

Minutes of Winston Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 24th January 2018
At Winston School Room

Present: Phil Tempest – Chair, Roger Guthrie – Finance,
Lizzie Taurozevicius – Clerk
Will Haag and Lucy McKenzie,

Also attending Kathie Guthrie – District Councillor
Members of Winston Parish

1. Apologies from Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Councillor and Clinton Summers.
2. The Minutes from the Parish Council AGM held on 4th October 2017 were agreed.
3. Phil said it should be noted that had not been any VAT added to the cost of felling the trees on the green, so the final figure was £300. He also talked about the issue regarding the growth of shoots from the tree stumps. The Draft Local Plan will be discussed as a separate item during the meeting.
4. Matthew Hicks was unable to attend so Phil highlighted items of interest for Winston that have been in Matthew's recent reports – Flood Prevention, Funding of School Transport and the special funding for provision of Central Heating in properties that are without it.
5. Kathie Guthrie gave her report. Of particular interest was the proposed housing development in Debenham and the merging of Mid Suffolk and Babergh councils. She was also able to report that her Locality Budget would be able to pay for the survey of remedial work needed at The School Room as well as the actual repairs. This was appreciated by the meeting.
6. Ben Gummer spoke to the meeting about the Planning Application relating to Winston Grange.
7. Kathie Guthrie spoke to the meeting about the public meeting held in Debenham and the options that were being proposed by Taylor Wimpey. Debenham Parish Council had also e mailed us about their concerns. It was agreed that, as a Council, we would respond to their planning application highlighting our concerns over Sewerage, Transport, Roads, Parking, the School and the Doctors.
8. Roger Guthrie presented the accounts for the period to 31st December 2017. He reported that Matthew Hicks would be paying £150 towards the tree felling and also paying towards the cost of our website maintenance.
9. Roger explained that as a Parish Council we aim to have 9 months income in reserve at all time and this is part of our Reserves Target. Following suggestions that areas on The Green need some attention it was agreed to put aside £150 for this purpose.
10. The Precept for 2018/19 was agreed at £600. Roger then read out our Financial, and Other Risk Assessment and as a Council it was agreed that we could show we have 'An Adequate Response and Adequate Cover'.

11. As a Parish Council we have been asked to comment on the proposed merger between Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District. Following discussion about this matter it was agreed that a response would be sent stating that we support the merger, providing that services are maintained, if not improved.
12. It was agreed that there should be a Litter Pick, in early Spring, before too much growth of roadside plants. Mid-Suffolk are keen to support local groups to 'Spring Clean Suffolk' and have said they can supply litter pick kits. The date was set for Saturday 17th March, meeting at The School Room at 2pm and finishing around 4pm. It was hoped that there would be a good response from residents to support this.
13. Concerns about suckers growing from the felled trees on The Green were addressed during discussion of Item 3.
14. There was a discussion about what content, other than official matters, should, or should not be included on the Parish Council website. It was agreed that local events could be included, for the information of parishioners. Webmaster Paul said he would create a specific email address so that items could be sent directly to him.
15. There was a suggestion that we might think about obtaining a new notice board, possibly with the name of the Parish Council on it. Kathie knew of companies who specialise in this area and agreed to pass on their details for consideration.
16. The date for the next meeting, which is the Annual Meeting, will be on **Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.30 pm in The School Room.**

DRAFT