

Winfarthing Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd October at 7:30pm at Winfarthing Village Hall, Hall Road IP22 2EP

Members Present:

Chairman Eric Cole, Lynne Rogers, William Cole, Lucy Kemp, Lorraine Tinkley, Jim Collins

In Attendance:

Ellie Cole-Broatch – Clerk

James Easter – District Councillor

2 members of the public

The meeting began with a minutes silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and the new King was proclaimed.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Peter Frost

Barry Duffin – County Councillor

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 5th September 2022

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

3. Record declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Eric Cole and William Cole are related to the applicant of planning permission 2022/1711. As neither had any financial interest in the application both remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion. Lynne Rogers chaired the meeting whilst this application was discussed.

4. Finance

4.1. Bank statement

Bank statement on 16/9/22 - £2319.55

Payments received:

Clare Matthews – annual land rent – 29/9/22 - £640

South Norfolk District Council – Precept – 30/9/22 - £2062.08

Current bank balance on 3/10/22 - £5021.63

4.2. Adding Clerk to online banking

Lynne Rogers is sorting

4.3. E M C Cole-Broatch invoice – stationary reimbursement

Cheque signed. Also cheque signed for £10 to Norwich Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd.

5. Open forum for public participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

Barry Smith reported he still has concerns about the blocked culverts which have now been surveyed and were found to be silted up. Eric Cole has emailed the Water Management Team to see if the riparian owners who are responsible for the culverts have been sent the results of the survey. Councillors suggested Barry Smith personally writes to the Water Management Team referencing the results of the survey. The Parish Council will write to riparian owners again if the problem persists and they do not act.

Martyn Taylor gave a B4RN Community Broadband update informing the Council some spare lines from the Heywood can be used to connect Winfarthing residents before a cabinet is installed in the village. Winfarthing landowners need to be contacted to continue the underground cables to Winfarthing village.

6. Report from District and County Councillors

County Council report: James Easter gave a report on behalf of Barry Duffin including that Norfolk Coroners Service are trying to find the next of kin of:

- Donald Green from Great Yarmouth, aged 95. Died under no suspicious circumstances. If anyone knows this man please call 01603 774773.

District Council report: James Easter gave a report including the Octagon building in Diss is to be used as a satellite council office if anyone wishes to make an appointment to see someone from South Norfolk Council. The planning sector has been re-arranged but remains short staffed still leading to delays in comments on planning applications showing online.

7. Discuss accessibility of footpaths/public rights of way and any updates from the Rangers visit

Some work has been carried out by various bodies in the village including greenery in the lay-by being trimmed back, the sign reinstated on the corner of Heath Road and greenery around the speed sign being trimmed back.

The broken bridge on Highway 19 is still waiting to be repaired and there is a broken "footpath" sign opposite Mitchell's. There is still disagreement over the exact path of footpath 1 compared to the map. Highways have been contacted but no response has been received.

The Rangers visit will be raised with Barry Duffin next meeting as all enquiries sent were given a "no action" status and there is concern whether they have been looked at.

8. Discuss "warm spaces" initiative

This was discussed with James Easter. Although some Parish Councils are doing their own scheme this is a Norfolk / South Norfolk Council initiative. The Parish Council will wait for more information.

9. Update on “Tree Warden”

Peter Frost was absent to provide an update. Discuss at the next meeting.

10. Planning applications

10.1. 2022/1711 – Old Mill at Mill House, Mill Road. Redevelopment of existing mill into residential dwelling

Chaired by Lynne Rogers. Application discussed. The Clerk will submit online that the Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.

10.2. 2022/1632 – Agricultural Buildings at Mitchells Yard, Mill Road Winfarthing. Non-material amendments of 2021/2167 – Repositioning of plots 1 and 2, changes to internal layout of dwellings, installation of flues, solar panels and package treatment plant.

Application discussed. The Clerk will submit online that the Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.

10.3. 2022/1633 – Agricultural Buildings at Mitchells Yard, Mill Road. Details of conditions 6, 10 and 11 of 2021/2167 - (6) Surface water, (10) External materials to be agreed (11) Landscaping scheme.

Application discussed. The Clerk will submit online that the Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.

10.4. Also to consider any planning applications received after publication of agenda

2022/1777 – Boundary Farm, Long Lane. New store for agricultural machinery.

Application discussed. The Clerk will submit online that the Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.

11. Deal Farm Anaerobic Digester (Planning ref: 2022/1108)

James Easter included in his report the decision has been moved to mid October.

12. Surveying of culverts update

This was discussed during Agenda item 5.

13. Electric car charging point update

No new information received from the Council.

14. Community speed watch update

Location sites have been agreed with the Constabulary and volunteers are waiting for training. Peter Frost was absent to provide a more detailed report.

15. Pylons update

There is a draft email being circulated by Norfolk Suffolk Essex Pylon's Facebook page for individuals to send to continue objecting to the pylons.

16. Registration of Village Hall land

Eric Cole received a quote from Richard Prentice – approximately £150+VAT plus the ordnance survey charge for the base map of £35. The Councillors unanimously agreed to go ahead with registering the land to Winfarthing Parish Trust of which all current council members are trustees of.

17. Update on Parish Council land tenancy

The first annual payment has been received from new tenant Clare Matthews (see Agenda Item 4.1) but the Councillors are still waiting for a copy of the tenancy agreement which was signed on the Parish Council's behalf by Richard Prentice. Eric Cole and Lucy Kemp will chase this.

18. Correspondence

All correspondence has been sent to the Councillors as it has been received by the Clerk.

19. To receive items for the next meeting – Monday 7th November 2022 at 7:30pm

- Begin to discuss 2023-2024 Budget

The meeting was closed to the Public under S1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

20. The item was recorded in a confidential minute

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

(UNTIL SIGNED MINUTES ARE DRAFT)