

**WINTERTON ON SEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2010**  
**AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr Neve – Chairman  
Cllr Harrison  
Cllr Jones  
Cllr Sharples  
Parish Clerk

Cllr Blake – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Blaney  
Cllr Barlow  
Cllr Kay

Nine 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.

**1.1 To consider apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hodds.

**2.1 Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Jones and Barlow declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

**3.1 Public discussion:**

Gritting the roads - a discussion took place on the lack of gritting, especially between the Methodist Chapel and the Village Hall. County Highways can only grit according to routes agreed by NCC. After communication with the Highways Department it was agreed to ask for a change of route. This can only be considered by the Highways Committee during the summer for possible approval next winter. Jim Shrimplin, our County Councillor, will take up our case.

**4.1 To receive a report from the County/Borough Councillors:**

County Councillor Shrimplin:

- Could the Clerk ensure that he receives his copy of the minutes and agenda seven days prior to a meeting to give him time to take any action that needs to be done?
- Village Hall Lease – No further forward; still waiting to hear from NCC/NPS who had, yet again, been contacted by the Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Shrimplin.
- Highways went to look at the state of Back Path following heavy vehicle use and the pot holes in Back Road as they were reported at the last meeting. Highways reported that the roads appeared to be satisfactory; Cllr Shrimplin will look at the roads himself after he was informed that there are very deep potholes in Back Road.
- The rates have now been set for the county and borough and they will be lower than previous years.

Cllr Weymouth:

- Brandon Lewis and the Chairman of the conservative party attended a meeting at Winterton regarding coastal erosion with representatives from Winterton Coastal Erosion and the Parish Council.
- If any signs are required in the Playground off Winmer Avenue or the Playing Field off Somerton Road she will deal with it.

**5.1 To receive a report from the PCSO:** Roger Bellward was present and reported that there had been five crimes in the village; a theft of red industrial diesel, one domestic, two attempted break in of sheds and a bike taken. Residents have been warned to put locks on their sheds and oil containers. A new police inspector has been put in place at Caister and will be attending a Parish Council meeting. No further information on Speed Watch.

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

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

**8.1 To consider Planning applications and review planning permissions:**

Planning applications: none received.

Planning permissions: none received.

### **9.1 To agree payments in accordance with the budget:**

It was resolved to approve the following payments in accordance with the budget:

Mrs P Winter	Salary	£547.87
Mr K Brown	Bus shelter	£30
Mr P Lynham	Bus shelter	£30
Mr D Neve	Chairman's Allowance January – March 2010	£180
Staples	Paper and toners	£68.68
Essex & Suffolk Water	Playing Field	£94.52
GYBC	Newsletter – Nov	£86.56
GYBC	Newsletter – Dec	£178.30
BT	Telephone	£106.15
Mrs P Carver	Litter picking – December	£12

To date £34 (includes £7 from previous account sheet) has been received towards the newsletter printing in December and has been paid into the Deposit Account.

£468 Collected in allotment rent and paid into Deposit Account – 3 outstanding.

### **To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee:**

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

The quarterly review of accounts will take place next month by Cllr Hodds.

Playing field – It was suggested that the car park be marked out again and the fence at Low Road be repaired (GYBC who lease the playing field to the Parish Council will be contacted about the fence). A disclaimer sign was also suggested as children are always climbing up on the building, plus new signs for the doors; prices being obtained.

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; this has now been confirmed by Mencap that it will not affect their other payments and the increase will take place in April 2010.

Donations – outstanding requests will be reviewed by the Finance Committee in February suggestions to be put to the full Parish Council in March.

Bowls Club request for extra parking on the grass by the side of the path that leads to the Bowling Club. GYBC have been contacted and await their reply.

### **10.1 To receive a report on coastal erosion:** Terry Byrne was not present.

**11.1 To receive a report on the Village Hall:** Chairman, Mr Jones, reported that there were still problems with the floor being scuffed by children at the Youth Club. Following a discussion it was resolved that a letter will be sent by the Parish Council to the Youth Club asking them to stop this happening and attend the next Parish Council Meeting. It will be on the agenda for next month.

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

**12.1 To receive a report on the Parish Council surgeries:** Cllrs Kay and Hodds were in the village hall on Saturday following the last Parish Council meeting in December but no residents attended.

### **13.1 To receive a report on Councillors responsibilities:**

Cllr Barlow:

Asked for her thanks to be recorded for those members of the Emergency Planning Group who made contact with the vulnerable residents on the list during the recent bad weather.

Cllr Blayney: Nothing to report on Risk Assessment. A new urinal for the gent's toilet was also suggested for the playing field and prices will be obtained for this.

Cllr Harrison: Appreciated a reduction in the use of paper for the minutes and agendas which are now being printed double sided.

Cllr Jones: School – the school was closed for a few days during the bad weather for Health & Safety reasons. Elderly – all the members of the Friendship, Lunch and Tuesday Clubs were contacted

during the bad weather and asked if they needed anything as the usual meetings were not taking place.

Cllr Sharples: Quality control – A review of Parish Council surgeries will take place following various suggestions made as no residents had attended recently.

Cllr Blake: No further forward with Speed Watch.

Cllr Kay: Nothing to report.

Cllr Neve: Police: a new police inspector in place at Caister.

#### **14.1 Gritting bins:**

A request had been received to reinstall the grit bin that had been on The Holway at the bottom of Hill View Drive. Following a discussion it was resolved to obtain prices of the bins, maintenance costs and if NCC would provide the grit free of charge. Volunteers would have to be in place to distribute the grit. On the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **15.1 Village Web site:**

Tony Tungate is updating the web site and asked all groups to submit photographs and any information they would like included on the web site.

#### **16.1 Village Hall - kerb:**

A request was received by the Parish Council to put another piece of kerb outside the village hall where the path ends in Beach Road. Highways were contacted and said that it could be put in but that car parking spaces would be lost. It was resolved that the Councillors would look at the area where the kerb would be placed and a decision taken at the next meeting. On the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **17.1 To note items of correspondence:**

Item 7 – Letter received from NRCC introducing new Development Officer offering help with the Parish Plan. Cllr Barlow will draft a response.

Item 9 – Essex and Suffolk Water – letter received from them stating that the usage of water has increased compared with previous bills. Cllr Blayney cannot see any leaks but suggests it is due to the changing rooms being cleaned on a regular basis.

#### **18.1 To note items requiring attention/update:**

Item 5 – Hedges in Empsons Loke – Badger will be contacted again as the nesting season will start shortly.

Item 8 – Fence broken – not repaired and owner's dog came out from the garden and startled resident; the owner will be contacted again.

**19.1 To receive items for the next agenda:** Cllr Neve announced that he will be standing down as Chairman and a Parish Councillor at the end of the Parish Council year. The Clerk will contact GYBC to obtain the paperwork to elect a new Councillor.

**20.1 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 18 February at 7.30m in the Village Hall.**