

**WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016 IN THE TOWN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors Ellard (Chairman), Old, Hibberd, Walters, Hinks, Cook, H Smith, Wray, Hearne, Vallance, Tudgay and Vagg.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**5732 ELECTIONS**

Councillor Ellard was voted as Chairman  
 Councillor Tudgay was voted as Vice-Chairman

**5733 APOLOGIES**

Councillors D Smith and Humphreys.

**5734 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**5735 POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk read out the Police report which covered the service calls from Somerton and Wincanton.

**5736 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL AND THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (Minutes 5706-5717). On a proposal from Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Vagg, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Councillor Old abstained from voting.  
 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Minutes 5718-5721). On a proposal from Councillor Vagg, seconded by Councillor Hearne, the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Councillors Hinks and Old abstained from voting.

**5737 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**5738 REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Wray presented and signed the Minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Minutes 5722-5731). On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Cook, the Minutes were adopted by Council. Councillor Old abstained from voting.

**5739 APPOINTMENTS**

Councillor Hearne joined the Open Spaces committee.  
 Councillors Cook and Tudgay joined the Buildings and Property working group.  
 Councillor Cook left the Christmas Planning working group.  
 All other appointments remain the same.  
 Councillor Old abstained from voting.

**5740 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.

**5741 PLANNING:**

**Application recommended for approval**

16/02029/FUL                      Re-cladding of complete building in silver metal cladding, removal of 3 rollover shutters from north elevation and replacement of remaining 2. 15 Bennetts Field Trading Estate. Councillor Old abstained from voting.

**Application approved by South Somerset District Council**

16/01245/FUL                      Window replacement works, 3, 4, 11, 12, 14 Shadwell Lane.

**5742 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK**

**District Councillor Colbert**

Councillor Colbert had attended a crime meeting with housing suppliers in Yeovil, They discussed eviction of serial crime offenders. A recent District Executive meeting discussed confidential business about Westlands.

Councillor Colbert had attended a meeting to discuss a way forward for the Sports Ground. Councillor Colbert and Winder will push for funding and to recognise the Sports Ground as a strategic facility. Councillor Colbert talked about the plans for the new Primary School.

#### **District Councillor Winder**

Councillor Winder talked about the plans for the new Primary School.

#### **County Councillor Groskop**

Councillor Groskop informed Council the A371 is due for re-surfacing 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Dancing Lane is due 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and the Holbrook roundabout is due 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Councillor Groskop would be very disappointed if the plans for the new Primary School are not approved. The children at the school chose the external colours. The Town Council have approved it and the community have been consulted. It would harm the education of the children if delayed.

#### **Chairman**

The Chairman had a meeting with Councillor Tudgay and Wicksteed to discuss the refurbishment of the horse at the play area and a possible trim trail. The Chairman had also attended the Market Town Investment Group meeting, the Health and Social Care Forum, the Neighbourhood Plan and the Wincanton Choral Society concert. The Chairman and several other Councillors watched the new bridge being installed.

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

Councillor Rodgers attended the Winibus meeting and informed Council they are looking for volunteer drivers. Councillor Vagg attended the Somerset Towns Forum. Councillor Hinks attend a Museum meeting.

#### **5743 CHEQUE LIST**

Councillor Tudgay clarified cheque number 9054.

On a proposal by Councillor Hinks, seconded by Councillor Vallance, the cheques were approved and Councillors H Smith and Hinks were nominated to sign cheques on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

#### **5744 ANNUAL RETURN**

The Clerk read out the Internal Auditor's report. Council noted the comments. The Clerk will ensure they are actioned.

The Clerk read out the Annual Return, to which all Councillor's received a copy.

On a proposal from Councillor Ellard seconded by Councillor Vallance, it was resolved that the Chairman will sign the Annual Return. Vote: Unanimous.

#### **5745 CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
26/04/2016	Zac Greening	Request for funding for the Wincanton Festival	
03/05/2016	Chairman WSGCMC Ltd	Thank you letter for the annual grant	
16/05/2016	SRYP	Wincanton Youth Day 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	
17/05/2016	Wicksteed	Cost of repairing the horse at the play area	

#### **5746 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

20mph Limit

List of Priorities for the Town

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm

Signed .....

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016