

WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020
ONLINE & LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

PROPER OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Tyzack Locum Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Shelbourn-Barrow (Chair), Tudgay (Deputy Chair), Power, Ralph, Thomas, Smith, Walters and Greening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public attended for Public Participation. The Chair noted the residents' comments. As for Mr Ellard's' question regarding the grants they are on the Agenda for the next meeting. They will be discussed by full council on Monday 28th September.

0092 APOLOGIES

Councillor Galitzine.

0093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Greening declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Christmas Lights.

0094 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Zoom Meeting held 24th August 2020 (Minute 0076 – 0091). The minutes had no questions raised. Proposed Councillor Ralph, seconded Councillor Greening. Vote: 8 For. The minutes were approved.

0095 PLANNING

Councillor Thomas reported application 20/02172/HOU. Councillor Tudgay proposed the application be approved. Seconded Councillor Walters. Vote 8 For.

0096 CHEQUE LIST

Cheque list approved. Proposed Councillor Thomas, Seconded Councillor Tudgay. Vote: 8 For. Councillor Walters and Tudgay to sign the cheques Tuesday 15 September 2020.

0097 STAKEHOLDER GROUP

The Chair reported she wished to give those colleagues who don't attend Stakeholder Group and others an update. At the beginning of this financial year we commenced the Good Stuff Fund and currently to date have had 4 projects that have been supported through the Good Stuff Fund. They have gone through the Stakeholder Group and full council. Tonight, we have supported the cheques to provide that money. Against each one of those projects, depending on the size of the project, there is clear governance in terms of what the expectation is from council in terms of reporting back to council delivery of the aims they set out as part of that project and at the end of the year an expectation they come and present the good news from those projects as well. We have completed one quarter and are moving into quarter two. I have seen two applications I understood there was a third being developed. There are two to review in October that will go to full council for approval if they get through the Stakeholder Group. The monies left over in the Good Stuff Fund will roll over to the quarter that goes into quarter three then into quarter four where the monies will be reviewed again. We will bring back an update on the budget but also identify those projects that are proceeding. In terms of the Good Stuff Fund as part of precept we agreed a post to support the work and the year 1 plan. That post was appointed on 1st July. The holder of post withdrew themselves from the role from the 1st September, so we are now reviewing what we do for the next

six months to take our year 1 plan forward. The year 1 plan is on the website under Wincanton for the future. We will continue to consult on the plan, looking forward seeing what we might include, but obviously because of Covid 19 some of the work hasn't been able to be taken forward because we were shut down in many ways. So, at a future date we will come back again revisit the plan and check items within that plan so it can move forward to the following year plan. We will also consider new options. We will capture through engagement event with our residents and this will ultimately be through pop ups and/ or as we cannot come together as we did hold our engagement events. This is a verbal update this time and no action is required other than to note we are progressing projects have been secured and we will be looking to secure a post to support the ongoing work within Wincanton for the future and the year 1 plan.

Councillor Ralph reported she found the stakeholder group was a good meeting to attend she found it so encouraging she would really encourage other Councillor's to go along and listen in also wished to thank all the stakeholder who are engaging with us they are giving up their time a lot of them are very busy people and she hoped it would continue into the future.

0098 GENERAL DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Chair reported this had been discussed previously. Councillor Walters had developed a profile for council to consider. This had been based on a format to enable councillors who attend outside meetings to understand their role and bring back to council on a regular basis a report. This is a two-way process to communicate with outside bodies. There were no questions from councillors. The motion was supported by Councillor Tudgay seconded by Councillor Thomas. Vote FOR 8.

0099 NOLAN PRINCIPLES

The Nolan Principles are the seven principles of public life. Wincanton Town Council firmly believes in it and although it is enshrined in the Code of Conduct the council wishes to emphasise it. As it supports it 100%. Councillor Tudgay responded saying he felt this should be brought forward as a separate document for all councillors to sign. All new councillors should sign on joining the council, or on re-election. He went on to say that having been subjected to some verbal abuse by a fellow councillor it would do no harm at all to reinforce the principles. Councillor Tudgay proposed the motion. Seconded by Councillor Thomas. Vote FOR 8.

0100 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Chair reported that on the 13th July 2020 (009), discussed Christmas tenders that had come forward. They were under £5000 so did not require tendering. Voted on the motion being two tenders proposed by Councillor Ralph seconded by Councillor Vagg. Vote 8 FOR 2 abstained. On the 17th July 2020, Councillor Thomas withdrew his proposal for the project due issues outside of council. Chair went on, we are revisiting this subject only in terms of an update. Councillor Greening went on to advise Councillors that at the last meeting they were looking for written consent from the headmaster of Blue School (Wincanton Primary School) which was forthcoming. He has agreed that Councillors Greening go in the school to provide a three-day workshop with the children to build the Christmas lights installation for the tree. The Chair asked Councillor Greening if there were any changes in National Policy. Councillor Greening replied that headmaster will inform if there are any changes. Councillor Greening will continue with the project.

0101 TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS PRECEPT 2021

Chair reported the Grants Precept 2021 is on the Council website for applicants to apply. Closing date is Friday 30th October 2020.

0102 ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Chair reported the application form will be on the website. Applications close on 9th October 2020. Nominations will be discussed on 26th October 2020. She went on to announce a new award for those under 25 years of age, young people not previously identified in the award system. Secondly council is structuring the awards certificates, making them smaller, A4 size instead of full size. This will provide better use of funding but still give the full support recognising people in the community whether they be groups or individuals who are doing well and have done good work. We do not know when council can hold the awards ceremony.

0103 CORRESPONDENCE

Chair drew council's attention to the numbered paper on correspondence provided by Deputy Clerk.

- All resignation letters are noted. Council will be responding and recognising the long service of individuals to the Town and the council. Points 1,2 and 3 the formal process has been completed.
- Point 4. Live at home information with data and activity. Chair is aware from speaking with manager of live at home that they will not be fully operational in terms of their new model offering groups of people until next April. We will be looking as a town as part of our town offer to support those people that would have access to groups in due course working with other bodies in the town.
- Point 5. Word magazine requesting funding. Councillor Tudgay suggested pointing the writer to the grant's precept scheme. Councillor Greening agreed. Chair will ask Deputy Clerk to respond in writing.
- Point 6. Hooga Coffee has applied for a pavement licence.
- Point 7. Payphone consultation. Chair reported one payphone in the consultation which will be impacted due to low numbers of calls made. Councillor Tudgay remarked that if that is the case it might as well go. Councillor Greening brought council attention to the creation of the plinth outside the post office. After the lamp went back up, he wondered if it might be an opportunity to re-create that programme within the town and thought the phone box made quite a good substitute or replacement for that programme. He made some enquiries with BT and from that they reinstated the phone line. They do speak about the people adopting for resuscitation purposes.

Should the council change it into a 5th plinth that mirrors the plinth which was outside the post office.

Councillor Thomas thought it a shame to remove it. Councillor Ralph noticed the final date for reply was 30 September 2020 and suggested there was opportunity for some thoughts and return with them at the next meeting. Councillor Tudgay remarked that it was not an old red one so not very nice looking.

Councillor Smith thought it better to look at having the area as a nice open space which would be more useful. Councillor Greening stated whatever happens it would be best to leave a power supply in its place. Councillor Greening will work with the Deputy Clerk and provide a proposal at the next meeting.

- Point 8. Chair noted the request for the Town Meeting. This will be on the next Agenda.
- Point 9. As per point 1.
- Point 10. Notification of holding Wincanton Wheelers Junior Event. Councillor Tudgay and Ralph supported the event however noted the Wincanton Wheelers to hold responsibility to comply with National Guidelines.

Members of public left the meeting at 19:52.

- Point 11. Christmas budget. Letter from resident mentioning the £2000.00. As council knows it is factually incorrect. Councillor Tudgay suggested in the reply mention to be made about the two schools and why one project withdrew.
- Point 12. AGAR. PFK Littlejohn has given a deadline as 30/09/2020. Now on Agenda for 28/09/2020. Internal Auditor consulted. An update will be made at future date. Somerset Association Local Council has been made aware.
- Point 13. Election. Councillor Greening requested costing for election. Chair explained the cost for the Election will be put in the precept 21/22
- Point 14. As per point 1.

0104 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

1. Seats or bench at the graveyard. Open Spaces. Cllr Greening suggested getting the school involved in design of benches.
2. AGAR.
3. Cale Park to agree reinstating the meetings.
4. Wincanton Environmental and Ecological Plan.
5. Risk Assessment for Covid 19. To be revisited for Council to return to in person meetings and public areas to confirm compliance with National Policy and guidance.
6. Appointment of Councillors to outside bodies.
7. Midyear review of grant. Two organisations The Balsam Centre and Wincanton Sports Centre.

The meeting was then closed 20:08:00 duration of meeting 01:08:00

Signed:



Date: 28th September 2020