



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton, Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chair), Cook, (Vice-Chairman), Walters, Hearne, Vagg, Eadington, Galitzine, Tudgay, Old, Smith, Greening and Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

0736 APOLOGIES

Councillor Rodgers and Hinks.

0737 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

0738 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 18th November 2019 (minutes 0720-0722). On a proposal from Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Smith, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Monday 25th November 2019 (minutes 0723- 0735). On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Smith, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

0739 PLANNING:

Application recommended for Refusal

19/01272/HOU The erection of a summer house in rear garden. 5 The Old Police Station. (Amendment: Obscure glaze 2 panels). Proposed by Councillor Eadington, seconded by Councillor Vagg. Vote: Unanimous.

19/03197/TPO Application to carry out tree works to one sycamore and one ash tree within W1 of the South Somerset District Council (Stoke Trister No. 1) 2014 Tree Preservation Order, confirmed 23 October 2014. Windmill Farm, Grants Lane. (Observations only). No observations.

Information for comments on planning observations for Hook Valley Farm application

The capital contributions and commuted sums provisionally requested for outdoor playing space and sport and recreation included a sum towards the new skate park. As the funds to cover the skate park have been approved, Council asked if the sum may be used for other play equipment in the Town. The Clerk will contact SSDC to enquire.

0740 ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Chair explained the training will take place in February. During January the trainer will have face to face or telephone conversations with each Councillor and member of staff. The questions will be written by the Chairman and the answers will be summarised at the February meeting. Dates in January to be confirmed.

0741 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Clerk informed Council that there had been an attempt to burn the shelter at the recreation ground and talked about the meeting planned for Wednesday 12th December 2019 with the new skate park contractors. Councillor Tudgay will attend.

The Chair mentioned the amount of litter at the skate park. Council agreed to look at novelty bins and if other Councils benefit from them. The Clerk spoke about the repairs needed for the slide at Cale Park and if the funds could be allocated in the next budget/precept request. The Clerk will look at purchase costs for a new water fountain at Cale Park.

Councillor Greening talked about the work he had completed at Wrixon View. He has applied for grant funding in his role as Chairman of the Wincanton Festival Group.

Councillor Cook asked if the no drinking signs can be reviewed and to clearly show where the no drinking zone is in the Town.

0742 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay and seconded by Councillor Vagg, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Walters and Hinks will sign the cheques Tuesday 10th December 2019. Council discussed the amount spent on the Christmas tree this year and agreed it was expensive. Council agreed Councillors Greening, Thomas and Tudgay will look at an alternative to the tree for 2020 and report back to Council.

0743 WINCANTON FOR THE FUTURE

The Chair updated Council on the last meeting. She also invited Councillors to the next meeting on the 16th December 2019. The group plan to hold pop up events in the New Year, where residents will be invited to speak to the group with their thoughts on the Town. Dates will be confirmed in January. The Chair also asked the Clerk to source costs for a banner for events.

0744 ASSET TRANSFER

The Clerk is to seek information on the SSDC assets in the Town.

0745 CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

On a proposal from Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Tudgay, Council voted unanimously to invite Steve Mews to give a presentation on climate control, 25th February 2020. Council will invite the neighbouring Town/Parishes to the event.

0746 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had received an email request for the Councils view on the sale of the Churchfield Car Park. Council discussed their recent decision to enter a 3 year compensation scheme which included the Churchfield car park. Council asked the Clerk to submit the following questions:

How much would the compensation scheme be reduced by?

What is the selling price for the building and the car park? (Council may be open to discussions).

If sold, will it be used for parking or will it be built on?

(edited to add the response was taken to Council for the meeting held 10th December 2019)

The Clerk informed Council she was attending a network lunch with the Clerks from Shaftesbury and Gillingham.

0747 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None

The meeting ended at 8:21pm

Signed

Dated: 13th January 2020