

WINTERTON ON SEA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010
AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Neve – Chairman
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Barlow
Cllr Kay
Cllr Blake – Vice Chairman
Cllr Jones
Cllr Hodds
Parish Clerk

Eleven 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.

1.3 To consider apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Blayney.

2.3 Declarations of interest: Cllrs Jones and Barlow declared a personal interest in the Village Hall. Cllr Kay declared a personal interest in Allotments.

3.3 Public discussion:

Extra parking for the Bowls Club – it was reported that parking spaces for 28 cars will be marked out in the car park at the Playing Field. Following a request from the Bowls Club to park on the grass it was noted that this will not be allowed as the playing field is under lease to the Parish Council and any damage to the grass the Parish Council will be liable and GYBC do not want this to happen. It was suggested that the Bowls Club share cars when they are at the Bowls Club on a Saturday; it was also suggested that members walk to the club but the bowls are very heavy to carry for a distance.

Gas – a resident asked if the Parish Council could write to the Gas Company asking if they would supply gas to the village; in a previous canvass of residents there had not been enough support. The Parish Council will contact the Gas Company.

4.3 To receive a report from the County/Borough Councillors: Cllr Weymouth was present and reported that she had written to BT and spoken to the resident who complained about a telegraph pole that has been erected on the pavement outside her property. The resident also requested that a grassed area outside her property be replaced by tarmac to allow walkers and anyone in a wheelchair to stay on the pavement rather than go out in the road; Cllr Weymouth confirmed that this will be done. Thanks were given to Cllrs Weymouth and Shrimplin.

5.3 To receive a report from the PCSO: Although not present the PCSO reported two incidents since the last meeting; one was a domestic and the second a theft which is ongoing. It was pointed out that rogue traders have been in Hemsby and took a lot of money to clean facias and guttering; a note will be put in the newsletter to warn residents of this.

6.3 To agree the minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting held in February and were duly signed by the Chairman.

7.3 To report matters arising from the previous minutes; for information only – nothing to report.

8.3 To consider planning Applications and review planning permissions:

06/10/0053/F – Proposed replacement dwelling at 47 Long Beach Estate. Originally sent to Hemsby Parish Council. Winterton Parish Council had no objections.

06/10/0118/F – Annex for disabled person – at 4 Js Low Road. Winterton Parish Council had concerns that the new building is very near to the adjoining field and might set a precedence to other planning applications. All Councillors were asked to visit the property and to advise the Clerk of their decision.

06/10/0137/F – Extension to lounge and kitchen at Tivoli, Bush Road – Winterton Parish Council had no objections.

06/10/0069/F – REVISED DRAWINGS – for proposed conservatory and garden cabin/store. Rear garden wall and new entrance walls and gates at Swiss House, Bush Road. At first sight the Councillors could see no difference to the plans; the Clerk contacted GYBC and was informed that the

garage under construction was in the wrong place and has been moved further down the garden towards the road which has been approved by GYBC Planning Dept.

9.3 To agree payments in accordance with the budget:

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

EON	Changing Room	£65.60
Mrs P Winter	Salary	£547.87
Mr K Brown	Bus shelter	£30
Mr P Lynham	Bus shelter	£30
NALC	New Standing Order update	£25
Village Hall	VAT claimed back	£69.15
Mrs P Carver	Litter Picking January	£30
Collier Turf	Fertiliser for playing field	£78.47
Mrs P Winter	Postage and receipt book	£54.7p
Mrs P Carver	Litter Picking February	£24
Village Hall	Hire of hall for Speedwatch training	£12

£41 received towards Newsletter printing (includes £20 donation).

To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee:

Allotments - following a request to remove asbestos from plots 23 and 26 at the allotments, it was resolved to approve the cost of removal by a specialised company of up to £1,000; this will come out of the Parish Council reserves.

Playing field car park – it was resolved to approve white lines being put down in the car park to improve parking when the cricket club and bowls club are in attendance.

The Annual Report is being worked on.

Following a submission from GYBC Finance Department of the figures for the 2010/11 budget, which included £1038 for the Clerk's salary that should have been deducted, a letter was read out that will be sent to GYBC Finance asking why this amount was not deducted. As nothing can be done the money will be held until the next financial year 2011/12 – if the amount had been removed from the Parish Precept the increase would have been 0.85% and not 8.8%. The background to this was explained to the residents present.

10.3 To receive a report on Coastal Erosion: Terry Byrne was unable to attend but it was reported that there had been a very high tide at the beginning of March and no further erosion had taken place. Cllr Weymouth reported that a trailer with wood for a bonfire on the beach had been driven through the dunes at Long Beach; the police had been notified. Cllr Weymouth had also contacted Natural England.

11.3 To receive a report on the Village Hall: Nothing further has happened with the draft lease; it is with solicitors who are going through the changes requested by the Village Hall Committee. A grant of over £2000 has been given by Voluntary Norfolk to improve the hall.

12.3 To receive a report on the Parish Council surgery held last month: One resident attended and their complaint has been resolved.

As the Village Hall has already been booked for an overnight stay, the Clerk booked the Church Room for the Surgery in April; she has since been contacted by the Church stating that they have priority booking for the Church room for an Easter Egg hunt. It was agreed to book the Methodist Chapel for the Surgery. Cllr Barlow expressed concern at the statement "The Church comes first for bookings" and said that it should be whoever books first should keep the booking.

13.3 To receive an update from the Councillors on their responsibilities:

Cllr Barlow: Policies and Procedures. A review of these has been completed; everything is satisfactory apart from the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. A new book on Standing Orders has been received; some amendments and additions will need to be made. Cllr Barlow will work through these and in view of the forthcoming new officers who may wish some input, the Parish Council's permission was asked to postpone any signing off until the new parish council year starts – which was agreed. Changes were made to the Code of Conduct following a training session given by GYBC last year and this may be revised at a later date. Once the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct have been amended all Councillors will receive a copy. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will also receive copies of the existing documents.

The Community Emergency Plan is being reviewed and details will be in the newsletter requesting volunteers and any new vulnerable residents will be asked to make contact. Everyone who agreed to participate in this previously was thanked. Cllrs Blake, Kay and Barlow have been registered on the flood register. Cllr Barlow has been contacted by concerned residents who have been automatically placed on the flood register by the Environment Agency. Jan Davies of GYBC is aware of the concerns raised. Thanks given to Cllr Barlow for her hard work.

Cllr Harrison – Following a letter sent to the residents whose hedge is overhanging the path to Bulmer Lane the hedge has not been cut back.

Cllr Hodds – Allotments. A date for the disposal of the asbestos will be confirmed by Cllrs Neve and Blake who are in contact with East Coast Waste who will dispose of the asbestos correctly.

Cllr Jones – School - An email has been received giving details of what is happening in the school. Elderly – the lunches are going well and they have been going for a year now and have 36 people on the books. There will be a party where the meal will be free because of the money collected which is ploughed back into the Club. Thanks to Cllr Jones and her helpers for this service which is appreciated by the residents.

A booklet with Walks including two at Winterton available from the post office or Cllr Jones.

Cllr Blake – a speed watch training session will be held in the Village Hall.

Cllr Kay - reports that the newsletter is too samey and not informative enough – it would be helpful if more information was given to be placed in the newsletter.

Cllr Neve – Highways will be completing an inspection of Winterton in the near future. A tree fell down in Low Road – thanks to the residents who cut the tree up.

14.3 Gritting bins – it was resolved not to supply gritting bins in the Village due to cost and maintenance etc.

15.3 Goal posts – following a discussion it was resolved that the GYBC Sports Officer be contacted and asked if they could supply a goal post for use on the playing field.

16.3 To review items of correspondence:

Item 7 – following a resident's attendance at the previous meeting where some concerns were raised about a neighbour; the Parish Council received a letter thanking them for their assistance and helping to alleviate the situation.

17.3 Items requiring attention/update:

Item 3 – The hedges along Empsons Loke have been cut back by Badgers.

Item 7 – The Methodist clock is going backwards – it will be corrected in the very near future.

18.3 Items for the next agenda – none received.

19.3 The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15 April 2010 in the Church Room at 7.30pm.