



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton (Town Clerk)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: County Councillor Groskop

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: District Councillor Winder and District Councillor Colbert

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Ellard (Chairman), H Smith, Rodgers, D Smith, Hearne, Cook, Galitzine, Fry and Walters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Penn View resident talked about the planning application for Windmill Farm and urged Council to recommend refusal.

0030 ELECTIONS

Councillor Ellard was voted as Chairman and Councillor Tudgay, Vice Chairman. Both votes were unanimous.

0031 APOLOGIES

Councillors Tudgay, Hinks and Hibberd

0032 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ellard stated he has known the applicants for the Windmill Farm planning application for over 40 years and declared he will not be voting on that application.

0033 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk read out the statistics from March 2017 taken from the Police website. Councillor Ellard informed Council of the recent meeting with the Police he had attended with the Clerk. Various offences around the Town had been discussed and he assured Council the Police are doing everything they can but cannot talk about the cases.

0034 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monday 24th April 2017 (minutes 0001-0014). On a proposal from Councillor Hearne, seconded by Councillor Cook, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Monday 8th May 2017 (minutes 0015-0018). On a proposal from Councillor Rodgers, seconded by Councillor Galitzine, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

0035 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Councillor Ellard presented and signed the Minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting held 8th May 2017 (Minutes 0019-0029)). On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor, the Minutes were adopted by Council.

0036 APPOINTMENTS**Open Spaces Committee**

Councillors Ellard, Tudgay, Cook, Hearne, Hibberd, D Smith, Vagg and Walters

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Councillors Ellard, Tudgay, Old, Hinks, Rodgers, H Smith, Fry and Galitzine

Buildings, Property and Town Hall Improvements Committee

Councillors Cook, Old, Tudgay, Vagg, Hearne and Galitzine

Cale Park Committee

Councillors Tudgay, D Smith, Vagg, Walters and Hearne

Car Parks Committee

Councillors Cook, Tudgay, Ellard, and Fry

Christmas Planning Committee

Councillors Ellard, Hibberd, Tudgay, Walters and Vagg

Grievance & Discipline Committee

Councillor Ellard, Tudgay, H Smith, Cook and Fry

Transport Hub

Councillors Hibberd and Hinks

Transport & Highways Committee

Councillors Old, Cook, Ellard, H Smith, Tudgay and Fry

Allotments	Councillor Rodgers
Balsam Centre	Councillor H Smith
Carnival	Councillor Galitzine
CAB	Councillor Vagg
CAT Bus	Councillor Hibberd
Live at Home	Councillor Walters
Memorial Hall	Councillor Hinks
Planning Councillor	Councillor Cook
Tourist Information	Deputy Town Clerk
Wincanton Businesses Together	Councillors H Smith and Galitzine
Wincanton Sports Ground	Councillor Cook
Winibus	Councillor Rodgers

0037 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Council resolved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman to take place at the first meetings.

0038 PLANNING:**Application recommended for Approval**

17/01032/ADV Erection of hanging sign and fascia sign on north elevation of building, Red Lion, 3 Market Place
Proposed by Councillor Fry, seconded by Councillor H Smith. Vote: unanimous.

Application recommended for refusal

17/01484/OUT

Outline application for phased residential development

Of up to 150 dwellings, incorporating access with all other matters reserved for future consideration, Land OS 1200, Bayford Hill.

Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Galitzine. Vote: 8 for. Councillor Ellard abstained from voting.

Wincanton Town Council recommends refusal on the following grounds: The proposed building density is excessive and inappropriate, there are concerns regarding highway safety at the proposed entrance to the development. There is likely to be an unacceptable visual impact of the development, the ecological surveys are insufficient in extent and the Town Council regards the continual development of housing rather than employment to be unsustainable.

0039 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK**County Councillor Groskop**

Councillor Groskop is honoured to be re-elected. There is nothing new to report. Councillor Groskop will find out which portfolio's she will hold at the next Full Council meeting.

District Councillor Colbert

Councillor Colbert is making steady progress on the eyesores around the Town. He talked about the vandalism at the play area, the new primary school and lack of spending on health and leisure in Wincanton. He asked the Town Council to join his campaign for more money to be spent in the Town.

District Councillor Winder

Councillor Winder talked about subsidising the Octagon Theatre and the Westlands Complex. He also talked about social housing.

Chairman of the Council

The Chairman has attended meetings with the developer regarding the handover of the cemetery extension, the Chairman of Wincanton Racecourse and a dementia meeting. He also had a site visit at the White Horse Hotel and attended the public meeting regarding Christmas Lighting for the High Street.

Council representatives to outside bodies

None

0040 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Councillor Fry seconded by Councillor Hearne, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Ellard and Walters will sign the cheques Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

0041 ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement, Council considered and approved the statement in accordance with the Regulations and voted for the Chairman to sign it.

The Clerk read out the Accounting Statements for 2016/2017. Council approved the statements and voted for the Chairman to sign it.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk read out the Internal Audit Report. Council noted the contents and comments.

0042 RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT INTERNAL CONTROLS

Council reviewed the document for year ending 2018. On a proposal from Councillor H Smith, seconded by Councillor Fry, Council voted unanimously to adopt the contents.

0043 SECURITY PATROLS

The Clerk briefed Council on the recent occurrences reported by the security company. On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Hearne, Council voted unanimously to erect signage stating the play area will be closed from dusk to dawn.

0044 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk informed Council about the German Twinning Children's visit to the Town Hall.
Letter of resignation from Stewart Wray.
Email from District Councillor Colbert regarding health and leisure provisions.
Email from SSDC acknowledging receipt of the Neighbourhood Plan.
South Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation.
Letter from HM Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset about Somerset Remembers.
Email from John Smith regarding the bank closures.
Temporary Road Closure 26th June 2017, Brewham Road and Bruton Road, Bruton.

0045 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Chairman has arranged dementia training for all Councillors after the next Full Council meeting on the 12th June 2017.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm.

Signed

Dated: 12th June 2017