



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 8

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton (Town Clerk)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: County Councillor Groskop

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: District Councillor Winder.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Ellard (Chairman), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), D Smith, Hearne, Old, Cook, Galitzine, Fry, Wray, Hinks and Vagg.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several young people attended the meeting to talk about the repairs needed at the Skate Park. The spokesperson informed Council of their intention, as a group, to raise funds from local events. After discussion, Council agreed Councillors Fry, Hearne and Vagg would liaise with the group and report back to Council. Council thanked the group for attending the meeting.

The owner of the White Horse Hotel briefed Council on her plans for renovation. She asked Council for support regarding the new plans for the land at the back of the Hotel. The Chairman thanked her for attending and stated in principal she had his support, however Council would not comment until the plans are received for recommendation.

0001 APOLOGIES

Councillors H Smith, Rodgers, Walters and Hibberd

0002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

0003 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk read out the statistics from February 2017 taken from the Police website. Council discussed the different ways to report crime. After discussion it was agreed a reporting folder would be available in the Town Hall. The Clerk will pass on any reports to the Police.

0004 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Monday 27th March 2017 (minutes 6009-6021). On a proposal from Councillor Hearne, seconded by Councillor Tudgay, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

0005 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

None held in March.

0006 PLANNING:**Application recommended for Approval**

17/01475/S73 Application to vary condition no. 02 (approved plans) and 12 (access) of 14/04698/FUL for revised concrete plant structure and siting. Variation of timing of delivery of the works. Land OS 4774, Lawrence Hill. Proposed by Councillor Vagg, seconded by Councillor Tudgay. Vote: unanimous.

Applications approved by South Somerset District Council

15/00288/OUT Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of up to 15 dwellings, Vedelers Hey, Balsam Park.

17/00914/FUL Garage and Kitchen extensions, Carystones, South Street.

17/00790/FUL Demolition of porch and the erection of single storey front extension, The Cottage, Nursery Lane,

17/00301/LBC Repair and repaint exterior woodwork in colours consistent with properties within the conservation area, Red Lion, 3 Market Place.

0007 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK**Chairman of the Council**

The Chairman has attended meetings with the Sports Ground Trustees and the Property Developer who is transferring the land at the Cemetery to the Council. He also visited the David Sharp Centre with the Clerk to ascertain any work needed.

Council representatives to outside bodies

None

0008 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Councillor Hinks seconded by Councillor Hearne, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Vagg will sign the cheques Tuesday 25th April 2017.

0009 END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Fry, Council voted to adopt the end of year accounts subject to the external audit.

0010 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council received and considered the revised draft Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan document and summary of main issues raised in the pre-submission consultation for consideration and approval for submission to South Somerset District Council

Council recommend that the revised draft Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan as presented, with any further changes (as resolved in the meeting), be approved for submission and agreement of the independent examiner's appointment with South Somerset District Council and delegated to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in consultation with the Mayor.

0011 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Councillor Old briefed Council on the recommendations of the Transport Working Group. Council Voted 10 for 1 against to adopt the version 1 recommendation and to review in 12 months. Council also voted to precept £4,000 for the 2018 request. Councillor Old will contact Highways.

0012 OPEN SPACES REPORT

The Clerk briefed Council on the activities carried out during the month.

0013 CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

- a) Email from a resident with a response from Avon & Somerset Police regarding rates.
- b) Email from Somerset Community Foundation – Social Action Fund.
- c) Email from South Somerset District Council – Market Lamp Specification.
- d) Poppy of Honour 2018 information.
- e) Request from the WHCPPG for funding for mother & baby parking – refused.
- f) Email from the Balsam Centre regarding the bank closures. Councillor Ellard will liaise with John Smith to offer assistance.
- g) Letter from the Gardeners Association informing Council Otter Nurseries free donation.
- h) Email regarding new signage at the Town Entrance.

0014 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

None

The meeting ended at 8:35pm.

Signed

Dated: 22nd May 2017