

WINTERTON ON SEA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2009
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present:

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| Cllr Neve – Chairman | Cllr Blake – Vice Chairman |
| Cllr Hodds | Cllr Blaney |
| Cllr Jones | Cllr Barlow |
| Cllr Sharples | Cllr Kay |
| Parish Clerk | |

Six residents were welcomed to the meeting and it was stated that the meeting is conducted in accordance with the Parish Council Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

1.12 To consider apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Harrison.

2.12 Declarations of interest: Cllrs Neve and Jones declared a personal interest in In Bloom. Cllr Kay declared a personal interest in allotments. Cllrs Jones and Barlow declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

3.12 Public discussion:

Nothing brought up for discussion by the members of the public present.

4.12 To receive a report from the County/Borough Councillors: Cllr Weymouth attended and passed a copy of the Annual Report for the playing equipment to the Chairman. The Great Yarmouth area coastal erosion group will be meeting soon. Cllr Weymouth was thanked for all her assistance to the Parish Council over the past year.

5.12 To receive a report from the PCSO: Roger Bellward was present and reported that there had been two crimes in the village; one of criminal damage to a car at the beach and the other a domestic. Last year's – 2008 - figures total 60 crimes and the total for this year – 2009 – total 47. Roger gave his best wishes to everyone present and he was thanked for the time he puts in and the way he conducts himself around our village.

6.12 To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting held in November 2009 and were duly signed by the Chairman.

7.12 To report matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda – for information only. Nothing to report.

8.12 To consider Planning applications and review planning permissions:

Planning applications: none received.

Planning permissions:

GYBC - permission given to reduce the height of lime trees along the western boundary by 30% at Timbers, The Lane.

9.12 Finance:

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| EON | Changing Room | £184.59 |
| Mr D Carver | Grass cutting October | £24.34 |
| Mrs P Carver | Beach cleaning October | £12 |
| Mrs P Winter | Salary | £547.87 |
| Mr K Brown | Bus shelter | £30 |
| Mr P Lynham | Bus shelter | £30 |
| Mrs P Winter | Postage | £42.10 |
| SLCC | Membership renewal | £106 |
| Village Hall | VAT claimed back for last quarter. | £48.55 |
| Mr D Carver | Grass cutting | £42 |
| Mrs P Carver | Litter picking | £24 |
| Church | Maintenance – half year balance | £1200 |

VAT claimed for last quarter received and paid into Current Account - £361.41.

To date £35 has been received towards the newsletter printing in December and has been paid into the Deposit Account.

To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee:

The Finance committee met recently and a review of the accounts was made; everything OK.

The background and an update was given on GYBC's decision not to carry out the changes to the precepts and concurrent functions in the coming budget year with particular reference to the Clerk's salary. GYBC will be keeping a check on how we spend our budget; they receive a copy of our annual accounts.

Playing field – Cllr Blayney was asked for ideas where there is a need for work to be carried out such as security or signs etc.

Mencap – following the decision to increase the monthly payment to the gentlemen who look after the bus shelter a letter has been written to Mencap asking if this increase will affect their other payments; no reply received yet.

Cllr Barlow proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Jones to thank Cllr Sharples for her work on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to looking after the finances,

10.12 To receive a report on coastal erosion: Terry Byrne reported that the wider area group for Great Yarmouth has been formed by Cllr Weymouth. The SMP is being watched. Pathfinder scheme – all the details received and the outcomes to be forwarded to the Parish Council. The Coastal Erosion group are keeping a close eye on erosion for our Village. Terry gave his appreciation that he could put a message in the newsletter and thanked everyone who worked on it.

11.12 To receive a report on the Village Hall: Chairman Mr Jones reported a very successful year and that £820 was made at the recent Christmas Fair to keep the hall running. There had been some problems with the floor being scuffed by children at the Youth Club but the scuffing has now stopped.

NPS have been contacted, yet again, but the new draft lease has not been received.

12.12 To receive a report on the Parish Council surgeries: Cllrs Barlow and Blayney were in the village hall on Saturday following the last Parish Council meeting in November but no residents attended.

13.12 To receive a report on Councillors responsibilities:

Cllr Barlow:

A resident's concern was the state of Back Path due to heavy vehicle use. Back Road is also in the same condition with lots of pot holes. Nothing to report on Policies and Procedures.

Cllr Blayney: The bowls club will be making a suggestion to extend the car park by using the grass outside the bowls club.

Cllr Harrison: apologies sent and no report received.

Cllr Hodds: Allotments – four plots have been given up for the use of residents on the waiting list from January 2010.

Fishing – nothing to report.

Cllr Jones: School – Cllr Jones attended the nativity which was really enjoyable and the school is now fund raising to get a portable stage. Elderly – Lunch club going really well with 36 people attending a free lunch; the Methodist minister, Chris Shreeve, came along and carols were sung. An outing was arranged for 40 residents to go to the California for a meal.

Cllr Sharples: Quality control – it was suggested that photographs should be taken of the items on the asset register for insurance claim purposes – this will be looked into in the New Year.

Cllr Blake: The winners of the Hermanus Quiz night donated the proceeds to the Garden Club in favour of the Christmas tree; this will mean that we will have a tree for next year. Thanks were given to Cllr Blake and his helpers to erect the tree and put the lights on.

Cllr Kay: Newsletter – thanks to everyone who put their greetings in the newsletter and the donations which help towards the cost of printing the newsletter.

Cllr Neve: Highways – the path along the side of Beach Road to down to the beach has been finished. The pot holes in Back Path and Back Road have been noted and will be reported at the next inspection by Highways.

14.12 To receive a report from the Charity:

At a recent meeting at the end of November applications for assistance towards the cost of winter fuel were considered and all the applications received were given help. Since the majority of those who applied last year did not reapply this time the trustees did not know whether financial situations had changed or if people do not realise they must apply each year.

15.12 Sirens:

Cllr Barlow had written a very comprehensive report on retaining or not retaining the siren in Winterton on Sea and this had been passed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Barlow, along with Cllrs Harrison, Blake and Kay had also attended two recent meetings, and was able to further update everyone present on what had been discussed at those meetings. Cllr Barlow also explained the background to the suggestion that the siren be taken away to everyone present. Following a discussion the question was put to the vote as to whether Winterton on Sea should retain their siren; With one abstention all the Councillors voted that there was no benefit in keeping the siren in the village. An update will put in a newsletter (subsequent to NCC's ratification of their decision) to keep residents informed and a formal letter will be sent to NCC advising them of the decision of the Parish Council.

16.12 To note items of correspondence – nothing to report.

17.12 To note items requiring attention/update:

Item 5 – Hedges in Empsons Loke – Badger contacted and they will be cut back in the New Year.

18.12 To receive items for the next agenda: nothing received.

19.12 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 7.30m in the Village Hall.

Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and enjoyed mince pies, chocolate cake and tea or coffee.

