

WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Ellard (Chairman), Tudgay (Deputy Chairman), Rodgers, Hinks, Cook, H Smith, Hearne, Walters, Old, D Smith and Vagg.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

5961 APOLOGIES

Councillors Hibberd and Wray. County Councillor Groskop.

5962 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5963 POLICE REPORT

Not received.

5964 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 12th AND 22ND DECEMBER 2016 AND 9TH AND 17TH JANUARY 2017

12th December 2016 (Minutes 5925-5935). On a proposal from Councillor Hearne, seconded by Councillor Tudgay, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

22nd December 2016 (Minutes 5936-5938). On a proposal from Councillor Vagg, seconded by Councillor H Smith, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

9th January 2017 (Minutes 5939-5942). On a proposal from Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Old the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

17th January 2017 (Minutes 5958-5960). On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Rodgers, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5965 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councillor Tudgay presented and signed the minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting held 9th January 2017 (Minutes 5943-5951). On a proposal from Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Hearne, the minutes were adopted by Council.

Councillor Vagg presented and signed the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held Tuesday 10th January 2017 (Minutes 5952-5957). On a proposal from Councillor Vagg, seconded by Councillor Ellard, the minutes were adopted by Council.

5966 PLANNING:

Application recommended for approval

16/05360/FUL Erection of a single storey and two storey extension, 23 Thornwell Way. Proposed by Councillor Tudgay, seconded by Councillor Ellard. Vote: unanimous.

Applications approved by South Somerset District Council

16/05145/LBC The replacement of French doors on the south elevation and a replacement window on the west elevation. Verrington Lodge, Verrington Lane.

16/05295/FUL Erection on an extension to farm building to form milking parlour and stock housing area. Rodgrove House Farm, Moor Lane.

16/05163/ADV The display of 6 illuminated signs and 3 non-illuminated signs. Camelot Shopping Centre.

5967 VERBAL REPORTS AND FEEDBACK

District Councillor Winder

Councillor Winder talked about the control of finances at SSDC, they have agreed the tax support scheme and CIL will be introduced on the 3rd April 2017. 15% will be allocated to the Town. He also talked about the Historic Environment and Street Trading policies that are under consultation.

District Councillor Colbert

Councillor Colbert talked about his recent article in the Western Gazette regarding employment in the Town. He is pleased the ground work on the new school is underway. Councillor Colbert then informed Council about the cuts at SSDC and how they have recruited 2 new senior managers at a considerable cost to the rate payer. Councillor Colbert and Councillor Winder had a meeting with the land owner of the Dancing Lane housing development. He is sure there will be some S106 money for the Sports Ground if the next application is approved.

Chairman

The Chairman had attended several meetings including the Dementia Care Group, Wincanton Community Partnership and the Annual Parish meeting at SSDC Churchfields.

Council representatives to outside bodies

Councillor Hinks had recently attended the Museum meeting.

5968 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal by Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Hearne, the cheques were approved and Councillors Tudgay and Hinks were nominated to sign cheques on Wednesday 25th January 2017. Council noted the quarterly accounts.

5969 PRECEPT

The Clerk read out the precept request. On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Vagg, the precept was agreed at £263,400. Vote: Unanimous. The Chairman signed the precept request.

5970 ANNUAL REVIEW

Asset Register: Updated and agreed.

Insurance Levels: No change.

Fees; DSC and the Town Hall: The Chairman asked for this to be discussed at the next meeting. The user groups fees are highly discounted, he would like to see the savings they make which may lead to possible funding from SSDC.

Fees: Cemetery: Council voted unanimously to increase the cemetery fees by 15% and to not charge burial fees for children under 12. Non-residents will pay £48 to inter a child under 12.

Standing Orders: Council voted unanimously to amend paragraph 3b (i) to include agendas/minutes may be sent via email. Hard copies will be posted to those Councillors who request them.

Financial Regulations: No change.

Effectiveness of Internal Audit: To include written response required from the Internal Auditor upon appointment. The Chairman signed the Statement on Internal Control for the year ending 31st March 2017.

5971 EMERGENCY PLAN

Council resolved to adopt the Emergency Plan.

5972 TRAFFIC ISSUES

The Clerk read out an email from the Highways Department regarding the 20mph request. It has been put forward as a small Improvement Scheme and we will be asked to comment on the proposal in due course.

The Clerk read out a letter from Dawn Old regarding speeding in the Town. Council resolved to set up a meeting with the Highways Department to discuss the letter and the 20mph request.

5973 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Resignation letter from Karen Newman.
- b. Non installation of speed indicator devices until 23rd October 2017'
- c. Complaint regarding parking at Overton – The Clerk has informed the Police.
- d. Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Temporary Road Closure at Lawrence Hill.
- e. Email from the High Sheriff of Somerset – The Deputy Town Clerk will respond.
- f. BBC 2 Repair Shop request.
- g. Letter from a visitor to the Town regarding the paving at Carrington Way.

5974 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cale Park update.

The Chairman commended the Town Council staff on their prompt action on gritting.

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm

Signed

Dated: 27th February 2017