



## WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL

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**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Two

**MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS:** None

**PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Atherton, Town Clerk.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** County Councillor Groskop.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Winder.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from the Chamber of Commerce informed Council the annual extravaganza will not take place this year. The lantern parade will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the same evening as the Christmas tree lights are switched on. The representative will liaise with the Clerk.

#### 0613 APOLOGIES

Councillor Cook.

#### 0614 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hinks and Hearne declared an interest in planning application 19/01462/FUL and did not vote.

#### 0615 POLICE REPORT

None Received.

#### 0616 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (minutes 0601-0612). On a proposal from Councillor Olds, seconded by Councillor Vagg, the minutes were approved and signed by Madam Chair.

#### 0617 PLANNING:

##### Applications recommended for approval

18/03971/ADV The display of 8 no of non-illuminated site signs including general school signage and an external school notice board. Wincanton Primary School. Proposed by Councillor Old, seconded by Councillor Hearne. Vote Unanimous.

19/01626/HOU Erection of a single storey extension to building. Orchard Cottage, Common Road. Proposed by Councillor Old, seconded by Councillor Tudgay. Vote: unanimous.

##### Application recommended for refusal

19/01462/FUL The erection of an attached dwelling and formation of associated parking. 11 Balsam Fields. Proposed by Councillor Old, seconded by Councillor Eadington. Vote 10 for, 1 against. Councillor Greening abstained from voting. Due to the lack of amenity to neighbouring properties. Council have concerns about the

traffic problems in that area and are satisfied the housing requirements in the Town have been met.

#### **Applications approved by South Somerset District Council**

None received.

#### **0618 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK**

##### **County Councillor**

Councillor Groskop talked about the recent meeting with SCC and the Museum committee and the small improvements scheme. She mentioned the lack of drivers for hospital runs etc, a scheme which transports people to and from appointments. Any volunteers for the scheme should contact the Balsam Centre.

##### **South Somerset District Councillor**

Councillor Winder talked about the planning department at SSSDC, Vedlars Hey drainage and the shortage of staff at SSSDC.

##### **Chairman of the Council**

Councillor Shelbourn Barrow opened the fete at the community hospital and urged Councillors to attend the Wincanton for the Future meeting, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

##### **Council representatives to outside bodies**

None.

#### **0619 CHEQUE LIST**

On a proposal from Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Hinks, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Tudgay will sign the cheques Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Council noted the quarterly accounts.

#### **0620 WINCANTON FOR THE FUTURE**

On a proposal from Councillor Old and seconded by Councillor Vagg, Council voted unanimously to adopt the terms of reference for a working group. Councillors Galitzine, Old, Vagg, Smith and Thomas volunteered to form the working group.

#### **0621 ENVIRONMENTAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Madam Chair asked Councillors Groskop and Winder what action their respective councils are taking. Councillor Groskop confirmed SCC have adopted a policy and have recruited a civil servant to work with 19 other councils.

After a lengthy discussion, council resolved to appoint Councillor Greening to carry out some research and report back to council.

#### **0622 PUBLIC WORKS LOAN**

On a proposal from Councillor Old, seconded by Councillor Tudgay, council voted unanimously for the Chair and Clerk to sign the application for a loan for a new skate park.

#### **0623 CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

Council voted unanimously to amend the cemetery regulations to include a paragraph about non parishioners.

#### **0624 HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Councillors talked about Balsam Park and Balsam Fields, school traffic and speeding. The Chair invited Councillors to email the Clerk with any other concerns, to which she will raise with the Highways department.

#### **0625 ARTICLES FOR THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**

Council agreed an article on raising awareness for the climate emergency should be submitted for the September issue. Councillor Vagg will write the article.

**0626 RESTORATION OF THE NATHANIEL IRESON MONUMENT**

After discussion council voted to award the committee £1,500 towards the restoration.

**0627 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT**

Item	Action
<p>The Clerk briefed council on her recent meeting with the Cale Park Kitchen owners and the restoration of the bench outside the Town Hall.</p> <p>Letter of thanks to the Chair for opening the fete at the community hospital.</p> <p>Notification of the new road names at Dykes Way.</p>	

**0628 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

The Old Faithful

The meeting ended at 8:50pm

Signed .....

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019