



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020 VIA ZOOM AND STREAMED LIVE ON YOUTUBE

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: One

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS: None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Atherton, Town Clerk, Muriel Cairns, Deputy Town Clerk

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Shelbourn Barrow (Chairman), Tudgay (Vice-Chairman), Old, Smith, Greening, Eadington, Galitzine, Vagg, Ralph, Walter, Power.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident who spoke at the meeting stated that he had written to all Councillors in the last two weeks as he had picked up from some Councillors and on social media that there was some disquiet amongst the Councillors and a lack of coming together of the Councillors as a group since he had stopped being a Councillor in May 2019. The resident wished to re-iterate his written offer to mediate and stated that it would be an advantage to make use of his ability before the Council seek external mediation which would cost money from the public purse and he would answer any questions Councillors might have. There were no questions. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow thanked the resident for coming forward today.

0032 APOLOGIES

Councillors Rodgers, Hinks and Hearne.

0033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Greening declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Christmas Decorations and Agenda Item 8 – Stars of Wincanton.

Cllr Thomas arrived late for the meeting, he declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Christmas Decorations

Cllr Greening informed the Council that Cllr Thomas will be late attending the meeting.

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow put forward a proposal to the Council, Planning which is item 4 on the agenda Cllr Shelbourn Barrow would like to move this item down to point 11 of the agenda and move item 11 on the agenda the Picnic Party in the Park move up to point 4 of the agenda, therefore giving Cllr Thomas some time as the Town Council Planning Officer to attend the Full Town Council Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Tudgay and seconded by Cllr Galitzine. Vote: 11 For. Councillors approved to move the agenda items.

0034 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Zoom Meeting Monday 8th June 2020 (minutes 0007-0019), with the amendments. On a proposal from Cllr Tudgay, seconded by Cllr Vagg. Vote: 9 For, 2 Against. The minutes were approved.

Zoom Meeting Monday 22nd June 2020 (minutes 0020-0031). On a proposal from Cllr Ralph, seconded by Cllr Vagg. Vote: 10 For, 1 Abstained. The minutes were approved.

0035 PICNIC PARTY IN THE PARK

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow spoke about the Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital suggestion to hold a Picnic Party in the Park and for a working group to be set up to decide when and where we move forward with this so that key people are involved from the start. Cllr Eadington referred to Cllr Hearne's email sent to all Councillors regarding the plans for a public party/gathering in the Sports Ground around next Easter, hopefully when restrictions are lifted, as we can't start planning before restrictions are lifted. Cllr Tudgay agreed with Cllr Eadington's comments and was strongly against any type of gathering this year. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow stated that The Picnic in the Park and the Sports Ground are two different things and they would need to be looked at independently.

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow read out a statement – The Party in the Park which was the picnic that was proposed as an idea to recognise all the good stuff in the town but also some of the issues that followed because of COVID will not move forward, however, we will look to set up a working group with key people, stakeholders involved towards the latter part of this year so we can then secure a date at the right time next year.

7.22pm Cllr Thomas joined the meeting**0036 PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW**

Councillors reviewed Wincanton Town Council's planning application process. It was suggested that the Town Council have a planning committee to review applications, do site visits with the planning committee and interested parties and make recommendations on planning applications received from SSDC for the Town Councillors to consider. Proposed by Cllr Galitzine and seconded by Cllr Thomas. Vote: 7 For, 3 Against and 2 Abstained

0037 CHEQUE LIST

On a proposal from Cllr Power and seconded by Cllr Vagg, the cheque list was approved. Councillors Hinks and Walters will sign the cheques Tuesday 14th July 2020.

0038 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Cllr Greening gave an update on his proposal for Christmas decorations, he will be working with Wincanton Primary School children to produce recycled plastic bottle icicles to hang on the tree near the Co-op in Carrington Way.

Cllr Thomas spoke about his proposal for Christmas decorations, he will be working with Our Lady's School children to produce decorations to hang on the Christmas tree which will be situated in Market Place.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of Code of Conduct and Pecuniary interest. Cllr Tudgay stated that both proposals should be done as a package. After a request for clarity the Clerk advised that the Councillors presenting the projects can neither propose, second or vote due to pecuniary interests. The Clerk further advised the amount was below £5,000 limit requiring a tender process. There was discussion in broad agreement, this discussion would be revisited in August when we have a more detailed picture of COVID-19 situation, but with enough time with schools to make enough logistical plans to progress this project. The tenders were unique that it would be difficult to tender. It was suggested that Council support the Christmas Tree Decorations, working with the two schools in the Town. Proposed by Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Vagg. Vote: 8 For, 2 Abstained. Cllrs Greening and Thomas did not vote on the proposal and remained on screen whilst voting took place.

0039 STARS OF WINCANTON

Zac outlined his proposal for Stars of Wincanton and asked if any Councillors would like to volunteer to join Stars of Wincanton working group to create a shortlist of suitable candidates for the project. Councillors Eadington, Vagg, Ralph and Power volunteered. Proposed by Cllr Greening and seconded by Cllr Smith to accept Councillors who have volunteered onto working group. Vote: 11 in favour, no objections and no abstentions.

0040 EXIT FROM LOCKDOWN

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow forwarded a motion about how to move forward with the Wincanton Town Offer. On 23rd/24th March 2020 the Wincanton Town Offer came into being, the offer comprised of three elements, one of which was Town Hall hardship parcels. The Live at Home and the Balsam Centre are still very much live with volunteers supporting those individuals and the NHS letters for those sheltered run to the end of August. The position around the impact of COVID and people losing jobs, people not feeling able to come out of their homes at this time will go on for some time. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow suggested setting up a working group made up of the offer in the Town but also residents or interested parties to come together so we adapt our Town Offer according to need and work with SPARK and others to enable that to be delivered going forward. Cllr Vagg asked that the Village Agent also be included on the working group. Proposed by Cllr Power and seconded by Cllr Tudgay. Vote: 12 For, no objections or abstentions. Cllrs Ralph, Vagg, Power, Walters and Shelbourn Barrow volunteered to be part of the working group. Councillors voted to support the names put forward for the working group. Vote: 12 For, no objections or abstentions.

0041 DUTIES OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Shelbourn Barrow thanked Cllr Walters for sending a proposed outline for a Councillor attending an outside body. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow read out the role profile. Cllr Tudgay suggested that all Councillors receive a copy of the role profile for discussion and it to be adopted within our policies and procedures. Cllr Shelbourn Barrow read out a statement – a duties profile for Councillors attending external bodies will be submitted to the Clerk, who will forward to all Councillors ready for discussion and ratification at the next Council meeting.

0042 PLANNING**Application recommended for approval**

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| 20/01709/S73A | Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval 15/00825/FUL (amended by 15/03630/S73) to allow internal re-organisation of the building and changes to fenestration. Land at Dykes Way. Council support the application and no comments to make at this time. Proposed by Cllr Tudgay, and seconded by Cllr Smith, Vote: Unanimous. |
| 20/01809/DOC | The discharge of condition 13 (Litter Management Scheme) attached to planning permission 19/03514/FUL, the erection of a restaurant with drive-thru, car parking, landscaping, patio and associated canopies, play frame and goal posts. Land north of The Wagtail, Lawrence Hill. Council are concerned about litter and would like to review it with the timeframes that are within the application, to then review again in six months to have a further discussion with the restaurant provider regarding additional signage around litter and the disposal of litter. Proposed by Councillor Ralph and seconded by Councillor Power. Vote: 9 For, 1 Against |

0043 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter – Phased re-opening of Somerset Libraries with new order-and-collect service.
 2. Letter from Somerset Association of Local Councils – Somerset Unitary – Remote session on Local Government Re-Organisation – 20th July 2020 4-6pm – **The Chair volunteered to attend**
 3. Locality Officer SSDC – Seeking permission to use area of Cale Park on Tuesday 5th August.
 4. Notification local areas playdays have been cancelled.
 5. Letter regarding Scam Automated Phone Calls (Visa).
- The Clerk mentioned further correspondence that she had received before the meeting:
6. Email from a Councillor as to why Terms of Reference was not on Agenda – **will be on the next agenda**
 7. Request from several residents regarding chalk painted social distancing hearts idea – **put on the next agenda**

The resident who attended the meeting tried to get Councillors attention, Cllr Shelbourn Barrow stated that Public Participation has been completed, and we will not be responding to any comments at this time.

0044 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Good Stuff Fund

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Personnel Policies

Neighbourhood Plans

Finance Committee

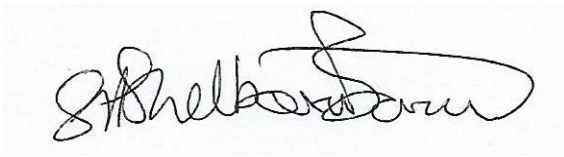
Personnel Committee

Chalk Painted Social Distancing Signs (VJ75 Group)

Local Lockdown Plan and Emergency Plan

Cllr Old attempted to bring a complaint to the Council's attention, the Chair muted Cllr Old in order to protect the Council from a breach of confidentiality.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Shelton', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dated: 27th July 2020