shelbourn Barrow. The amended minutes will be signed at the next meeting. Monday 20th January 2020 (minutes 0773-0775). Cllr Shelbourn Barrow requested

an additional sentence to be added to Item 0775, this was agreed by Council. On a proposal from Cllr Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Cllr Tudgay, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

0790 PLANNING:

Application recommended for approval

- 19/02876/S37A Application to vary planning condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 14/05604/FUL to increase accommodation. 2 Silver Street. Proposed by Cllr Tudgay, seconded by Cllr Hinks. Vote: Unanimous.
- 19/03524/TPO Application to carry out Tree Works to trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (WINC 1) Tree Preservation Order. Confirmed 30.04.02. 10 Manor Gardens. Observations only. No comment.
- 19/02990/FUL Installation of a canopy over outside area from existing building to existing toilets. Memorial Hall, High Street. Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Smith. Vote: Unanimous.

0791 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK

County Councillor

Cllr Groskop spoke about SCC going through their Precept process. Cllr Groskop is Chair of Scrutiny Committee and mentioned Climate Change in Somerset, people can get involved by completing an online questionnaire. The questionnaire is being run on behalf of Somerset Council in collaboration with Somerset Climate Action Network and marketed by an independent market research company. The questionnaire is available on Somerset County Council website and runs from 6th January 2020 until 25th February 2020. Cllr Groskop thanked the resigning Vice Chairman for his tremendous help and support that he has given to her over his time on the Town Council.

South Somerset District Councillors

None present.

Chairman of the Council

The Chairman attended the SSDC Regeneration Board along with Cllr Galitzine. The chairman also attended the second Wincanton for the Future event which was held at King Arthurs School on 21st January 2020, 50 people attended. The Chairman had met with a local developer to discuss projects in the Town.

Council representatives to outside bodies

Cllr Hinks attended a Museum meeting and their talk in November.

0792 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Cllr Tudgay and seconded by Cllr Hinks, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Walters will sign the cheques Tuesday 28th January 2020. The quarterly accounts for October 2019 – December 2019 for the year April 2019-March 2020 were noted. The Finance Committee recommended upgrading the laptop and projector. They also asked the Clerk to report to Council on ways of making the Town Council more sustainable and paper free.

0793 BUDGET FOR THE PRECEPT REQUEST APRIL 2020

Councillors further discussed the Sports Ground Grant and Town Initiatives from the Precept. At the previous meeting of the Precept, Councillors provisionally agreed that £10,000 should be included for the Sports Ground Grant and £25,000 to be included for the Town Initiatives. Cllrs Hinks, Old and Tudgay each suggested a proposal to the Council. Cllr Tudgay withdrew his proposal. On the proposal suggested by Cllr Hinks to increase the Precept Grant for the Sports Ground to £12,500, Councillors voted 3 For, 2 Against and 8 Abstained. On the proposal suggested by Cllr Old that the Sports Ground should receive £15,000 as requested on the Sports Ground Grant application, Councillors voted 6 For, 7 Against and 1 Abstained. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow stated that the initial amount agreed at the previous Precept Meeting regarding the Grant for the Sports Ground to remain at £10,000. On a proposal from Councillor Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Greening, Council voted for the amount to remain at £10,000 for the Sports Ground. Vote: 8 For, 5 Against and 1 Abstained.

Councillors discussed the £25,000 provisionally agreed to Town Initiatives. The Chairman asked all Councillors for their views, whilst Councillors supported the regeneration of the town; some Councillors felt that the amount awarded should be reduced as no projects have been identified as yet, and for Council to discuss further grants for Town Initiatives as and when projects have been identified. Councillor Old stated she strongly opposes the amount of £25,000 and suggested a lower amount for this year, once successful initiatives have been achieved, the amount can be increased year by year. On a proposal from Councillor Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Galitzine, Councillors voted that the amount remains at £25,000. Vote: 8 for, 5 against and 1 Abstained.

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow and seconded by Councillor Galitzine Council approved the budget. Vote 10 For, 1 Against and 2 Abstained. The Council resolved that the precept request will be £315,063.00. The Chairman signed the South Somerset District Council Precept Request Form.

0794 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday 13th January 2020 (minutes 0762-0767). Cllr Shelbourn Barrow requested amendments to the minutes. Minutes were not adopted.

Monday 20th January 2020 (minutes 0768-0772). Cllr Shelbourn Barrow requested amendments to the minutes. Minutes were not adopted.

Proposed by Cllr Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Cllr Vagg, both sets of minutes to be amended and presented at the next meeting to be adopted.

0795 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Council commented on the parking outside the primary school and suggested bollards be fitted to deter inconsiderate parking.

0796 CHURCHFIELDS CAR PARK

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow read out the letter regarding Churchfields Car Park which will be sent to South Somerset District Council Area East Chairman and the Ward Members. Councillor Vagg requested the letter is also sent to SSDC. Councillor Hinks requested the Church and Primary School be informed of the proposed sale. On a proposal from Councillor Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Councillor Greening, Council approved the content of the letter. Vote: Unanimous.

0797 WINCANTON ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGICAL PLAN

Proposed by Cllr Shelbourn Barrow, seconded by Cllr Greening, Council voted unanimously to adopt Wincanton Environmental Ecological Plan (WEEP) Terms of Reference.

Councillor Shelbourn Barrow requested the Town Charter be presented for adoption at the next meeting.

0798 CAR PARKING COMMITTEE

Council agreed the car parking committee should also include highway issues on their agenda. Council agreed the date of the next meeting should be before a Full Council meeting or any other evening suitable to all. The Clerk will email the committee with possible dates.

0799 CLIMATE EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRAINING

Councillors confirmed Wincanton Town Council will host a Climate Emergency Community Training event at the Town Hall, 7pm – 9pm on Tuesday 25th February 2020. Somerset Climate Action Network (Somerset CAN) have organised the training. Local councils have been invited to attend.

0800 VE AND VJ DAY

Councillor Old briefed Council on Wincanton events to celebrate VE Day. Events are being organised for Thursday 7th May 2020 to Sunday 10th May 2020. More details will follow once the events have been confirmed.

0801 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT:

Email – Wincanton Carers Group – Requesting a grant for £100 to enable them to remain in Memorial Hall for their meetings, Cllr Shelbourn Barrow donated £100 from The Mayors Fund.

Email – Mark Cook – Resignation Letter to Wincanton Town Council.
 Letter – Chair Wincanton Recreational Trust – Supporting evidence for the Sports Ground grant application.
 Email – Re Mill Street residential parking. SCC is arranging a meeting.
 Email – Confirming the Deputy Town Clerk has applied to South Somerset District Council – The Great Parish Tree Giveaway.
 Email –SSDC - Bike Rack – Offering the Town Council a bike rack which will be installed near to the new skate park.
 Email – The Cavanna Group of Companies – Expansion to Attenuation Pond at Cale Park.
 Letter – SSDC – V Keitch, Leader of Council – Future of Local Government in Somerset.
 Email – Justin Robinson, Wincanton Town Council Training.
 Email – Concerned resident – dog attack at Munday's Mead – The Clerk is looking at dog control orders and will report back to Council.
 Email – King Arthurs School – request for sponsorship for an annual progress award. Councillor Shelbourn Barrow would like to add young people awards to the Community Awards instead. Council will discuss which awards will be awarded at a future date.

0802 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Election

The meeting ended at 21.50pm

Signed

Dated: 10th February 2020