



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Five

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton, Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chair), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), Vagg, Eadington, Galitzine, Hinks, Greening and Thomas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

0833 APOLOGIES

Councillors Old, Smith, Walters, Rogers, Power and Hearne.

0834 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

0835 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 24th February 2020 (minutes 0818-0832). On a proposal from Councillor Hinks, seconded by Councillor Vagg, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

0836 SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Councillor Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council talked to Councillors about the proposed One Somerset. After questions from Councillors and members of the public, the Chairman summarised by informing Councillor Fothergill of the Wincanton for the Future group, which is enabling Wincanton to thrive. Information is available at onesomerset.org.uk.

0837 PLANNING:

Application recommended for approval

20/00316/FUL

Change of use from B1 and sui generis to B8 (storage and distribution), erection of extension plus cladding to existing building with alterations to fenestration and access arrangements. Proposed by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Tudgay. Vote: Unanimous.

Application recommended for refusal

20/00359/OUT Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development of up to 100 dwellings with associated access, internal roads and footpaths, car parking, public open space, landscaping, drainage and other associated works and infrastructure. Land To The East of Penn View, Bayford Hill. Proposed by Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Vagg. Vote: 7 for, 1 against. Council agreed to state the reasons given when the application was presented in 2017. See attached letter.

0838 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Clerk read out a request for a bench to be installed at the area of land near Firehouse Mews. Council asked the Clerk to look at costings for a recycled bench and report back to Council. The Clerk informed Council research is being carried out regarding a dog control order for the recreation ground.

Councillor Tudgay informed Council the date for the opening of the skate park has been changed to the 6th June 2020.

The Chairman will organise a WEEP meeting prior to the Full Council meeting in April.

0839 CHEQUE LIST

The Chairman asked for more information on the cheque for the snowflake projection and the Town Hall cleaning.

On a proposal from Councillor Hinks and seconded by Councillor Thomas the cheque list was approved. Councillors Tudgay and Hinks will sign the cheques Tuesday 10th March 2020.

0840 SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA EAST MEETING

Council noted the agenda for the next Area East meeting.

0841 ANNUAL REVIEW

Council resolved to adopt the Social Media Policy and will review in 6 months.

Council resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct and the Town Council Meeting Protocol.

0842 HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT

Council resolved to review the Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will contact the consultant regarding the review.

0843 WINCANTON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The working party have yet to have a meeting. A report will be available at the next meeting. The Chairman asked committee to involve the Chamber of Commerce in discussions.

0844 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk asked Council to nominate the next Councillor for the article in the Word Magazine.

Councillor Tudgay was nominated. The Clerk briefed Council on the Town Hall crash incident, the cemetery extension, the Waterside land transfer and her attendance at the LGR workshop in Frome. The Clerk asked if Council would like to produce a "What does Wincanton Town Council do" booklet. Council agreed the Clerk will get costings and report back to Council.

The following correspondence was shared with Council:

- Email from a resident regarding dogs on leads at the Recreation Ground.
- Letter from Wincanton Primary School thanking Council for their recent visit to the Town Hall.
- Letters of thanks for grant funding from Wincanton Carers' Group and the SCCAT.
- The Clerks email request for items from the SSDC Churchfield office.
- SSDC summer playday confirmation. It will be held at the Recreation Ground Wednesday 29th July 2020.

- National Association of Local Council update on the coronavirus.
- Signage confirmation for the new skate park. Council agreed to change the no alcohol description.
- Invitation to attend the Friends of Wincanton Annual General Meeting, Thursday 19th March 2020, 7pm at the Community Hospital.

0845 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None

The meeting ended at 8:35pm

Signed

Dated: 23rd March 2020