



## WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL

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**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Three.

**MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS:** None

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Ellard (Chairman), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), Walters, Cook, D Smith, Hearne, Hinks, H Smith, Rodgers and McLarnon.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** County Councillor Groskop.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Winder, Councillor Colbert: apologies given.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident and business owner talked about the changes in car parking suggested in the Wincanton Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan. He presented Councillors with a fact sheet showing the reduction to car parking and asked Council to minimise the car parking loss suggested.

Two residents and business owners requested to use the Market Place for outdoor dining during the summer months. After discussion, Council agreed to Liaise with Somerset County Highways and discuss at the next meeting.

#### **0480 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Galitzine, Shelbourn Barrow and Old.

#### **0481 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **0482 POLICE REPORT**

Council noted the Police Report for December 2018.

#### **0483 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (minutes 0471-0479). On a proposal from Councillor Hearne, seconded by Councillor Rodgers, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **0484 PLANNING:**

##### **Application recommended for approval**

18/04004/FUL

18/04005/LBC

Internal and external alterations to include re-opening of blocked window on west elevation and plastering of rubble stonework in south porch, stairs to basement and below cill of re-opened window, The Dogs, South Street. Proposed by Councillor H Smith, seconded by Councillor Tudgay. Vote: Unanimous.

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

18/03737/HOU

The erection of a single storey rear extension to the dwelling House, 24 Verrington Park Road.

18/02639/FUL

The change of use of land from agriculture to general industry with hardstanding, Jardo Ltd, Wincanton Business Park.

### County Councillor

County Councillor Groskop wished Councillors a happy new year and talked about Somerset County Council's finances several phone calls she had received regarding parking and speeding and informed Council that the Highways Department will now empty gullies on request rather than the 4 year cycle.

### South Somerset District Councillor

District Councillor Winder talked about the transformation of SSDC which will cause lots of problems in the next 6 months. He talked about the Wincanton Strategy consultation at the Memorial Hall, and urged Councillors to submit their views. There are problems at the Vedler's Hay site concerning a wall and the SSDC Savour the Flavour event will be held in Wincanton March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### Chairman of the Council

Councillor Ellard has attended several Sports Ground meetings and talked about the need for volunteers at the Sports Ground to keep it running.

### Council representatives to outside bodies

Councillor Hinks attended a Museum meeting. Councillor H Smith attended a trustees meeting at the Balsam Centre and Councillor Walters attended a meeting for the Live at Home Scheme.

## 0485 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Councillor Ellard and seconded by Councillor McLarnon, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Ellard and Hinks will sign the cheques Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Council noted the quarterly accounts.

## 0486 CEMETERY REGULATIONS

On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor H Smith, Council voted unanimously to increase the height of the memorial stone for the Garden of Remembrance to 4 inches.

## 0487 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Councillor Hinks reported the parking problem leading to Balsam Fields from South Street. Councillor Cook asked why the grit bin at Cale Way is on the road.

Councillor D Smith reported the bad signage at Thornwell Lane and the road markings at Pines Close,

## 0488 FUNDING FOR THE SKATEPARK

Council discussed the process of applying for a Public Works Loan via the National Association of Local Councils. Councillor Ellard proposed to apply for £150,000 and that Council entrust the Clerk with engaging with NALC, preparing documentation for a public consultation and reporting back to Council. Councillor Hinks seconded the proposal and Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal. Council agreed unanimously that Maverick Industries will carry out the works as per their quote.

## 0489 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

Item	Action
Request from Cale Park Kitchen for new flooring in the meeting room.	Council agreed to purchase the new flooring.
Invitation to submit feedback on the draft Economic Development Strategy.	
Thank you letters from Read Easy, Balsam Centre and the CAT bus.	Request granted.
Request for a grit bin at the top of Springfield Road.	

**0490 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**  
Market Place. (25<sup>th</sup> February 2019).

The meeting ended at 8:15pm

Signed .....

Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019