

Minutes of the Meeting of WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 2nd November 2020 remotely as per The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Cllr D Crutchley (DC), Cllr R Knox (RK), Cllr D Robinson (DR), Cllr A Stone (AS), Cllr S Wood (SW) (Chair)

In attendance: 3 members of the public
Cllr C Swindell (DDDC)

Mrs J Jackson (Locum Clerk/RFO) (JJ)

146/20 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Cooper (AC), Cllr C Newton (CN) and Cllr J Roper (JR)

147/20 Variation of Order of Business:

None.

148/20 Declaration of Members Interests:

None.

149/20 Public Speaking

It was reported that the overgrowth on Croft has been clipped back but is still sticking out over the wall. It was also reported that there is a low hanging branch near West Bank. Discussion took place about other areas where trees and bushes are overhanging.

Councillors reported that the land on Florence Gladwin Close which was being considered as allotments had been found to be unsuitable for this purpose.

Cllr Swindell reported on District Council matters stating that he expected the latest "lock down" to have little effect on District Council services and promised to keep the Council informed of any changes which may occur.

Cllr DC updated the meeting on the outdoor gym project and it was noted that concerns have been expressed about potential parking problems on the turning area and it was agreed to write to residents to keep them informed of any work which may affect this area.

Cllr AS reminded Councillors that the bus shelter rent would fall due soon and it was agreed to ensure that this is paid.

It was reported that supplies have been ordered for the Public Toilets.

It was reported that the Notice board in the Market House will be hung on Thursday.

150/20 Minutes:

It was RESOLVED that the public and in camera minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 12th October 2020 be considered at the next meeting.

Proposed: Cllr DC Seconded: Cllr SW

151/20. To determine which Items if any from the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms.

In view of the confidential nature of items 159 and 160 to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

RESOLVED The items to be dealt with the public excluded

152/20 Chair's Announcements

All covered by agenda items.

153/20 Report of the Locum Clerk:

Janice Jackson was introduced as the new locum clerk.

154/20 Finance

I) Accounts for Payment

R Greatorex Sick Pay	Confidential
A Highton Salary	Confidential
F Purslow Salary	Confidential
HMRC – Income tax	Confidential
Cleaners Salary	Confidential
Bus Stop Cleaning	Confidential

RESOLVED That payments listed are approved for payment.

The Parish Council's bank balance will be reported at the next meeting when the statements have been received.

II) Purchase of Wreath for Remembrance Sunday s137

It was noted that the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade has been cancelled this year and Cllr AS undertook to arrange for the purchase of the Parish Council Wreath.

III Contribution towards Village Christmas Tree s137

It was RESOLVED to make a donation of £150 towards the cost of the village Christmas Tree this year.

155/20 To consider planning applications

NP/DDD/1020/0988 Removal of Ground Floor extension roof and erection of first floor balcony, Greystoke, 7 Wyntor Avenue

RESOLVED No objections or comments to any of the above applications.

155/20 Use of Allotments

It was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

156/20 ROSPA Playground Audit

It was noted that a summary of the work which needs to be carried out has been completed and it was **RESOLVED** that quotes for this work should be sought.

157/20 Bollards at East Bank

Discussion took place about the need to replace/repair the Bollards around the triangle at the top of East Bank. Cllr SW undertook to investigate how many need to be replaced and obtain prices for this work. The possibility of creating a wildflower meadow in this area was discussed.

158 /20 Correspondence:

It was RESOLVED to note correspondence at the next meeting.

Members of the public then withdrew

159 /20 to consider interim arrangements for covering Clerk’s responsibilities during his absence: an update

It was RESOLVED that Mrs Janice Jackson would act as Locum Clerk until the situation with the Clerk is resolved.

160/20 To consider process for dealing with parishioner’s complaint, an update.

Councillors discussed the current situation concerning the complaint which is due to be considered by the Monitoring Officer shortly.

Cllr DC stated that it was with regret that he feels he must resign as a Councillor and stated that he was happy to continue to represent the Parish Council on the Outdoor Gym Project. Cllr DC was thanked for all the work he had undertaken during his time as a Parish Councillor and Councillors accepted Cllr DC’s offer to represent the Parish Council on the Outdoor Gym Project.

161/20 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7th December 2020

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Signed..... Date: