

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.00pm 18th December 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs:- S Ellis (Chairperson), J Barber, A Bates, E Boswell, G Forster, M Godfrey, K Phillips, R Postlethwaite, P Thirlwall, A Wright

In Attendance: Mrs R Chico (Clerk)

5528 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs P Beighton, A Gibson, C Grimes, B McNeely, A Tattersfield and T Wallace.

5529 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting

None

5530 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th November 2017

It was noted the last meeting was the second meeting where standing orders were moved due to time constraints. Cllr Ellis suggested times may need to be brought forward to accommodate bigger agendas.

A discussion took place with regard to the confidential matter raised not being on the agenda. Minute to read item was not detailed on the agenda. Cllr A Wright raised the need for a procedure if a councillor has an issue against another councillor. Cllr A Bates suggested these should be resolved outside of Parish Council meetings.

A discussion also took place with the way the minutes are written and the Clerk explained the notes read out had been asked for but not provided. The Human Resources committee of 5th December 2017 dealt with issues raised.

5522 to read muggings.

Taxis to be altered to read – special arrangements are in place at the Masons for Taxis.

Resolved : Subject to the above the minutes of the meeting were approved – Confidential minutes of 16th October 2017 and Parish of 20th November 2017.

5531 To receive a report from the Police

5531.1 Crime statistics

Monthly crime statistics were distributed as an appendix prior to the meeting. Discussion took place regarding the statistics.

Resolved : To request further information regarding the boundary used for Wickersley, the trend in previous years, how the figures are collated, per capita and reasons for the high figures for violence.

5532 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance

None in attendance

5533 To consider any community matters from Councillors



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Cllr S Ellis raised some negative posters seen in the village, particularly around Goose Lane for Councillors to keep a look out for them.

5534 To note matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting of 20th November 2017

5521 – Thanks to P Thirlwall, M Godfrey and A Bates
 5522 – H markings agreed to by RMBC
 5525.3 – Broadband, article approved by parish with clear guidance of who to contact
 Neighbourhood plan – an article is to go in the advertiser
 2017/1553 – Granted conditionally

5535 To consider financial matters, including: -

5535.1 The authorisation of payment of accounts since the last meeting

Resolved : That the following payments be approved: -

WICKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL				
APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULE - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 18 December 2017				
Date	To Whom Paid	Description	Value	Reference
20-Nov-17	Opus Energy	Xmas lights	£170.78	D.Debit
22-Nov-17	A.Chester	Winthrop Exp	£353.59	204385
27-Nov-17	BT	Phone	£192.23	D.Debit
28-Nov-17	Veolia	Waste disposal	£192.48	D.Debit
29-Nov-17	BT	Broadband	£84.12	D.Debit
29-Nov-17	R.Hill	Environment - xmas lights	£465.00	204386
29-Nov-17	P.Parker	Light switch on	£85.00	204387
29-Nov-17	EMS	First Aid - Light switch on	£90.00	204388
29-Nov-17	SLCC	Membership	£208.00	204389
29-Nov-17	ALCC	Membership	£30.00	204390
29-Nov-17	Ricoh	Printer	£31.97	204391
29-Nov-17	Bytol	Roof - Bob Mason	£348.00	204392
29-Nov-17	Billingley	Xmas Tree	£414.00	204393
29-Nov-17	J.Elvidge	Light switch on	£42.85	204394
01-Dec-17	M.Goodge	Light switch on expenses / Post	£226.97	204395
05-Dec-17	T.Farnsworth	Grass cutting	£868.99	204396
05-Dec-17	Anston Pest Control	Moles - Bob Mason	£120.00	204397
05-Dec-17	E-On	Winthrop	£111.17	204398
05-Dec-17	Yorkshire Water		£128.33	204399
08-Dec-17	SYPA	Pension	£360.82	204400
08-Dec-17	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£1,754.75	204401
08-Dec-17	Troy	Light switch on	£20.00	204402
08-Dec-17	Morgan	Light switch on	£20.00	204403
08-Dec-17	Paul	Light switch on	£20.00	204404
08-Dec-17	Reece	Light switch on	£20.00	204405
08-Dec-17	Joel	Light switch on	£20.00	204406
08-Dec-17	T.Nurse	Light switch on	£50.00	204407
18-Dec-17	W.Simpkin	Tanyard toilet warden	£262.50	204408
18-Dec-17	Morthen Milk	Winthrop	£9.00	D.Card
19-Dec-17	Wages	Wages	£4,503.81	Wages

5535.2 Confirmation of external auditors for 2017/18 for 5 year period

Resolved : Details of assigned auditors were accepted and distributed as an appendix prior to the meeting.

5536 To consider any general correspondence and publications

Area Housing meeting Wednesday 17th January 2018
 Reply received from J.Healey MP regarding the reply from RMBC which was read to Councillors regarding the traffic survey required to look into any improvements.

5537 Neighbourhood plan

5537.1 To agree terms of reference

Susan Ellis

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Terms of reference were distributed as an appendix. Meetings to be minimum of 4 per year. Discussion regarding referendum.

Resolved : Meetings to be minimum of 4 per year. Item to be added to liaise with the local authority regarding the referendum. Subject to these changes the terms of reference were approved.

5537.2 To review brief to be distributed to contractors

The document was noted and is to be referred to the steering group. A discussion took place regarding the wording of district centre, to be Parish of Wickersley. Three responses received with regard to involvement in the steering group. Meeting to be held in January. Thanks give to M.Godfrey.

5538 To consider planning and licensing matters including new planning applications in Wickersley

The following applications were noted:-

RB2017/1727 - 11 Birch Crescent Wickersley - First floor extension over existing garage -

RB2017/1478 - 127 Northfield Lane Wickersley - Demolition of chimney and construction of lean to roof above garage

The Council objected to the following applications: -

RB2017/1717 - land adjacent Thurcroft substation off Moat Lane Wickersley - Erection of an energy storage facility and associated ancillary equipment & components

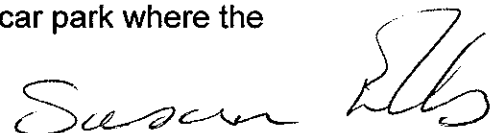
The objection is on the grounds that the site comprises open land in the Green Belt and the Parish Council is not convinced that the very special circumstances put forward by the applicants are sufficient to outweigh the harm of such a scale of development on the openness and visual impact to the Green Belt in this location.

The Parish Council have particular concerns about the cumulative impact of two, and potentially more, such proposals given the other application for a similar development at Green Lane (RB2917/1426). Furthermore, if it can be convincingly demonstrated that there is only capacity for one such battery storage facility connecting to Thurcroft transformer station, then at best the case for very special circumstances is for only one facility of 50 MW . Planning Board should therefore consider both applications at the same meeting and, if they consider that the case has been made for one such development then it should permit only that scheme with the least environmental impact.

Request made to speak at Planning Board.

RB2017/1730 - 2 Pinchfield Holt Wickersley - Application to fell a Sycamore Tree protected by RMBC Tree Preservation Order (No.7) 1977 – Objection as there is no basis with regard to the health of the tree, the tree makes an important contribution to the streetscape.

RB2017/1777 - land at 40 Morthen Road Wickersley - Erection of 8 No. apartments - The parish council request clarification that there is sufficient parking to accommodate both the busiest events at the working men's club and the apartments. Also clarification regarding if the tree that currently stands in the existing car park where the apartments are due to be built will be removed.



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It was noted the dance studio have put in an appeal. Previous objection still stands and right to speak if required from Cllr M Godfrey.

5539 To receive draft reports from committees and other meetings not previously considered

Informal Neighbourhood plan meeting with potential contractor – 23rd October 11am

Noted

Winthrop Gardens Committee – 3rd November

Thank you event for volunteers had gone well, web presence on-going, the committee had discussed ashes and memorials.

Access to Parish Council office

Discussion took place regarding a key for the Parish office in order to carry out photocopying. Option to purchase a copier / printer at Winthrop was discussed as a logical approach.

Resolved : Item to be discussed at HR.

Council Tax Consultation – RMBC – 9th November

The Clerk gave an update from the meeting attended by herself and Cllr J Barber, various options were out for consultation from RMBC. The effect on the budget for the Parish is limited.

Parish Liaison Meeting – RMBC – 9th November

Cllr P Thirlwall did not attend but gave an update to Council regarding the Best Practice visit being arranged to Milton Keynes.

Recreation Grounds Meeting – 13th November 7pm

An update was given regarding the attendance of several residents at the meeting raising concerns regarding the two parks and anti-social behaviour. Various actions have been taken including the agreement to trial the removal of the youth shelters.

Meeting with Fire / Police / School – 16th November 7pm - Verbal

Cllr A Wright attended the last Recreation meeting to report back from this meeting. Recreation requested the meetings be on-going.

Light Switch On Event – 16th November 09:30am

Noted.

Town and Parish Council Network Meeting - HS2 - 27th November – slides emailed



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Clerk gave an update of the meeting where HS2 requested feedback from Parishes regarding help and advice for the design stage of the process.

Resolved : Request to be made to be kept in the loop.

Woodland Committee meeting – 28th November 6:30pm

Wickersley Chase organiser to be requested to attend a meeting closer to their next event. Update given regarding the hand-fasting ceremony. Halloween event went well.

Discuss Council Policy to request people's addresses when contacting the Parish

Resolved : To request address for communications of this type. GDPR effect to be considered when changes in place.

Wickersley Park Development Committee – 4th December 7pm

Contractor appointed to stage 2 and instruction made for the topographic survey.

Recreation Ground Committee meeting – 4th December 7.15pm

Action taken with regard to the complaints received at the previous meeting. Youth shelters to be removed on a temporary basis and monitored. Update given regarding the sports programme.

Light Switch On Committee – 5th December 12:30

All staff to be added in. Consideration to be made regarding stall holders securing their gazebos more. Two items were clarified as to their location on the minutes.

Environment Committee meeting – 11th December 7pm Appoint Gardening and Landscaping contractor

Resolved : To appoint Hobsons as recommended by the committee

WCCA – 12th December 7pm

Hosting the 10 year anniversary in 2018 where it has been clarified that no license is required. The caretaker was asked to attend the meeting to discuss his workload. It was clarified he has no concerns and that if he did he would have no issue raising these concerns. A detailed discussion took place regarding the work carried out and the majority is WCCA with other work being events and Winthrop. An understanding needs to be gained of the work required for events. WCCA are comfortable he is not overworked on WCCA and that the custom and practice in place for the hours worked, including them being anti-social hours is fine and in agreement. It was clarified that any non WCCA should come through the Clerk to ensure the welfare of the caretaker. The council need to address the events and requirements. The committee formally agreed to co-opt N.Judah.

Finance Committee – 18th December 6pm – Verbal



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The informal finance meeting to take place 8th January with formal budget meeting 22nd January.

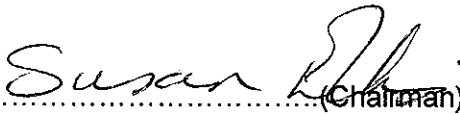
Currently out to tender for internal audit and discussion took place regarding financial reporting.

5540 To note dates for future committee meetings, events and the next Parish Council meeting

Informal Finance / Budget – 8th January 7pm
Parish Council meeting – 15th January 7pm
Budget Meeting – 22nd January 7pm
Recreation Ground Committee – 5th February 7pm
Parish Council meeting – 19th February 7pm
Environment Committee – 26th February 7pm
Wickersley Park Development Committee – 5th March 7pm
Woodland Committee – 12th March 6:30pm
Parish Council meeting – 19th March 7pm
WCCA meeting – 20th March 7pm

A confidential item was then discussed.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed  (Chairman) Dated ~~15th January 2018~~ 